



AGM 2017

Note 3 on the upcoming AGM

Dear shell friends,

In this third (and possibly last) note dealing with the upcoming 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM), I would like to highlight again some of the matters we will be addressing, and hopefully inspiring as many as possible of you to attend. The AGM is truly one of our Society's most-looked-forward-to events, and of course it would not be a success (or nearly as much fun) without your attendance. So, and in no particular order of importance, herewith some important information concerning the event:

AGM Date and Venue

A formal Agenda will be circulated soon, which will also contain this information, but just to make sure everyone has the date penned, the AGM will take place on Saturday morning **3 June 2017** at 10:00 AM, in the Netcare Pretoria East Hospital conference room. For those not sure where this is, we will include a map and detailed instructions in the Agenda on how to find the hospital and conference room.

Please note the change in date from the original planned date!

Society Constitution

One of the most important matters we will be addressing at the AGM is the revamped Society Constitution. The draft was circulated to all Members on 26 March 2017, so hopefully everyone has received it – if not, please drop me an email and I will forward it to you. We need all our Members to read it and, if you cannot be at the AGM in person, fill out proxies for the vote.

It is not a “voting year” – in other words, we will not be voting for a new Committee, as this only happens every second year – but, we will be presenting the draft Constitution at the AGM for a vote in favour or against, so your vote as a Member counts. If accepted by the majority, we will inaugurate the Constitution directly following closure of the vote.



AGM Shell Exhibits

Much has been said about the Exhibits in the previous two notes I circulated (Note 2 was also circulated to all Members on the 26th March – if you don't have it, please ask me and I will get it to you), so I will not repeat too much here. Just a reminder on the following key aspects of the Exhibits:

- 2017 Theme: **“Let Your Imagination Run Wild”** – pretty much anything goes...
- 2017 Exhibit Categories:
 - *Artistic*
 - *Scientific*
 - *Beginner*
 - *A Shell Family / Genus / Species*
- An award will be issued within each Category.
- You may enter into *as many Categories as you wish*, but *any one particular Exhibit* may only be entered in to one Category (it cannot “span” multiple Categories).



That's pretty much it. Please refer to the previous AGM-related Notes for more detailed information on the Exhibits.

AGM Auction

We all know the AGM is there to provide feedback to our Members on what has transpired within the Society in the past year, and to vote on important matters, but it would not be a Society AGM without a wonderful Auction. Last year's Auction was a blast, and our former President, Mr Alan Seccombe – besides having donated the brunt of the shells – certainly seemed to have great fun toting the specimens (with Mr Maurice Evans doing a great job as auctioneer).

We will be repeating this event at the 2017 AGM. So, if you want to add some fantastic specimens to your collection, at rock bottom prices, attend the AGM! The raffles and auctions always deliver! Speaking of delivering, an advanced token of appreciation to Messrs Alan Seccombe and Roy Aiken for kindly providing the shell specimens for the 2017 AGM auction! Without the selfless gesture of these two gentlemen, this fun event would not be taking place. And please keep in mind that any revenue gained from the Auction will go towards the Society.



If any of our other Members wish to donate specimens for the AGM Auction, please email me. I will make sure that your name be added to the list of donors in the ensuing article, to be placed in both the next Sea Bones Newsletter and Strandloper Journal.

AGM Finger Lunch

No, we will not be serving any fingers during our lunch afterwards, but you may have to use yours to enjoy the snacks... The platters served at the 2016 AGM seemed to be a hit, so our Society Treasurer, Mr Maurice Evans, has kindly offered to arrange the same for the 2017 event. Maurice also promised to make sure there will be a hearty supply of red and white, plus something softer for those not so inclined.

The platters may not include any snails (we'll reserve those for the Auction...), but whatever your palate, I am certain you will not be disappointed!



In Conclusion

This Note has, along with the other two, been uploaded onto the new Society Website (www.scsa.co.za) under the News & Info section. We will soon be making this type of information available for download from the Society's Facebook Page as well.

I hope to see many familiar faces at the AGM – and to meet a number of new ones, too!

Until then, happy shelling!

Handwritten signature of Andre Meredith in blue ink.

Andre Meredith
President, SCSA

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