



VERMONT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

(SOUTH AFRICA)

Registration Number 284-429 NPO

MINUTES of AGM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2025 AT 6.00PM AT THE CHAPEL – NG KERK, ONRUS, HERMANUS.

1	OPENING AND WELCOME: The Chairperson, Duncan Heard, opened the meeting and welcomed all members of the Foundation, community stakeholders, and guests. He expressed appreciation for their attendance and acknowledged the contributions of those who had supported the Foundation's activities over the past year.	
2	APOLOGIES: Apologies were noted from Mike Weekes, Marco Cornelius, Jana Smith, Erik & Linda Larsen, MC Botha, Lindy Richardson, Ann Bown, Elsa Stofberg, Gavin & Bridget Fleming, and Whale Coast Conservation representative.	
3	ATTENDANCE: Present: Duncan Heard (Chairperson), Grant Pilliner (Treasurer), Johan Myburgh (Vice-Chair), Anne Droomer, William Keenan, Peta Kennedy, Galvin Lloyd, Ilse Myburgh, and Soné Kuhn (Minutes). Community members and stakeholders from Ward 13 were also in attendance as per the attendance list.	
4	AGENDA: The minutes of the 1st AGM were circulated to the Board Members prior to the meeting and were approved without amendment. VCFSa Minutes will also be available on the website soon.	
5	CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Review of VCF Projects Presented by Duncan Heard Brief History: Overview of VCFSa's establishment and its development up to February 2025. Objectives: Key conservation goals were restated, including biodiversity protection, community engagement, and sustainable land management. Activities: Ongoing focus areas include alien vegetation clearing, promoting environmental awareness, collaboration with municipal and other relevant authorities, fundraising, and representation on the Ward 13 Committee. Ongoing discussions are being held with the Overstrand Municipality (OM) regarding inappropriate fire control measures, as well as the scientifically proven negative ecological impact of strong artificial lights being shone directly over our Green Belts.	

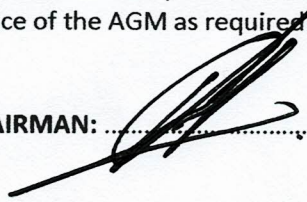


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	Furthermore, there will be a request made for OM to adopt a formal Conservation Management Plan for the management of the Vermont Green Belt System. The full meeting also supported the broadening of VCFA membership to assist the Board in its activities. The suggested membership fee of R150 per annum per household was also accepted by the meeting attendees. Acknowledgements: Thanks were extended to members, volunteers, and partners for their support. Board Introductions: Current Board Members were formally introduced.	
6	IT & WEB DEVELOPMENTS Presented by William Keenan 1. Official website www.vermontconservation.org.za went live on 4 August 2024. 2. Emphasis on data backup and website preservation. 3. Social media activity and online engagement highlighted.	
7	ALIEN CLEARING AND COLLABORATION Presented by Galvin Lloyd Coastal Path – Kikuyu Infestation: Identified severe overgrowth between Bietou Crescent parking lot and Vermont Avenue 'sloepie'.. A phased control plan will be implemented, with taped-off sections and clear signage during clearing. Brekvis Bay – Rooikrans Infestation: Significant progress was made in clearing dunes, though sections remain infested. Sporadic regrowth was identified in previously cleared areas. New signage is required as old boards are no longer serviceable. Equipment Update: Acquisition of a new Stihl chainsaw earlier this year to support clearing efforts.	
8	TREASURER'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Presented by Grant Pilliner Reviewed the 2025 financial performance, including achievements and challenges. Report confirmed the Foundation's sound financial health. Annual Financial Statements were presented for review. The members present approved the financial statements.	

9	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS The meeting discussed the importance of maintaining independent oversight. It was resolved to re-appoint the current auditors for the forthcoming year.	
10	ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS Nominations were presented, and election guidelines were explained by Ann Droomer. The following members were elected/re-elected to the VCFSA Board for 2025/2026: - Duncan Heard – Chairperson - Johan Myburgh – Vice-Chairperson - Galvin Lloyd – Secretary - Grant Pilliner – Treasurer - Anne Droomer – Governance - William Keenan – IT & Web - Peta Kennedy – Community Member It was also noted, with thanks, that Ilse Myburgh volunteered to manage VCFSA membership matters as a co-opted member of the VCFSA Board.	
11	GENERAL Future Plans: Membership expansion, biodiversity monitoring, and fundraising initiatives were discussed as priorities for the year ahead. Members were encouraged to actively participate in upcoming projects and volunteer opportunities.	
12	CLOSURE The Chairperson expressed gratitude to attendees, community members, and stakeholders for their continued support of conservation efforts in Vermont. The meeting closed at [insert closing time].	
13	NEXT MEETING: The AGM for next year will be determined in the new year. All members will be given notice of the AGM as required by the VCFSA Constitution.	
	CHAIRMAN:  DATE: 15/8/2026	