



**MIDLANDS 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 MARCH 2025, 18h00
VSCC CLUB HOUSE**



1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Committee and Club Members Present (some were accompanied by spouses):

Otto Kruger (Chairman)
Regi Binns (Treasurer)
William Seymour (Events Co-ordinator)
Chris Ahrens (Committee Member)
Gary Buitendach (Secretary)
Rob Geddes
Steve Swanepoel
Jimmy Day
John Buyers
Frank Stahlhut
Allan McPherson
Eisabeth Goyvaerts

Apologies:

Ronnie Drew (Committee Member)
Kevin Eikenaar (Committee Member)
Stanley Marx (Vice Chairman)
Billy Paton
Willem von Willich
Leon Jooste
Dave Varrie
Ivan Ortman
James Seymour
Richard Heathcote
Grant Stevenson
Malcolm Brown
Paul Summerford
Murray Cowell
Tim Wood

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Proposed: Frank Stahlhut
Seconded: Jimmy Day

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MEETING MINUTES – 20st March 2024

The minutes of the previous AGM were confirmed

Proposed: Jimmy Day

Seconded: John Buyers

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report and Trial Balance as at December 2024

- The Trial Balance is attached to these minutes as Annexure A

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman report is attached as Annexure B

8. OUTINGS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Outings and Co-ordinators report is attached as Annexure C

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

- **The following nominations were received for positions where the current incumbent's term of office had expired or they had indicated that they would not be finishing their current term of office:**
 - o Chairman – Chris Ahrens
 - o Treasurer – Richard Heathcote
 - o Events Co-ordinator – Kevin Eikenaar
 - o Secretary – William Seymour
 - o Ordinary member – Ronnie Drew
 - o Ordinary Member – Leon Jooste
 - o Ordinary Member – Gary Buitendach

There were no opposing nominations, and the above were duly elected.

The 2025 Committee is therefore as follows:

Position	Name	Comments
Chairman	Chris Ahrens	Served on the Committee in 2024
Vice-Chairman	Stanley Marx	Appointed for 2 years in 2024
Secretary	William Seymour	
Treasurer	Richard Heathcote	
Events Coordinator	Kevin Eikenaar	
Ordinary member	Ronnie Drew	
Ordinary member	Leon Jooste	
Ordinary member	Gary Buitendach	

10. OTHER MATTERS

- It was noted that no items were received from members for discussion at the AGM
- No other matters were raised

11. CLOSE

- The Chairman welcomed the incoming Committee and thanked the outgoing Committee for their hard work and diligence during 2024.
- **The meeting closed at 18:32**

**OTTO KRUGER
CHAIRMAN**

GMB 23/3/2025

Trial Balance as at Dec 2024		
	DR	CR
		8,400
		7,740
		400
		10,396
		400
	711	
		5,200
	5,200	
	7,700	
	7,250	
		1,600
	1,788	
	349	
	176	
	600	
	6,000	
	1,145	
		0
	-175	0
	1,707	
	349	
	1,336	
	34,136	34,136
19433 Profit/Loss		1,336
	0	
1000 Float	1,000	
20136 Savings Account	4,472	
13750 Provision	30,750	
100000 32 Days Notice	100,000	
134886 Opening Balance		134,886
133886		
	136222	136222

Chairman's Report for the 2024/2025 Year

At the last AGM, the 2024 Committee was elected and installed without too much fanfare. The new committee quickly got to work, hitting the ground running and ensuring the smooth running of the club's activities throughout the year.

Among the highlights of the year were several successful outings, such as the Easter trip to Lesotho, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. We also had a fantastic time at the Tembe trip in July, which served as an Honorary Officers Fundraiser, and a series of day outings to Non-Stop Adventures.

One of the most enjoyable events of the year was the annual *Cars in the Park* event. Our club had a stand, and it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our passion. Every donation made at the event went towards a worthy charity, and it was great to see so many of you supporting this cause.

The Spring Breakfast was another highlight, and while I wasn't able to cook all your breakfast as I would have liked, I trust that you managed just fine without my usual culinary touch!

Of course, we cannot forget the Annual Christmas Lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and was a perfect way to end the year on a high note.

We have a wonderful home at the VSCC. Our members have been warmly welcomed by their team, and we



are excited for the opportunities that this chapter will bring.

In terms of membership, we have been fortunate to welcome several new members to the club. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our new faces. You are now part of the 4x4 family, and we look forward to many adventures and shared experiences with you.

Financially, the club remains in a healthy position, with a bank balance of R147,000. All outstanding accounts have been settled, ensuring that we are in good standing moving forward.

On a personal note, I must acknowledge that this year has been a challenging one for me. I have had to step back at times due to personal circumstances but having such a strong and dedicated committee behind me has been a true blessing. They have stepped up and ensured that all loose ends were successfully tied up. To my committee, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your support has been invaluable.

Finally, I wish the new committee all the very best for the year ahead. I have every confidence that you will continue to drive the club forward and achieve even greater success in the coming year.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support. Here's to another great year ahead!

Kind regards,
Otto Kruger



Events Co-ordinator's Report.

This past year has been quiet with regards to the events and outings of the club, the socials have gone well with fluctuating numbers and usual faces which has been the norm with the socials to date. We have had a few outings over long weekends and day trips.

In my opinion the main thing the club needs to focus on now is raising the number of members joining to ensure the clubs survival. A frequent question I am asked when talking about joining the club is "what does the club have to offer for the yearly subs?" while we can give some examples it isn't always an easy one to answer, which in my opinion could be improved by increasing the amount of events and outings and making use of the knowledge in the club.

We do however have to change our approach to trips with looking at shorter distances and shorter times away so as to make the trips more affordable and therefore more enticing to members.

Combined the club members have a great knowledge of the country and surrounds which the club can make good use of.

So in conclusion we are calling on members to join us in organizing day trips and good camp sites for weekends away.

21 March 2025

William Seymour

