



**EASTERN CAPE BRANCH
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9 May 2010.

Dear Member

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Maritime Club at 12h00 on Saturday the 27 March. Those members remaining on the committee elected to continue for another year and Trevor Compton was elected unanimously to the vacant chairman's post. The committee is now as follows:

Chairman : Trevor Compton – tel: 041-3661150.
Sec/Treas : Nobby Clarke tel: 041-3671642.
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Members : Anne Basson
Claire Wilson
James Fisher

The following members attended: James & Connie Fisher, Anne Basson, Brian & Helena Burstein, Nobby Clarke, William & Linda Godwin, Alan Dickinson, Rodger & Betty Slater (Humansdorp), Claire Wilson, Shelagh Stow, Ed Holloway, Jill Mackenzie, Tony Down (Port Alfred), Digby Pocock (Port Alfred), Pat Lee (Port Alfred), Trevor & Pat Compton, Pat & Lynn Ferguson, Peter & Lindsay Knowlden, Dave & Margy Whinney and Basil & Jill Blatch.

Apologies: Ray Weare, Elaine Carse, Jamie Whitelaw (George), Roger Southgate (Port Alfred), Dave Cartwright, Mignonne Gibbings, Pete Wilson (Bathurst), Yorkey Griffiths (Bushman's River), Dave Low (Bushman's River), Doreen Nowell and Herbie Du Plessis.

A special welcome was extended to Mike & Roxy Horner from Tunbridge Wells, UK. Mike, a former chairman, had arrived the previous day for a short vacation visiting his sister Anne Basson. Pat Lee, also a visitor roped in by Tony Down at Port Alfred, said he was returning to Zimbabwe shortly. A point of interest with regard to his family history is that his grandfather was 841 Neil Housman Wilson, who served from 1906 to 1910, before taking his discharge to transfer to the Attorney General's office as a prosecutor.

Items of importance discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- (1) **Subscriptions:** These will remain at R50. Cash or cheques can be paid direct to me. Cheques or transfer can be made to the following bank account: R M Clarke at FNB Walmer Park Branch code 211-417 account number 62061731157. Use your name as a reference please.
- (2) **EastCape Website:** The website of Tony Down (www.bsapec.gqnu.net) which is run at considerable expense to him will be incorporated into the www.bsap.org website. Tony has been authorised to liaise with Andy Field, the Webmaster, in this regard. Tony wanted it known that the main aims behind his setting up of the website was to perpetuate the name and memory of the BSAP, act as an aid memoire re branch activities (he put numerous photos of members on the website), facilitate communication between the various branches, to trace and reunite old colleagues and act as a link between former members worldwide.
- (3) **Monthly get-togethers:** Due to lack of support these will cease and there will only be quarterly functions. Ray Weare has extended an open invitation to former regular members to join him on some last Friday's of the month at the PE Golf club. In this regard, I suggest that interested parties contact Ray direct – his telephone number is 041-3652548.
- (4) **Proposed future functions and tentative dates:** Winter function - Curry and Rice on Saturday the 10 July. Payment for the C & R will have to be made up front in order to establish how many members will attend. Annual lunch – Heritage Day Friday the 24 September and Xmas bring & braai – Saturday 4 December.

A copy of the new book, Blue and Old Gold, was available for inspection by interested members. A total of 13 books were purchased and distributed. In discussion with the Chairman, it was decided to purchase the sample copy for our use and it can be viewed by interested members for a small fee.

From the Chairman: The AGM has been and gone and a well deserved vote of thanks went out to the old committee who did a sterling job under difficult conditions led by our scribe and Hon Secretary. They were all voted back on the committee and yours truly is the only new face.

With rising costs and dare I say older age creeping on, it has been decided to hold only four functions a year and if any members have any suggestions as to the holding of functions etc ... please come forth as all ideas are welcome.

We are a proud Association and it is the intention of the committee to continue for as long as possible in its present form so if you are aware of any new members in your area, or any ex-members, please try to coerce them into our fold.

In closing I hope you all have a good 2010.

Yours Truly, Trevor.

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Flame Lily Foundation: I have application for membership forms for those who are not already members. Last year's membership was R75 a couple and they publish a quarterly magazine. In my view the foundation does sterling work to assist ex-Rhodesians and are worthy of our membership.

Despite all their efforts, there has been no positive outcome as yet regarding the pension applications submitted to the Pensions Office, Harare. However, the Harare office did forward a widow's application form which has been distributed to those who needed to complete the document. A total of 785 applications were forwarded by the FLF to Harare. The UK has 336 applications from members there and other countries in the world which have as yet not been forwarded to the Pensions Office. The Pensions office will only request these be forwarded when they have processed all the applications received from SA.

In recognition of his support with regard to the pension and other issues, Col John Redfern of the FLF has been afforded Honorary Life Membership of the Transvaal Branch.

Winter Curry & Rice: The winter curry and rice is arranged for the 10 July at Winston Churchill Homes Hall, Main Road, Walmer (venue of last year's lunch). A beef curry has been arranged at R25 a head but we need a minimum of 25 members to attend. As with the lunch, payment to be made up front to confirm numbers who will attend. Please phone either myself or Trevor to make the necessary arrangements. I will be away from the 4 to the 26 June so during that period all arrangements to be confirmed with Trevor.

Kind regards
Nobby Clarke
Honorary Secretary.