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ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die agste AJV van die Hessequa Vereniging vir Argeologie gehou sal word op 23 Februarie 2016 in die Komiteekamer by die Stilbaai Gemeenskapsaal om 17h30.

AGENDA

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| 1. Constitution of meeting | 1. Konsituering |
| 2. Attendance | 2. Bywoning |
| 3. Minutes of previous meeting | 3. Notule van vorige vergadering |
| 4. Financial report | 4. Finansiële verslag |
| 5. Chairman's report | 5. Voorsittersverslag |
| 6. Election of: | 6. Verkiesing van: |
| • Chair person | Voorsitter |
| • Vice-chair person | Ondervoorsitter |
| • Secretary | Sekretaris |
| • Treasurer | Penningmeester |
| • Archaeological representative | Argeologiese verteenwoordiger |
| • Museum representative | Museumverteenwoordiger |
| • Editor. | Redakteur. |
| 7. Twinning | 7. Tweelingstatus |
| 8. General | 8. Algemeen. |
| 9. Closure of meeting. | 9. Afsluiting. |

PERSONNEL NEEDS

The outgoing committee has identified the following needs of the Society:

1. We require an administrator to submit applications for funding to various state organs and the Lotto.
2. The Museum may well benefit by members who cover for Hannetjie when she is feeding the eels.
3. Any other members who have a contribution to make and who are willing to be co-opted onto the committee, are requested to inform our secretary.
4. Any member who has contacts with a wealthy donor able to fund a new museum, are also requested to inform the committee. We firmly believe that the archaeological narratives of the region, together with the food resources provided by the fynbos and the shell fish, are a part of our human heritage which is so important that it deserves to be made available to the widest possible public.

DOKUMENTASIE

Die volgende dokumente vergesel hierdie Kennisgewing:

- Voorsittersverslag.
- Notule van die Algemene Jaarvergadering 2015.

INVITATION

Members are invited to remain at the venue to enjoy a convivial glass of wine, provided by the members of the outgoing committee. Members are also requested to present prospective new members to the Society at the AGM.

VOORSITTERSVERSLAG / CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015/6

Speakers:

The Society received the following speakers during the year:

- Dr. Deacon: She addressed the Society members on the Later Stone Age. This address was particularly welcome, because we have in the past tended to concentrate on the Middle Stone Age. She spoke about research she had done at a cave in the proximity of the Congo Caves and a cave on the Robberg, in Plettenberg Bay. She worked on weapon size, hoping to show that changes in game size would reflect in the weapons. While such a change of size did come about, it was far too late to be able to draw a causal relationship between the developments.
- Dr Hayley Cawthra was ons tweede spreker. Sedert haar laaste besoek het sy haar doktoraat voltooi. Tans is sy senior geoloog by die nasionale sentrum vir geofisiese navorsing. In haar voordrag het sy gekonsentreer op haar navorsingsbevindings. Sy het inligting verskaf oor terreine soos dit daar sou uitgesien het tydens ystydperke, toe die seevlak baie laer was as tans. Haar voordrag het ook 'n ligter sy gehad. Sy het die gehoor

vermaak met foto's van duikekspedisies wanneer hulle onder die water ondersoek moes doen.

- The **Reon Meij Commemorative lecture** was delivered by Dr. Renée Rust. A number of our newer members requested that she talk on her work. The title was "Rock art of the Langeberg and Little Karoo". The talk was particularly appropriate since she has now made the Hessequa Society for Archaeology trustee of all her work.

Field excursions:

Our only field trip was a visit to a number of caves situated in a riverine valley off the Goukouriver. We identified four caves, visiting two. A number of our members removed some of the overburden in both. Soon it became clear that the caves had, at some point in the past, been used as shelters. Fragments of Ostrich shell were found, and, as soon as that happened, further action was halted.

It is possible that the Society may, in the future, apply for permits to undertake more extensive investigations.

Navorsingsinisiatiewe:

Die Vereniging het voortgegaan met bepaalde navorsingsinisiatiewe.

