

**MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KENYA SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND
HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2019 AS FROM 3.00PM AT NAIROBI CLUB**

1	ANDREW MUNGAI	28	IAN ADAGALA	55	MIKE MAKENZI
2	ANGELA WAMBUI	29	IGNATUIS IGAN	56	MOSES GICKUKU
3	ANGELINE AKAI	30	IGNICIOUS	57	MUNGAI WINNIE
4	APPOLO NJOROGE	31	ISABELL KARIMI	58	PAUL MUNENE PAUL MWITA
5	BENSON KARANJA	32	IVAN ODERA	59	KOROSO PETRONILA
6	BETH WANDIA	33	JACKSON KIRIMA	60	ODUOR
7	CAROLINE OTIENO	34	JAMES OLUCHO	61	PRAXEDES MARY RAYDON
8	CELINE AKINYI	35	JAMES OPERE JANET WAWIRA	62	SHITAMBASI
9	CLINON LAAMA	36	CHIRA	63	ROBERT MAINA SALIM
10	CONSOLATA NDUGI	37	JOAN OTIENO	64	MOHAMMED SAMSON
11	DAMARIS NZISA	38	JOHN EGWERO	65	WAWERU SAMWEL
12	DAN MATAKAYA	39	JOHN MELEJI	66	BUKHALA SAMWEL
13	DANIEL MASESE	40	JOHN NDICHO	67	CHIRCHIR SAMWEL
14	DENNIS KIMATHI	41	JOHNSON KITETU	68	MWAURA
15	DR F NDONYE	42	JOHNSON RIUNGU	69	SEBASTIAN AMOI
16	DR KIBAYA LAIBUTA	43	JOSHAA NDOLO	70	SHADRACK
17	DR MOGESA BENARD	44	JULIANA KIVASU	71	SHARON WANGUI SOLOMON
18	ELIZABETH MAINGI	45	KAMANJA MAERIA	72	BUKHALA SOLOMON
19	EMMA WAMBUGU	46	KARIM SIDI	73	ODHIAMBO
20	ERICK NGONDI	47	KELVIN NDUNGU	74	STELLA BETT
21	ESTHER MAKENZI	48	KEN NDUNGI	75	SYVIA AMAGOVE
22	EVELYNE OGOLA	49	KEVIN KIHARA	76	THOM MABIL THOMAS
23	EVELYNE OPIYO	50	LEAH GAKOI	77	WAMBUGU
24	FELISTA WAKINA	51	LILIAN NJERI	78	TOM OWINO
25	GEORGE KIMANI	52	LOROME TOM	79	VALENTINE HU

26 GILBERT AWINI
27 HERI MWAGONA

53 MERCY KAVANYI
54 MICHEAL GICHIMU

WILSON
80 MACHARIA

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Paul Mugambi
2. Wagaiyu Kariuki
3. Jonathan Nyamai
4. Catherine Kariuki
5. Stanley Mutuma.
6. Dr. Samuel Tororei
7. Dr. Michael Gichangi

PRELIMINARIES

- Registration of members started at 3.00pm.
- The meeting was called to order by the moderator at 3.30pm.
- Opening Prayers were led by Mr Chirchir.
- Moderator invited the members for self-introduction.

MIN 1/2019; TO READ NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The moderator noted that the notice and agenda of the 62nd Annual General meeting was published on standard newspaper on 17th May 2019 and posted on KSB website. The notice was also shared to members via email and SMS.

The moderator read the notice as follows;

Notice is hereby given that the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the society will be held on 12th June 2019 at Nairobi Club on Ngong road , Opposite Kenya National library Services, Nairobi at 3.00pm for the following purposes:

1. To read the notice convening the meeting
2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 9th June 2018
3. To receive and adopt the chairman's report.
4. To receive and adopt treasurers report.
5. To appoint the society auditors for the year 2019
6. To elect members of the council
7. To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

Members who were retiring after serving 6years include;

- I. Dr Kibaya Laibuta
- II. Dr Samwel Tororei
- III. Dr Benard Mogesa

Members whose two years term has expired and are eligible for election include;

- I. Mr Sebastian Amoi
- II. Mr Mike Makenzi

III. Ms Felista Wakina.

The moderator sought to know if there were any objections to the notice. There being no objections or additions, the Notice was Proposed by Mr Paul Munene and seconded by Ms Angeline Akai.

