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Minutes of the FOSTER Annual General Meeting

Cape St Francis Resort, 30 July 2011

Attendance register : 23

1. **Chairman's Welcome** : Richard Cowling expressed thanks for the turnout and thanked the Committee Members for their hard work. Richard introduced the Committee Members.
- Apologies** : Yvonne & Peter Bosman, Keith & Lindy Schlosz, Brand van den Heever, Lillibeth Moolman, Debbie & Paul Nicholson, Clive & Carol Horlock, John & Lucia le Roux, Bruce & Jane Coultas, Joyce Green
2. **Minutes of previous AGM** : Des Green proposed; Tony Williams seconded
3. **Chairman's Report** : Details given in attached hand out and on website www.foster.org.za
 - 3.1 Fundraising. Chair reiterated that FOSTER is a SARS registered PBO which means that donations are tax deductible. R75,030.00 was raised during the year. A big thanks is due to those who made donations during the year and requested to continue doing so to support our reserves..
 - 3.2 Projects: 3 events were hosted: 1) The FOSTER/ Fun Run held on the 28th Dec 2010 and attracted 430 entrants and raised R13,500.00 2) The FOSTER Golf Day was held on the 19th Jan 2011 and raised R29,900.00 A special thanks to Terry Smith and Al Brady, and Jeff Clause and his team at the St Francis Links. 3) The FOSTER Jol was reinstated and would be held immediately after the AGM.
 - 3.3 Outreach project – FOSTER successfully applied to TMF of WWF to fund a 3 year outreach programme for learners to be taken by Lilian Baker on environmental awareness hikes along the “Walk on the Wildside” trail. To date, 5 excursions with learners from Sea Vista Primary, Humansdorp Secondary, Fourcade Botanical Group, holidaymakers. Four educational signboards were erected. Big thanks to Caryl Logie, Godfried Potgieter and Ron Thomassen for their support.
 - 3.4 Marketing: By the end of 2010 we had 220 members, slightly more than in 2009. A big thanks to Joan for this and for revamping our website. A Gallery of local flora and fauna is under construction. Remember that membership helps give credibility when the reserves come under threat. Old rusting signs in the reserves have been replaced.
 - 3.5 Reserve Management. Dave Bowmer and his team maintain the 130 ha of reserve and are on track with the Business and Management Plan for 2011. They are also removing aliens from Cape St Francis Nature Reserve. We welcome suggestions about management from members.
 - 3.6 Development Pressures. FOSTER, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the Nuclear Power Station and as part of the Thuyspunt Alliance, responded to the Draft EIA . Helmie Tilders, Shirley Cowling and myself have given input and are vehemently opposed to the siting of the NPS at Thuyspunt.
4. **Finances**. Treasurer, Lilian Baker (balance sheet, income & expenditure report for tax year attached to the Annual Report). The Chair thanked Lilian for her impeccable records. Total Balance is R78,516.86.
5. **Election of Committee**. New members would be welcome. Committee members re-elected as follows:

Chair :Richard Cowling	Secretary :John le Roux
Treasurer : Lilian Baker	Reserve Management: Dave Bowmer
Membership and Marketing: Joan Brady	Shirley Cowling :General
Des Green :SCOSS	Godfried Potgieter : St Francis Kromme Trust representative
6. **Thanks and closure of meeting**