



"Dutch Society Neerlandia" Inc.

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*Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held on
18 September 2022 at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club*

1. Attendance and Apologies:

Members:

There are 32 members present (members recorded on a separate attendance sheet) including the following Committee Members:

Eric van Waaijenburg (President)
Machiel van der Stelt (Vice President)
Henri Koldenhoven (Treasurer)
Alida Reitzenstein (Committee Member)
Toon Kamps (Committee Member)
Hanny Kamps (Committee Member) &
John Zwartkruis (Committee Member)

Apologies were received from the following members:

Karin Eastwood-Helder (Committee Member), Dr Paul Jansz, Margaret Bosland, Keith Vermeulen, Wes Lenghaus, Janice Raffaele, Tilly & Zdenko Stülcbauer.

2. Opening

There being a quorum, the President, Eric van Waaijenburg opened the meeting at 14:00 and welcomed those present to the 53rd Annual General Meeting. The President asked for people to stand and observe a minute silence to show respect for those members who passed away over the past 12 months.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 24 October 2021.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 October 2021 were read by Machiel van der Stelt.

There being no objections to the Minutes, the President moved that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting. Seconded by John Ottes. The President Eric van Waaijenburg signed the Minutes on the members' behalf.

4. Annual Report by the President

The President Eric van Waaijenburg presented his Annual Report. Within his report he thanked many of our volunteers, without whom Neerlandia would not be able to function. He also reported that we had embarked on investing some of our funds so as to generate a better ongoing income stream from quality blue-chip shares. These companies had been monitored over the previous 12 months and had a history of paying dividends. He thanked John Zwartkruis for his expert advice.

The President was encouraged by the ongoing increase in family membership. This is key to the ongoing success for Neerlandia.

The President submitted his resignation as President to the members and thanked them for their past support. He also thanked his committee for supporting him over the years and for John Zwartkruis stepping up to take on the role of President.

5. Financial Report

The treasurer Henry Koldenhoven presented the Financial Report a copy of which was handed to members upon arrival.

Henry highlighted that Function expenses were higher than the previous year. This was entirely due to there being hardly any functions during 2020/2021 due to COVID 19. Now that this epidemic had subsided, Neerlandia was able to resume its various functions for the enjoyment of our members.

There being no questions, Henry Koldenhoven moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted into the Minutes, Seconded by Henk Oorschot.

6. Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report was attached to the financial statements.

Henry Koldenhoven moved that the Auditor's report be accepted for inclusion into the Minutes, seconded by Henk Oorschot.

7. Appointment of Auditor and Remuneration

Henry Koldenhoven moves that the Auditor Henk Giele be reappointed as Hon. Auditor under similar conditions as the previous year. Moved by Henry Koldenhoven, seconded by John Ottes.

8. Election of Office Bearers

In accordance with the new Neerlandia constitution all office bearers are up for re-election every year.

Current office bearers are:

President:	Eric van Waaijenburg (retiring)
Vicepresident:	Machiel van der Stelt
Treasurer:	Henry Koldenhoven
Secretary:	Vacant

Nominations received are:

President:	John Zwartkruis
Vicepresident:	Machiel van der Stelt
Treasurer:	Henry Koldenhoven
Secretary:	Eric van Waaijenburg

As there are less candidates than vacancies there is no need for a vote and all the nominated office bearers are declared elected.

9. Election of Committee Members

In accordance with Clause 34 of the Neerlandia Constitution the number of Ordinary Committee members that are to hold office for the next year is 9. As there are less candidates (7) than vacancies (9) there is no need for a further vote and all the nominated Committee Members are declared elected, as follows:

Karen Eastwood-Helder, Alida Reitzenstein, Toon Kamps, Hanny Kamps, Babette van Dijk, Helen Levy & Jeannette Kuiper.

At the conclusion of the election of Committee Members, Eric van Waaijenburg handed over the control of the meeting to the new President, John Zwartkruis. John then read out a "Thank You" for Eric, highlighting the numerous challenges Eric guided Neerlandia through, including discussions with Morley-Windmills, which was still ongoing. A strength of Eric was the open discussions at Committee level which has steered Neerlandia in such a strong position today.

10. General Business

The President asks for questions from the floor.

Lianna Parker thanks Eric van Waaijenburg for his years as President of the Neerlandia Committee and welcomes John Zwartkruis as the new President.

She starts to explain how the collection of Dutch language books belonging to the Neerlandia "Mies" Library has been difficult to access over the past few years. Lianna continues that there is talk of doing away with the library. She argues strongly that the library should be maintained and if not at its current location, which is not an ideal location anyway, the Committee should seek an alternative so that the extensive collection of Dutch language books can be kept and made easily accessible for the Neerlandia members and the wider Dutch Community. She finishes by offering any assistance that the Committee in general and librarian Machiel vd Stelt in particular may need to guarantee the existence of a Dutch language library in Perth.

President John Zwartkruis promises that he will look into it.

Elly Spillekom asked if the Mies Library could consider adding Dutch books which are translated into English into the collection. Machiel replied that would not be a good idea, as that beats the purpose of having a Dutch Language Library and also puts more pressure on the limited available space.

11. Closing the Meeting

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 14:58 pm.

Signed on behalf of the Neerlandia Committee:

Signed
John Zwartkruis, President

Date