



## MINUTES OF SAPTA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 19:00  
AT EXOTIC AQUARIUMS, BOKSBURG

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Arno Naudé  
Mohammed A Jeewa (Wazeers Aquarium)  
Gavin Faulds (Marltons)  
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Adam Scott (Exotic Aquariums)  
Elaine Scott (Wonderboom Aquariums)  
Lee-Ann (Pet & Pool Hyper)  
Ernst Moller (Die Visdam)  
Nigel Marlton (Hillcrest Pets & Aquarium)  
Juan Marks (Loolilocks Koi Farm)  
Craig Campbell (DARO)  
William Kelly (Happy Koi)  
Drikus (Pet Stop)  
Moolis (Pet Stop)  
Warren Schmidt (Pet Trade Partnership Programme)  
Keith Baxter (Triple 5 Aquarium Solutions)  
Matthew Baxter (Nemo's Janitor)  
Raymond (APSA)  
Clint Diesel (Joyful Pets)  
Donovan Smit (Aquarium Depot)  
Alan Swartz (MASA)  
Clinton Freemantle (Aquarium Depot)

### **WRITTEN APOLOGIES:**

Inge Gieselbach (The Flower Pot & Petshop)  
Frans Snyders (1<sup>st</sup> 4 Pets)  
Neil Stellard (Fish Design)  
Angela (Koi @ Jungle)  
Henk Hugo (Peckoltia Enterprises)  
Elize (Hillside pet products)  
Anne & Quintin (Extrapets)  
Riekie Bresler (The Maizeman)  
René (Pets Oasis)  
Arlette de Jager (Birds for Africa)  
Ronel Boshoff (Tip Top Pets)  
Sean Harrison (Euro-Spirit)  
Colin Schott (VIP Pets)  
Annerien Strijdom (Pets Oasis)  
Giepie Stander (Ad Astra Aquatics)

### **VERBAL APOLOGIES**

Pet Necessities  
Lizelle Jacobs (Arkmark)  
MC Rossouw (Die Ark Orkney)  
Mark Irving (Extreme Pets)  
Willie Oosthuizen (Little Pets & Doggy Parlour)  
Raul Marques (Bio-Earth)

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Candice Bradshaw (Superpet Animal Kingdom)  
Shaun Hope (Superpet Animal Kingdom)  
Tanya (Kenilworth Aquarium)  
Keith (Kenilworth Aquarium)  
Scott Smith (Aquarium Depot)  
Johann Olivier (Fish @ Home)  
Chris Harrison (Northlands Pets)  
Sean Jefferis (The Planted Tank)  
Dave van den Berg (Kenilworth Aquarium)  
John Hugo (The Reptile Haven Super Shoppe)  
Lanzo Plath (Dorry Pets)  
Wim Smalle (Aqua Imports)

### **VERBAL APOLOGIES (CONTINUE)**

Michael (Petitude Pets)  
Jaanet Ranges (Pets Deluxe Pet Shop)  
Pic A Pet Annikas  
Fareed (Turf Pet Hyper)  
Sydney Segall (Wild on Pets)

### **1. WELCOME**

The Vice-Chairman, Mr Adam Scott opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

### **2. PRESENT / APOLOGIES**

The Chairman confirmed that according to the constitution there is a quorum present and that the meeting can proceed. The secretary received 15 written apologies and 11 verbal apologies. All apologies were noted.

### **3. HOW WILL THE NEW GAUTENG NATURE CONSERVATION LAW AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?**

Mr Arno Naudé informed the members of the new draft bill. The initial draft bill is scary and SAPTA received several phone calls and inquiries in this regards. After several public meetings, SAPTA made various suggestions such as a license system. In order to get a permit, you have to attend training courses, quite possibly through SAPTA (via a Veterinary University or other approved institution). This will enforce proper caretaking of animals and will lift the pet trade as only licensed persons will be permitted to trade or breed these animals. Keeping them will be more difficult for people who have not been certified. This applies mainly to

unusual mammals, venomous snakes and certain invertebrates. Domestic species are not affected by this bill and at this stage all exotic birds excluding birds of prey are also exempted.

We do not foresee any problems on the aquatic side, because of previous meetings held regarding blacklisted fish and plant species. This has not been finalised but we have high hopes that this section of the pet industry will not be adversely affected.

If our suggestions are accepted then we expect that there will be a phasing-in period starting in October, from publishing until end of training. The Gauteng Law will probably later be implemented in other provinces as well. KZN for example has to appoint a new board and the last 2 years legislation cannot be implemented so they might quite easily follow the example set by Gauteng.

Gauteng Nature Conservation is due to publish the final Act in October 2012. The South African Pet Traders Association will send the final bill to all their members and will inform them of the way forward and assist where needed.

**4. SAPTA’S ROLE AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

Mr Ernst Moller explained SAPTA’s role and vision to the members. To enhance the pet trade industry and to regulate the industry. We have to establish the standards and make the public more aware of SAPTA. The Secretary will ensure that the vision and mission will be clearly visible on the SAPTA website.

**5. CONSIDER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR END 2012**

Copies of the Annual Financial Statements were handed out to the members present. The Chairman explained all expenses. The Financial Statements still need to be signed by all Directors.

**6. ELECTION AND VOTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – SAPTA STRUCTURE**

14 members were nominated, but 2 withdrawn from election. Therefore the following members were elected to serve on the SAPTA committee for 2012/2013:

Arno Naudé Sean Jeffersin (The Planted Tank) Ernst Moller	Neil Stellard Mohammed A Jeewa Moolis (Pet Stop)
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Adam Scott Craig Campbell Gavin Faulds	Gavin Marlton William Kelly
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**7. VOTING AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Mr Adam Scott was elected as the new Chairman and Mr Arno Naudé as Vice-Chairman. Mr Craig Campbell was elected as Treasurer.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR**

The new committee will appoint an auditor at the next Committee meeting.

**9. GENERAL**

Gavin Faulds applauded Ernst for the set-up of the tent and all other members involved with the arrangements of the AGM. The Chairman announced that SAPTA T-shirts are on sale at R180 per T-shirt and can be ordered from the Secretary.

**10. CLOSURE**

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 5 September 2012 at 19:00. Venue to be advised. The meeting was closed and adjourned.

Signed by

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ADAM SCOTT  
CHAIRMAN

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