



AGM

4th October 2019

MINUTES

Present: Dr Chris Scott
Sister Margaret Phillips
Dr Elsa Van Duuren
Dr Anne Stanwix
Mr Luvuyo Zahela
Ms Thandi Ramathesele
Cape Town Staff
29 Cape Town Members

Apologies: Dr. Thozama Dubula

1. Call to Order

A call to order was issued in order to commence with proceedings.

2. 2019 Annual Reports

Prof Scott presented the Chairman and CEO reports for 2019.

3. Finance

Mrs S Knipe presented an outline of the audited financials for the year ending March 2019.

4. Board Members

Prof Scott introduced Ms Thandi Ramathesele as the new chairlady of the Arthritis board followed by Mr Luvuyo Zahela as the vice chairman. S Braithwaite, J Matlakala and T Carrim from Gauteng were appointed as new board members. Prof Scott summarised their cv's.

5. Cape Town Arthritis Members

Prof Scott opened the floor for a member Q&A session and the following questions were presented to the board.

- Arthritis Foundation not visible enough.
Messrs Mantini and Martin are to look into having more awareness days etc. staff members also suggested they would come up with smaller events.
- Issue of service and appeal for more rheumatologists at government hospitals and clinics.
Prof Scott stated that for the Foundation to advocate on the members behalf in this instance they would need to draw up a petition/complaint for the matter to be taken to government.
- Members requested that magazines are issued quarterly again.
Prof Scott stated the board will re look at this issue.
- More support groups in the Cape Town region.
Prof Scott stated that this would be investigated.
- Rheumatologists need to direct new patients to the Foundation.
Prof Scott suggested that the rheumatologists should be made more fully aware of the Foundation's services.
- Posters and pamphlets should be available at doctors' rooms when patients are diagnosed, they can call the foundation.
Messrs Mantini and Martin stated they would arrange for Ms G Mantini to distribute.

6. Adjournment

The AGM was adjourned.