- Dr. Rust is steeds besig met haar identifikasie en onttrekking van rotskuns in die Hessequa omgewing.
Dr. Rust se skenking van al haar aftreksels het die Vereniging genoop om 'n volledige rekord van die werk op te stel. Brian Mathiesen was besig hiermee tot sy ontydige dood, en niemand het geweet presies wat al gerekordeer is nie. Stefan Pretorius het uitmuntende werk gedoen om die soektog te onderneem en die werk af te handel. Tans is al die aftreksels by die Origins Centre by Wits om afgetas te word en op die web geplaaste word.
- Jan de Vynck is tans besig met doktorsale navorsing oor voedselbronne van die streek. Die Bestuur sou graag in die posisie wou wees om hierdie werk, al is dit in op klein skaal, te help befonds.
- Brian Mathiesen se register om al die vindplekke in die Hessequastreek waarvan ons bewus is te katalogiseer, word voortgesit.

The museum initiative:

It is disappointing to have to report that we have not been able to generate official interest in building a new museum or even just enlarging our present facilities. We sit in the heart of a prehistoric wonderland – one whose tales remain largely untold because of a lack of funding.

Consequent to the lack of political will to address this issue, the Society formally decided on 24 th September 2015 to actively seek a private donor.

Two actions have evolved from this:

- The Brian Mathiesen fund was established to provide the Society with seed money to launch this initiative (all members are requested to support the fund financially, while the well heeled are requested to donate R1000 or more). An information leaflet will be e-mailed to all members as soon as it has been finalised. Members who have already made donations, are thanked profusely. Their money will not go astray.
- A workshop was held on 8 February 2016 to plan this initiative. This was done with the support of the Tuin-op-die-Brak since they also require facilities which such an institution will provide.
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Die bestuur:

Die werk van die Bestuur kan nie gerapporteer word sonder om melding te maak van die skielike afsterwe van ons destydse ondervoorsitter, Brian Mathiesen, nie. Hy was die hart en siel van die Blombos Museum vir Argeologie en sy bydrae tot die sake van die Vereniging was omvattend. Die fonds wat geskep is om die Museuminiatief te dryf, is na hom vernoem as 'n geringe blyk ter ere van hom om erkenning te gee vir sy reuse bydrae.

Die bestuur was aanvanklik soos volg saamgestel: Voorsitter: Chris Heese; Ondervoorsitter: Brian Mattiesen; Sekretaris: Esther Scheffer; Tesourier: John Willemse; Argeologievertegenwoordiger: Jan de Vynck; Geleentheidsknoper: Gustav Radlof; Redaktrise: Ann Hiemstra. Brian se vakature is met groot grasië deur John Willemse gevul.

By die AJV 2015 het sowel Johan Van Rooyen as Stefan Pretorius aangedui dat hulle bereid sou wees om betrokke te raak by die werksaamhede van die Vereniging en hulle is summier gekoöpteer.

Die Vereniging se sake vlot. Ek bring hulde aan almal wat daaraan gewerk het om dit te bewerkstellig. Die dinamiese voortgang van die Vereniging was in hulle hande.

Management affairs:

Four matters require attention:

- A museum similar to ours in Canada wishes to form a twinning arrangement with us. They have submitted a memorandum of agreement. At item 7 on the Agenda, you are requested to ratify such a development.
- The Society has made an arrangement with the South Coast Forum to publish a monthly article on archaeological matters. Some 10 articles have been prepared and a further 10 are envisaged. They are not particularly erudite. They have been designed rather to inform a largely disinterested local public about the vast source of heritage information to be found in our region.
- The museum is getting wide recognition. During the last year, it was visited by members of the Cape Town Branch of the South African Archaeological Society and members of the Prince Albert Heritage Society. This year the Johannesburg branch of the South African Archaeological Society are planning a visit. Two academics of note travelled to Stilbaai specifically to visit the museum. One was an art historian from Hamburg University and the other a professor of art history from a small university in Japan.
- After years of work done primarily by John Willemse, the fish traps are on the point of again getting national heritage status. Moves are also afoot to have them fully restored, and once this is done, a contract will be put in place to ensure their permanent maintenance.

Membership:

The Society currently has 50 members.