

**MINUTES OF TH 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND  
HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT THE KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND GROUNDS**

**PRESENT**

1. Sebastian A Amoi
2. Daniel Masese
3. Caroline Otieno
4. Samson Waweru
5. Shadarack Yoni
6. Roseble Maina
7. Micheal Ngeno
8. Evelyne Ogola
9. Ed Kwama Maina
10. Aziza Lyaga
11. Karim Sidi
12. Sitati Makhandia
13. Dr K Laibuta
14. Munene Brian
15. Andrew Mungai
16. Felista Wakina
17. Angasa Dickson
18. Ivan Odera
19. Dan Shieshire
20. Eric Ngondi
21. Charles Gathuto
22. Ageline Akai
23. Kariuku Wagaiyu
24. Mercy Kavayi
25. George Kimani
26. Chris Okange
27. Dr Benard Mogesa
28. Dr Reginald Oduor
29. Kellen Njoki
30. Jessie Njeri
31. Richard Mwania
32. Flexix Akumu
33. Juliana Kivasu
34. Solomon Bukhala
35. Mazars
36. Bridget Monyangi
37. Dorice Ambuka
38. Johnson Riungu
39. Rajab Cheti
40. Damaris Nzisa.
41. Isabel Karimi
42. Evelyne Opiyo

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Alice Bonaniri
2. Remi Oyelana.
3. Joyce Denga.
4. James Chitechi.
5. Elizabeth Thiba.
6. Andrew Macharia

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES**

1. Rose Wambua
2. Dr. Samuel Tororei
3. Dr Michael Gichangi

## **PRELIMINARIES**

- Registration of members started at 10.00am
- The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Dr Laibuta who welcomed members for the AGM.
- Opening Prayers were led by Mrs. Juliana Kivasu.
- The Vice Chairman, Dr Laibuta invited members for self-introduction

## **MIN 1/2017; NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Chairman Mr Sitati read the notice convening the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> AGM. The notice had been shared with members on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 through email and an advert in the Standard Newspaper.

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016
3. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report.
4. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report
5. To appoint the Society's Auditors for the year 2017
6. To elect members of the Council

***Mr. Sitati, Dr. Laibuta, Mrs. Wambua, Mr. Makenzi***

- a. Mr. Makenzi and Dr Laibuta are eligible for re-election***
- b. Mr. Sitati and Mrs. Rose Wambua are not eligible for re-election because their 6 year term has ended***
- c. Required skills for those not eligible for re-election are Human Resource and Finance***

7. To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

## **MIN 2/2017; CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were read by Mrs. Juliana Kivasu and confirmed as true record of the proceedings with the following corrections and suggestions.

### **Ex min 5/2016; Appointment of Society's auditors.**

The word absconded to be changed to abstain.

Members requested that in future the minutes be shared in advance via email and also a few copies to be done in Braille for members with Visual Impairment.

Dr Reginald Oduor advised that quality control be done for future minutes.

The minutes were proposed by Eric Ngondi and seconded by Ivan Odera.

### **MIN 3/2017; TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT CHAIRMAN REPORT.**

The Chairman, Mr. Sitati read his report and invited members to interact with it. He further informed members that he is working with Ministry of Education on reviewing the special Education policy and therefore members should take advantage of the opportunity and participate in the process.

The Vice Chairman, Dr Laibuta thanked the Chairman for his elaborate report that clearly detailed KSB achievements in the year.

Mr Ngeno appreciated the report and thanked the Chairman for the good work, especially the Bomet branch that is working closely with Salus Oculi.

Mr Sebastian thanked the Chairman for his report. He advised that KSB secretariat needed a strong counselling centre to cater for its growing number of clientele. He also urged members to look for resources to empower persons with visual impairment in education.

Mr Ivan Odera thanked KSB secretariat for their good work. He informed members that at KSB he found a home. He urged the secretariat to improve on job placement for the trained students so that they can make good use of their attained knowledge and skills. He also urged members to lobby and look for resources to empower the Centre for adaptive technology.