MIN2/2019 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2018.

Ms Juliana Kivasu, Executive director and Secretary to the council informed members that the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 9th June 2018 had been circulated to members together with the notice through emails and also posted in the website prior to the meeting. Ms Kivasu then read the minutes.

After deliberations, it was resolved to adopt the minutes as proposed by **Mr Solomon Odhiambo** and Seconded by **Mr James Opere**, subject to the following amendments

- **Min 3/2018 (1)**- the spelling of Goal ball spelt wrongly as gall ball be amended
- Annex 1; Attendance - Ms Praxedes Olida name wrongly spelt as Praxides Olinda.

Matters arising from 61st Annual General Meeting.

- **Min2/2018 (1)** - Mr Ken Ndungi had requested the society to seek space for the goal ball team to play. Director informed members that a request letter had been written to Kilimani Primary school to use their ground for goal ball, unfortunately the request was declined.
- **Min 2/2018(4)**- Dr Mogesa, Council member and CEO of Kenya Human rights commission had promised to support qualified blind individuals through coaching and mentoring. He informed members that no one came forward after the AGM. However, he informed members that he has one member at the commission who he is mentoring and is willing to support more. He encouraged the qualified youth present to approach him. One member Mr Wilson Macharia expressed interest.
- **Min2/2018(5)** - Director informed members that the promised whites canes had been distributed to members.
- **Open Day-** Members had expressed concern that the Members only get to interact with each other once during the Annual general meeting. He had suggested that the society should have an open day awareness day. Director informed members that members had been invited in March 2019 for an exhibition in collaboration with Human ware in which members were shown new technologies.
- **Meeting with members.** The Chairman met with aggrieved members in March 2019. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of a lobby and advocacy committee to spearhead society advocacy issues.
- **Data Collection during census-** Director informed the team that a letter was written and discussions are underway with the Kenya Bureau of statistics. Once the report is released the society will be informed. She also indicated that PWVIs are also part of the census team.
- **Accessibility of KSB roads within compound.** Mr Ivan Omondi indicated that the road from the main gate to inner gate is not VI friendly and there are a lot of obstructions caused by parked vehicle on the road. The issue of marking of pavement was also raised.
- Mr Masese Informed members that warnings have been put around the compound against vehicles being parked alongside road. He noted there is however need for enforcement.

- The chairman informed members that plans are underway to repair the road. This is due to an MOU with KURA which was initiated by Mr James Opere a Member of resource Mobilization committee.
- Mr Kihara wanted to know if the marking was done. Director informed the members the marking was not done, pending the repair of the road. However, she informed members that the marking can be arranged as we await the major road repairs.
- **Orientation of Security guards.** Mr Omondi informed the members that security guards needed proper guidance on how to offer assistance to VI. **It was recommended that;**
 - There should be a system and procedure in place.
 - Security companies guarding the compound to be trained.
 - A warning of beware of white cane users be erected for vehicle users and they be informed of speed limit.
 - Marking for pathway for VI

MIN 2/2018 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR YEAR 2018.

The chairman, Dr Laibuta informed the members that detailed report is the annual report. He gave a summary of the following pertinent issues.

