

# BOLAND HOSPICE



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Boland Hospice held at the Worcester East NGK church hall on 16 September 2015 at 10h00.

1. Welcome.

The Chairperson Nerine Naude opened the meeting at 10h00 and asked Maria Demjan to do the welcome. Maria thanked all for attending and gave a special welcome to the teams of staff from Langeberg and Witzenberg (Zikhanye) that are joining us for the first time at such a meeting. Mention was made of the ICF staff of both Worcester and Ceres that are not able to attend due to the duty schedule.

Pastor Cupido Rhode of the Zikhaye Counsellors team was asked to open the meeting in prayer.

2. Apologies

The chairperson, Nerine Naude called for any apologies. Apologies were noted from Mrs Voster, Dr Danie Theron, Mr Jakkie Giani.

3. Approval of the previous minutes

The chairperson called for approval of the previous minutes. Proposed by Anri Wenteler and seconded by Lameeze Kariem

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

No matters were raised.

5. Confirmation of Board Members

The chairperson, Nerine Naude confirmed the Board Members for the next year. Nerine Naude, Anri Wenteler, Lameeze Karriem, Joseph Matsau, Ronel Bosman would stand for another year. Daniele Hermanus was welcomed to the Board as a new member. DebbieTheron and Eleanor Fourie have left the board.

6. Chairpersons Report

Nerine Naude presented her report. The chairperson called for acceptance of her report. Proposed by Zenith Williams and accepted by all.

7. Patient stories presented by members of staff

Sara Mdabuli – Community Care Worker De Doorns

Many years of service with hospice told the story of a patient whose family no longer wanted. Assisted the patient to be seen by doctors locally and specialists at Tygerberg. She walked a long journey with the patient through his illness and when he did die she was with him.

Chantal –

A lady who was bed ridden spoke to her and thanked her for being so nice. The family wanted the patient to go somewhere else. She was very sad and cried a lot because she wanted to be at home. She was taken home where she was well cared for and loved and dies 2 days later.

Joyce – Counsellor Zwelethemba

A patient of 5 years old was supported for over 21 years. She had TB as a child and was placed in Brewelskloof hospital and was very weak. There was a high stigma around TB. Her mother left her and her grandmother took over her care. She cared well for the child who finished her treatment. Later both the mother and child were diagnosed with HIV. They both received treatment. Now the child is in UCT and doing well – still on treatment. A counsellor's work is about love and commitment for clients. This child is now caring for her mother. Joyce herself feels motivated by this story that encourages her.

Danoline Jansen – Community Care Worker Touws River

Recently she cared for a 9 year old with ovarian cancer. Her ovaries were removed and she underwent chemotherapy. She firstly had stomach and breast pains and after many tests the cancer was diagnosed. This little girl's story has been published in the Worcester Standard. Danoline and the rest of the team in Touws River have shaved their hair off to show solidarity with her patient.

Francina Witbooi –

Her story is of a HIV patient who lived under a tree on a farm. He is very diligent with her treatment. As a counsellor she spoke to him about places to live and help available to him. He had other physical problems and his condition deteriorated. He was offered a place to stay at the shelter but he hesitated. He asked for two weeks and after that time when he finished work the carer herself transported the patient to the shelter. He is now greatly improved and living with his new "family" at the shelter.

Naomi – Community Care Worker Avian Park

Many years ago she had a TB patient who was not compliant and drank and took drugs. He was quite shocked to discover he had TB and when he started treatment the care worker walked the journey with him for the whole six months until he finished his treatment. He then began his own business and till today he is doing well and running his business.

The chairperson thanked all the staff for their encouraging stories and all that they do for the patients.

## 8. General Managers Report

The Chairperson asked the General Manager, Maria Demjan, to give her report. Maria referred to the report in the AGM booklet and added that it has been an encouraging year with many changes. We have become more focused on rehabilitation in both the ICF and now this is also coming into home based care. We put our bid in for the Witzenberg area and were awarded this work. We look forward next year to being able to report on the work of Zikhanye as a part of Boland Hospice. Maria thanked all the teams for their loyal and diligent work over the year. Thanks were given to the Management Team that work alongside Maria for their support. Thanks also to the Board of Directors for their oversight of the organization.

## 9. Annual Financial Statements

Leanne of Price Waterhouse Coopers presented the annual financial statements to the meeting. She started by thanking the staff for their patient stories and all that they do and mean to the community.

Income and Expenditure Statement was presented and showed an income of R6.4 million which is an increase by R1.9million on the previous year. The Expenditure was R6.3million which showed a similar increase. The profit for the year was then R344 969. It was explained that whilst and NPO there is still a need for a profit as we need to show a healthy organization to attract more funders. NPO means that the profits are not distributed to shareholders but are put back into the organization for future years. An investment of R200 000 was made and this is the start of a sustainability fund. Of the R6.3million expenditure R5.3million was for salaries. Graphs were presented showing income and expenditure over the past 5 years.

The Balance Sheet was presented and shows a healthy situation of a sustainable organization that is worth investing in.

The Chairperson called for acceptance of the financial report. Proposed by Anri Wenteler, seconded by Lameeze Karriem and accepted by all.

## 10. Appointment of Auditors

The chairperson, Nerine Naude, asked if the meeting would approve the re-appointment of the auditors Price Waterhouse Coopers for the next financial year. Proposed by Ronel Bosman, seconded by Anri Wenteler and agreed by all.

## 11. Word of Thanks

The chairperson called on Gail Brown for a word of thanks. Gail mentioned that we had lost a community care worker to cancer and so thanked God for allowing Boland Hospice and its people another year. Thanks to the Board for their support. Thanks to the NGK East for the use of its premises for such a large meeting. Thanks to Price Waterhouse Coopers for their ongoing work and such a positive report. Thanks to all the manager and all the staff for their service.

## 12. Conclusion

With no further business to discuss the chairperson, Nerine Naude closed the meeting at 10h45.

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Chairperson:

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