Mrs. Kivasu informed members that KSB has received 100 computers as a donation from Close the Gap (Belgium) which will boost the centre for adaptive technology training both in Nairobi and Bomet.

Hon. Akai requested the Chairman to invite KSB members as a team to give input in the SNE policy.

Mr George Kimani appreciated the Chairman for the good work on the SNE policy. He further informed member's that Gender Commission would be interested to Partner with the Ministry of Education on this matter.

The report was adopted by members and proposed by Dr Laibuta and Seconded by Sam Waweru.

### **MIN 4/2017; TREASURERS REPORT**

In the absence of the Honourable Treasurer, the Chairman requested a council member, Dr Bernard Mogesa to take lead in this agenda. Dr Mogesa requested Mazars (Auditors) to present the KSB Audited accounts.

Mr. Charles Gathuto, the Engagement Partner at Mazars presented the Audited Accounts.

Dr Mogesa read the Treasurer's Report. The Report was proposed by Dr Kibaya Laibuta and seconded by George Kimani.

#### **MIN 5/2017; TO APPOINT THE SOCIETY AUDITORS THE YEAR 2017**

Dr Mogesa informed members that KSB has a five year policy for Audit services. Mazars had served the organisation for 4 years and 2017 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> and final term. Mazars officially expressed willingness to serve KSB in the year 2017 audit.

The members approved the current auditors to continue and carry out the 2017 audit.

Members also proposed that the council present three proposals from 3 audit firms during the next AGM (2018) for consideration/ approval for 2018 audit services. This was proposed by Dr Odour and seconded by Mr Owino.

#### **MIN 6/2017 TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Chairman informed members that as per the notice of the AGM four council positions were vacant. Mr. Sitati, Dr. Laibuta, Mrs. Wambua and Mr. Makenzi.

- Mr. Makenzi and Dr Laibuta are eligible for re-election.
- Mr. Sitati and Mrs. Wambua are not eligible for re-election because their 6 year term has ended.
- The current required skills in the council are Human Resource, Finance and Resource Mobilisation.

Members appointed Mr Chris Okange of the Ministry of Education as the returning officer and Mr. Ngeno of Salus Oculi as an observer.

Mr Okange read the requirements of the Council Members and the skills that are currently required.

Eight nominations had been received for the following members, , Mr Andrew Mungai, Ms Felista Wakina, Mr. Brian Mwangela Munene, Mrs. Prafula Gheewala, Mr. George Kimani Ngujo, Mr Mike Makenzi and Mr Sebastian Amoi. The nominated members once again accepted their nominations and were given time to present their agenda to the members.

Mr Makenzi and Dr Laibuta, who were eligible for re-election expressed their interest to continue serving in the Council, the two were unanimously re-elected. Mr Makenzi re-election was proposed by Mr Bukhala and seconded by Ms Maina. Dr Laibuta re-election was proposed by Mr. Kariuki and seconded by Mr Owino.

Ms Felistas Wakina being the only candidate with Finance Background was unanimously elected into the council. This was proposed by Mr Ivan and Seconded by Mr Kariuki.

The remaining one vacant position was filled through secret ballot voting. The results were as follows.

<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
Mr Sebastian Amoi	19
Mr George Kimani	10
Mr Andrew Mungai	7
Mr Brian Munene	6
M/s Prafula Gheewala	0
<b>Total Votes Casted</b>	<b>42</b>

Mr Sebastian Amoi was declared the winner by the returning officer.

The outgoing Chairman Mr Sitati welcomed the new members into the council and urged them to work hard towards bringing more resources to the Society.

There being no other business in which due notice was received the meeting ended at 2.30pm with a word of prayer from Samson Waweru.

CHAIRMAN.....

SIGN.....

SECRETARY.....

SIGN.....

DATE.....