- He informed members that he had served the society as a member, Vice Chair and chair of the council for the last 6 year hence his term at the council is over. This is in accordance to governance policy of the society.
- He noted during his term he has served with highly committed society members and volunteers at council level and committee level. He appreciated the council members and committee members for their devoted contribution in time, ideas, energy and resources that made KSB what it is today.
- He acknowledged that the outgoing team has done very well, however, there is need to do much more for the society to get to vision 2030.
- He further highlighted the pending projects that he wished the incoming chair and his team would take up and promised to support the team either in committee or in personal capacity for at least one year so as to realise the dreams. Some of the pending projects heighthed were:
 - I. The realisation of Vision 2030. He noted that the society and as well as the country was far from realisation of the vision.
 - II. The rehabilitation centre. He noted that there are milestones that have been made towards this project. The major ones being the design approval with the relevant authorities and the VAT waiver of Kshs 445M which will be a good saving once the funding is gotten. However, financing for the project is still a challenge.
 - III. The upgrading of production unit that required initially Kshs 40M. The cost has gone up to 50M due to inflation. The council has been working closely with Dr Gichangi to request government to fund the project.
 - IV. The council has engaged a consultant who is to revamp KSB brand in a national wide campaign. The consultant Blue Sky rays will work closely with the fundraising committee. He invited members to give needed support to the team to make it a success.

- V. Bomet and Rotary club have signed an MOU to establish the Bomet office which was destroyed in 2017 by fire.

He appreciated individuals, schools, colleges and corporates for participating in KSB events with special mention of Mrs Mia Dunford who has continuously supported the society through fishing tournament event; PS Macharia for attending Blind walk; Individuals and corporates who annually donate; Habib Bank. Sunil Bavaal, Julian Hime , Joy V Bhat.

He thanked the ministries that have supported the society over the years; Ministry of Health for their support during eye camps. He hoped the ministry will support the production unit.

Ministry of education for their representation in the council and for working with the society on Strategic paper for learners with Visual impairment.

Gratitude to Bomet and Rotary club for Bomet program.

He invited members to participate in 2019 Events that is, Annual golf event to be held in Limuru on 28th June 2019 and Mt Longonot Climb to be held in September 2019.

He appreciated the council, KSB lean secretariat and encouraged them to continue with the hard work.

He thanked entire KSB membership for their support during his tenure in the council and wished the incoming council members well.

Reactions to Chairman Report

1. Mr Jackson Kilima noted that the silence of the society is well known, the activities are not known, and society events are not well advertised. The society should be more pronounced and known countrywide.
2. Mr Samson Waweru appreciated the chairman for his service to the society. He noted that it's good to be in a society many people want to serve. Mr Waweru inquired to what extend was the society involved with advising Central Bank of Kenya production of new currency for accessibility for Persons with visual impairment. He noted the new currency notes were not easily identifiable to persons with visual impairment yet CBK claims to have consulted the society. If the society had indeed consulted with CBK why is another organisation taking credibility. He noted that there is a media campaign informing members that the notes are user friendly to VIPs.
3. Ms Angeline Akai thanked the outgoing chairman for the good work and urged him to continue supporting the society in his personal capacity. Ms Akai sort to know how far the Kenya Society for the Blind Act is aligned with the Kenya constitution and CPRD.

4. Mr Ivan Omondi noted that he and persons with disability do not relate with the chairman's report. He also sort to know why the society members are not getting the much needed support.

5. Dr Oluoch, Student at Centre for adaptive Technology and lecturer at PAC University, thanked the council and the secretariat for the good work. He was particularly thankful to the society for giving him the opportunity to be the first visually impaired person to mark exams at KANSEB.
He noted the amount being raised by the society is very little and much is needed in the fundraising department. He noted that the society needs to come up with ways to revamp its programs. He suggested that there is need for Hostel for students, Improve the transport system for students.
Dr Oluoch urged members to be ambassadors at their place of work and see what they can do for the society. He urged members to support the society in employing society members and encouraging colleagues to participate in KSB activities.
He also suggested that the fundraising unit of the society should be global. The society should seek international partners to support their program activities.

