

FRIENDS OF DIE OOG
Minutes of the eighth Annual General Meeting
27th October 2010
Meadowridge Library

- 1 **The Chairman**, Prof Dennis Davey welcomed the approximately 50 members present. He also welcomed newcomers who had heard of the talk by our guest speaker, Peter Steyn, on FMR radio.
- 2 **.Apologies** were received from Clive and Verity van Ryneveld and Wendy Praetorius.
- 3 **The Minutes of the Seventh AGM**, held on 15th October 2009 were approved.
- 4 **The Chairman's Annual Report** on the affairs of Die Oog and the Friends was presented by Professor Dennis Davey. The report explained the setbacks and disappointments of the year but ended on a very positive note and was well received. A copy of the report is available on the website www.dieoog.org.za
- 5 **The Treasurer's Report** was also presented by Professor Davey. The Friends' main expense is gardening and maintenance of Die Oog which cost R13 000 for the year. Income from subscriptions, donations - many very generous ones - and the sale of notelets resulted in a healthy year-end balance of R10,854.01. The Treasurers Report for 2009-2010 is available on the website www.dieoog.org.za
- 6 **Subscriptions** for the next year were confirmed at R50 for adults, R10 for students and R100 for corporate membership.
- 7 **Election of Committee.** Brian Gripper (life member) thanked the committee for their commitment and the work they did. He proposed that as all members had agreed to stand again they should be re-elected. There being no new nominees, the existing committee of Dennis Davey, Colin Hancox, Cleone McMillan, Wendy Madsen, Jennifer Stewart, Pauline Pearce, Rose-Marie Morris, Patrick Williams and Malcolm Pearce were unanimously re-elected.
- 8 **Any other business.** None
- 9 **"A delight of owls" Peter Steyn**
Dennis Davey introduced our guest speaker as an internationally recognized ornithologist, with particular expertise in the field of raptors and briefly outlined his career path. Peter then gave us a fascinating talk on owls, which he illustrated with slides. He held the audience in the palm of his hand as his talk was not only informative but peppered with amusing anecdotes and literary references. We all gained a great deal from it.
Pauline Pearce thanked him and presented a small token of our appreciation.
Dennis Davey concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.