



AUSTRIAN-SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY  
ÖSTERREICHISCH-SÜDAFRIKANISCHE VEREINIGUNG  
"FRIENDS OF SOUTH AFRICA"

**MINUTES**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Österreichisch - Südafrikanische Vereinigung  
Austrian - South African Society  
"Friends of South Africa" (FoSA)**

Date: 25 April 2012  
Start Time: 18h35  
Location: ZKP, Tilgnerstrasse 3  
1040 Wien

**Present:** Dick Koekemoer, President  
Elaine van Schalkwyk, Vice President  
Helena Buss, Treasurer  
Bernadine Schneider, Secretary  
Valda Triegaardt, MC  
Dr. Hans Weissenböck, Auditor  
Bernhard Appoyer, Auditor  
Len Doevendans  
Carlien Doevendans  
Brad Knowles  
Zarina Kocsi  
Keith Waddell  
Ann Heard  
Rob Heard  
Rina Loader  
Reina Loader  
Elizabeth Raab  
Katharina Grascher

**Guest Speaker:** Ms Titi Molaba, Minister-Counsellor at the SA Embassy

**Apologies:** His Excellency SA Ambassador Mr Mabhongo  
Mrs Mabhongo  
Paulette Hendry  
Hans Weissenboeck  
Monika Lombard-Waddell  
Erica Aschaue  
Johann Botha  
Magda Pulk  
Hester Bergh-Appoyer  
Jeremy Hammond  
Helga Diesel  
Angelika Grkinic  
Eva Schloegl



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**Item 1 - Quorum**

The quorum was confirmed with 13 members present plus friends, and the meeting opened by MC Valda Triegaardt. She welcomed Ms Molaba and all members and friends present. No proxies were announced.

**Item 2 - Previous Minutes**

The minutes of last year's AGM of 7 April 2011 were adopted with 10 votes.

**Item 3 – Welcome Address**

Ms Molaba thanked FoSA for the invitation and extended greetings on behalf of His Excellency Ambassador Mabhonga. She thanked FoSA for the excellent cooperation and partnership in 2011. She said the Embassy regarded FoSA as a valuable and important ally in Vienna and are glad for the relationship that has been built and maintained over the years. She said that to some extent FoSA acts as an extension of the Embassy as it serves the interests of South Africa and the SA community in Austria. She said the Embassy would like to expand their participation in certain events such as the Golf Day by sourcing support and buy-in from the Business-community in Vienna. They see it as an opportunity to create awareness about SA's potential as an investment destination and trading partner. She further mentioned that Mandela Day on 18 July will be a major focus this year and hopes to work with FoSA and its members to spread the ethos of selfless volunteerism and outreach. The Embassy in Vienna is tasked with promoting exports from SA and investment into SA. Last year SA exports to Austria amounted to Euro573 million and the trade surplus was in our favour. She called on all FoSA friends and members to continue to help promote export opportunities with SA and to build a positive image for South Africa in Austria. She received a small gift from FoSA.

**Item 4 – Reports**

**The President's Report**

Dick Koekemoer asked the treasurer to summarise 2011 events during her report and thanked Ms Molaba for her speech. He reminded all that 2012 was FoSA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and invited all present to come forward with ideas.

**Treasurer's Report**

Helena Buss presented the financial report for 2011. See financial statement attached.

Elizabeth Raab proposed members be incentivized to introduce new members. An example was to offer a free meal at the braai.



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**Auditor's Report**

Bernard Appoyer presented the audit on behalf of himself and Dr. Hans Weissenböck. He confirmed that all the necessary documents had been submitted for scrutiny. He thanked Helena Buss and recommended that the statements be accepted by the AGM.

Anne Heard proposed that the current auditors be relieved of all duties and obligations, seconded Katharina Grascher. 9 votes were received.

**Item 5 - Election of Auditors**

The new auditors were voted as follows:

Dr. Hans Weissenböck 12  
Bernhard Appoyer 11

**Item 6 – Proposals of Resolutions**

No proposals were received.

**Item 7 - Any Other Business**

No points were raised.

**The meeting ended at 19h15**

The MC thanked the Board for their hard work during the year. She thanked all those present and the meeting was closed.

She invited everyone to join her and the Board for a wine tasting and educational talk by South African expert Sommelier (and FoSA member), Brad Knowles.

Minutes compiled by Bernadine Schneider  
Secretary  
Friends of South Africa



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**ADDENDUM**

**Financial Presentation AGM 2012**

<b>Opening Bank Account</b>		<b>+ 6 554.00</b>
Income	2 083.00	
Operating expenses	1 164.00	
Donation	38.00	
Net Income		881.00
<b>Closing Bank Account</b>		<b>7 435.00</b>

<u>Income</u>		
Membership	811.00	
Braai	129.00	
Bazaar	107.00	
Interest	24.00	
Golf	<u>1 012.00</u>	
	2 083.00	

<u>Expenses</u>		
Internet	479.00	
Bank	69.00	
Other	342.00	
Donations	38.00	
AGM	<u>274.00</u>	
	1 202.00	

<u>Budget 2012</u>		
Income from events	4 180.00	
Event expenses	<u>3 275.00</u>	
<b>Net income 2012</b>		<b>905.00</b>