Chairman Response

1. Mr Laibuta appreciated Mr Kilima's comment and noted that the council was aware of the silence hence the decision to engage a consultant to revamp KSB brand and come up with nationwide campaign was approved. He introduced the member to Mr Heri Mwagonah of Blue rays who will spearhead publicity campaign together with the Fundraising committee. On publicity of KSB events, the chairman noted that advertisements are quite costly, and the society has been relying on the goodwill of its partners to publicize its events. He appreciated standard media group for print and audio space for KSB events on pro bono basis. He also appreciated Ms Angela Wambui, member of fundraising committee who has been donating her truck for publicity awareness of KSB events on pro bono basis.
He informed members that they are all ambassadors of the society and urged them to publicise the society wherever they are.
2. Dr Laibuta informed members that a letter had been written to Central bank of Kenya with suggestions on ways the notes can be identifiable to the visually impaired persons (VIPs). Part of the suggestions was to have different lines for different notes that can be easily identifiable by VIPs. However, the suggestions were not followed to the letter.
The chairman interacted with the note and confirmed that the suggested lines are not identifiable to a visually impaired person.
Dr Laibuta instructed Director to launch a complaint with the Central bank.
In regards to publicity undertaken by another society, The society is unable to curtain the activities undertaken by the other organisation.
3. The society has undertaken to review the Act, meeting was held and recommendations were made. The support of the bill in parliament for review of the ACT is costly and the society is on cash constraint. The society has been approaching different organisations through Council members' linkages to appeal for support. Dr Laibuta approached IDLO and Dr Mogesa approached Kenya Human Rights, both organisations were not able to support.

Chairman suggested as the society awaits the support, the council should start by reviewing the governance manual to align it to the current constitution.

4. Dr Laibuta informed members that they are all ambassadors of the society and that it's unfortunate that some can't relate to the report. He informed members that there is a lot that the society does members are not aware. He informed members to all interact with the act that covers not only blindness but also Education, Rehabilitation and Eye care activities. He thanked Dr Gichangi for his support in eye care for many years. He also thanked Mr Mike Makenzi who has been instrumental in ensuring that UAP Old Mutual continuously supports the society through various eye screening camps and purchase of assistive devices. He also informed the members that the society has been involved in job placement of its members with Safaricom and individual; Elizabeth Maingi at Roto Moulders. He also alluded that he is among the first beneficiaries of the society rehabilitation program in which he will always be grateful.

Chairman urged Mr Ivan Omondi to visit director's office which specific issues in which he felt had not been addressed and chairman will address them.

5. Chairman thanked Dr Oluoch and assured him that his good suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Members were assured that the suggestions and proposals made would be looked into and acted upon.

The report was proposed for adoption by Mr Solomon Bukhala and seconded by Mr Tom Owino.

MIN 4/2019; TO RECIEVE AND ADOPT TREASURER REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018

The treasurer invited auditors to give their report on the audited accounts for the year 2018.

Mr Samuel Mwaura, Audit manager with WIA East Africa read abridged version of the audited financial statement. He also presented auditors opinion and noted that the financial statements gave a true and fair representation of the society accounts in accordance the with

Ms Wakina, Council Treasurer gave brief analysis of the financial performance for the year 2018. In her presentation she noted there was a 2% increase in revenue. She noted that though the income was constrain t hence the society had to embrace key cost cutting measures.

She thanked the all the development partners, individual and corporate for the continuous support. She also appreciated Finance Committee for the commitment and welcomed more members to join the team.

After the presentation, members were invited to discuss the financial statements.

