

- Dear members

Thank you for attending our 53<sup>rd</sup> AGM Meeting today.

Let me start with thanking our Neerlandia members that again have helped to keep our club running, from the membership registration by Kay & Bob Wegman, to the magazine preparation by Pieter Leeftang and off course his proof readers (Henk and Lianna). I always look forward to receiving the latest magazine, what a great effort.

The entertainment by John Machiel. Who will be assist by our newest committee members. I will reveal that later on (I can feel the excitement building)

Please a round off applause as without them the club just wouldn't work.

Looking back on the year that has been I am very grateful that our members and the wider community have not been exposed to COVID-19 as in other part of the world or other states.

During the year it has come apparent to the committee that we need to ensure the clubs survival to ensure the dutch culture is not lost. We are currently as we all know thanks to Henri Koldenhoven still bearing the fruits of the sale of our clubhouse.

As mentioned in last years presidents report, we have been able this year to execute an alternative / additional income stream to ensure our financial stability and long term survival. We have over the past few month invested in a share portfolio which is based on Companies which have a long term financial stability & proven dividend track record. During the last 12 months we have been monitoring the list of companies on a monthly base and once the committee could see the potential result if we would have invested Sept – Oct 2021, we decided to move forward. To this date we have still not fully execute (or bought) the full list of shares in the selected companies as we are waiting for the share prices to hit the correct levels before we add them to our portfolio. This work has all been carried out with the expert advise from John Zwartkruis. Thanks John, this will make a difference for us in the future for sure.

We have had numerous questions asking what is happening in relation to the Morley Windmills move. We are currently still in discussions, please bare with us as we need to make sure that our sub clubs will be able to function properly.

Here are some interesting statistics for our membership numbers between 2019 and this years status:

- 2018 – 338, 2019 – 328, 202 – 330, 2021 – 320 and 2022 - 285 members
- We are currently contacting 33 members which we have not heard back from.
- I am very happy to report that the the family memberships have been on the raise for the second year.

It has become very encouraging to see the new members joining us. John and Machiel are continuously working to improve and cater for all members. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

It is with a heavy hart that I will have to resign from the presidentship from Neerlandia. It has been with great pleasure and dedication that I have worked to build, grow and future proof Neerlandia.

I want to express my gratitude to John Zwartkruis who has stepped up to take on the role of President.

I would like to thank my committee members and their partners for their ongoing and continuing support. Without them nothing would happen.

That's it from me. All the best.