- Mr Ivan Omondi sought clarification of the make of 77% Income generating activities. Treasurer responded that it comprises of Rent and Eye cares Services.
- Mr Ndungi sought clarification of Membership and subscription. Chairman clarified that The society has 3 membership categories annual members- 12 months period January to December; Life members who pay Kshs 5,000/= once and corporate members
- Mr Ivan requested the Resource mobilization team to state what they had done during their tenure. Mr Mike Makenzi gave a brief summary with highlight being engagement of a consultant to refresh KSB brand and Fundraise for the society. Dr Laibuta informed members that Mrr Makenzi has been very influential in ensuring that the society is supported by UAP Foundation during his tenure at the council and committee level. Through UAP foundation the society has been able to undertake various school screening in different counties and purchase assistive devices. He urged all members to create such linkages for the society.
It was noted the team has only been in operation for only one year and members were requested to give them time to actualize fundraising and awareness strategies that they have set in motion.

The report was proposed by Mr Johnson Kitetu and seconded by Mr Wilson Macharia

MIN 5/2019; TO APPOINT THE SOCIETY AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2019.

The council recommended to the members the appointment of WIA East Africa as the Society external auditors for the year ending 31st December 2019.
Following the recommendation, discussions ensued and it was resolved that WIA East Africa be reappointed as Society External Auditors for the year ending 31st December 2019. This was proposed by Mr Samson Waweru and seconded by Mr Jackson Kilima.

MIN 6/2019; TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The chairman informed members that there are three members who are retiring after serving the council for 6years. Namely; Dr Kibaya Laibuta, Dr Samwel Tororei, and Dr Benard Mogesa.

He also informed that the rest of the Members whose two years term has expired and are eligible for election include;

- IV. Mr Sebastian Amoi
- V. Mr Mike Makenzi
- VI. Ms Felista Wakina.

He brought the motion to allow the members who are eligible for re-election to be allowed to continue in office to allow for continuity since all the other elected members have retired or all positions be declared vacant and all members be elected.

After deliberations it was resolved that Mr Sebastian Amoi, Mr Mike Makenzi and Ms Wakina not to undergo election process and be allowed to continue serving the council. This is to allow for continuity.

The motion was proposed by Mr Ivan Omondi, Jackson Kilima and Seconded by Mr Dan Shieshie and Mr Daniel Ndugi.

Following the above motion, three vacant positions were declared. There were 10 candidates had expressed interested in the positions and had been dully nominated by members.

The chairman urged the members to consider the Kenyan constitution in terms of gender and disability while conducting elections.

Dr Bernard Mogesa read though the profiles of the candidates. Each candidate was requested to say their qualifications and what they aim to achieve.

Mr Kevin Kihara and Andrew Mungai opted to step down and be allowed to continue serving in Finance and Resource mobilization committee respectively. Thereby leaving 8 interested candidates to vie for 3 vacant positions.

Mr Solomon Odhiambo and Mr Kevin Kihara were proposed to be returning officers. Voting was done by way of secret ballot.

Election results.

	Candidate Name	No. of Votes
1	Samson Waweru Njoki	43
2	Stanley Mutumwa	25
3	Angeline Akai	33
4	George Ngundo Kimani	8
5	James Ogola Oluoch.	16
6	James Opere	5
7	Salim Mohamed	14
8	Angela Wambui Wacheke	27
9	Spoilt and Blank	6
		177
	No of Voters	57

Based on results, Mr Samson Waweru Njoki, Angeline Akai and Angela Wambui were elected into the council.

The newly elected council members were invited by the outgoing chairman to join the council members. They were also given an opportunity to address the members.

The outgoing council members gave their vote of thanks. Director appreciated the members for long service and gave them each outgoing member an appreciation gift.

MIN 7/2019; ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Daniel Masese gave a vote of tanks to all members who attended the meeting and welcomed everyone to attend upcoming KSB events Golf on 28th June and Climbing Mt Longonot on 21st September 2019.

There being no other business of which due notice had been given the meeting ended at 8.00pm with a word of Prayer from Mr Sebastian Amoi.

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Note;

Solomon Odhiambo hinted that he needed assistance for his school fees and that anyone willing and able should contact him.

Dr Ndonge, NGEK staff, urged members who have are interested in Journalism and have a Diploma in Journalism to contact KSB Director who will get in touch with Him.