 **Western Cape Street Children’s Forum**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

24th August 2022

10:00-12H00 on Zoom

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**Present**: Wilma Piek (VRCID), Tinashe Mhangara (VRCID), Bettie Niewoudt (Stellcare), Cindee de Bruyns (UCT SD), Wendy Bosse (Olympians), Nokonwaba Mdlanti (Masithembele DIC), Theresa Massaglia (ignisive), Maria Sikaundi (The Hometead), Anna Els (Kalk Bay St James SRA), Herman Smit (CAP), Alana Viljoen (CAP), Chris de Beyer (Quality Life Montessori), Tjarla Norton (Community Cookup), Reinette Retief (StreetSmart), Liz Huckles (Hout Bay Lions Club), Wendy Lessing (Khululeka Grief Support), Moussa Mulamba (ThinkTwice), Avril Thomas (Living Hope), Sive Vaalteen (Living Hope), Petro Brink (DSD Research), Alfred De Vries (DSD CTLO), Andrea Castle (DSD Street Children’s Progr), Zayaan Noordien (DSD Research),Virginia (?), Janice King (WCSCF), Gaye Moonieya(WCSCF), Jenny Claasen (WCSCF)

**Apologies**: Joy Adonis (Youth Outreach), Tessa Gardener (Hands and Feet), Cnl Roberto Quintus, Sonika Badenhorst (YFC), Aldine Deelan (Agape DIC)

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**1. Welcome, apologies:** Wilma welcomed all to the WCSCF AGM and asked all attendees to leave their details in the chat (for attendance register). Janice read the apologies submitted.

**2. Adoption of last AGM Minutes.** Janice read from the previous Minutes. (Correction of the spelling mistake on Minutes: 2022 instead 2021. Chris affiliation to Quality Life Montessori not CT Child welfare. Proposed: Chris de Beyer. Seconded: Wendy Bosse. Janice will put the Minutes on the Website.

**3. Chairperson’s Report: Wilma Piek.** WCSCF has had a busy year, which she described as ‘The Good, The Bad and The Ugly’. ‘Good’ - because of Covid, we were forced to focus on virtual ways to have meetings. This enabled more people to have access to the Forum, which was great. ‘Bad’ - Advocacy across the sector was challenging on children and families without face-to-face meetings and with difficulty in getting appointments with DSD Designated Offices, but we are moving back to in-person meetings and it has had a positive impact. ‘Ugly’ - There is an big increase in the number of vulnerable children, who are also at higher risk of getting involved in gangsterism. So many of the services that are suppose to be in place for children are failing them. The most vulnerable children on the street seem to be falling through the cracks. Going forward, we need a more structured and urgent approach to assist these children. Wilma thanked everyone present for attending, DSD for doing their best under financial pressure, but we need more accountability. She thanked Janice for her very hard work – often doing more than her own work. She gave a warm welcome to Gaye who will be doing supervision of the DIC Social Workers and thanked Jenny, the assistant coordinator for her reliability and diligence. Lastly, stating how she enjoyed and valued her time with the Forum, she thanked the Board Members for their time and efforts and wished everyone all the best going forward.

**4.Treasurer’s Report and adoption of Audited Financial Statements: Herman Smit**. The Annual Treasurers Report has been tabled. Through the Covid period, it was quite difficult with funds and fundraising. He commended and thanked Janice and the team for their efforts to manage the funds carefully. The Bookkeepers, Gillian and Cameron Visage from Bounce Up Consultants, did an excellent job and everything is up to date. WCSCF Finances have been audited, viewed by board, and were passed with a clear record. Janice will circulate to all the members on request. Herman thanked everyone as this was his last year as a Board Member. He will be willing to support in any way he can in the future.

**Adoption of Audited Financial Statements.** Proposed: Chris de Beyer and seconded by Wendy Bosse. WCSCF Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements will be sent to Members and Attendees on request.

**5.** **Proposal & Adoption of Auditors for next year.** The same auditors as this year, MFS Auditors Inc was proposed by Janice King. Seconded: Wilma Piek.

**6. Directors Report: Janice King.** It was lovely to work with Rushni and Jenny this last year, and we were very sad to say good-bye to Rushni due to ill health. Things are tough when it comes to children on the street and has become worse for vulnerable children. We have a lot of catching up to do after the Covid lockdowns and the only way to move forward is to do it together. That is what the Network is all about. It is good to gather again in person in Sub-Forums with Roleplayer – it takes more effort, but most people are excited to be face-to-face. After the disconnection of lockdown, and turnover of Roleplayers, we all need to reconnect, building relationships with new people. It is important to clarify roles and to hold one another accountable. The goal is to improve service delivery and coordinate the sector better for the sake of the children on the street and in PEI work. Janice will do supervision again when DSD allocates us another DIC. She will miss working with the Social Workers, but is confident that Gaye will be a superb supervisor to them. She thanked the social workers present for the work they are doing and welcomed the new social workers. In the Network, her advocacy focus this coming year will be on Permanency Planning. She is excited about Annemie van Reenen’s new provincial strategy for the street children and is motivated to partner with her. Andrea, the DSD Social Worker specializing in children on the street, is our contact at both the Cape Town local office and at Provincial office. Petro and Zayaan, present today, are part of the DSD team that will be doing research prior to the development of the new strategy – we look forward to sharing our data and insights with them. Since Annemie Van Reenen can’t be here today as our Guest Speaker, we will spend the time brainstorming any challenges we face and therefore what we would like to see a Provincial Strategy. This feedback will then be passed on to Annemie. Janice thanked The Board and the Team for their support, efforts, commitment and passion and for providing the necessary governance and structure.

The meeting made a **RESOLUTION** delegating Janice is to represent the Forum and actively pursue the opportunity of partnering with Annemie Van Reenen in her development of a new Provincial Street Children’s Strategy, to encourage an holistic approach and the effective rollout of the Dedicated Designated Team at local DSD Offices.

**7. Changes to the WCSCF Constitution.** No changes to the Constitution

**8. WCSCF Executive Nominations & Elections**

**Nominations.** Janice gave a brief background of each of the Nominees. Nine people are not too much for a board, so all of the nominees could be on the Board. It would be good to have a range of ages and experience on the board.

* Wendy Bosse Olympians Social Development
* Cindee Bruyns UCT Dept of Social development
* Chris de Beyer Quality Life Montessori
* Theresa Massaglia ignisive
* Maria Sikaundi The Homestead
* Alana Viljoen CAP
* Moussa Mulamba ThinkTwice
* Tinashe Mhangara VRCID
* Aldine Deelman Agape

**Chris**: Asked what the Constitution states about having nine board members. **Janice**: The Constitution only states a minimum of five board members.

**Election: The Meeting** accepted the election of nine Board Members. This was proposed by Herman Smit and seconded by Wendy Bosse.

**Wilma:** The new board will elect among themselves the new Chairperson and the other office bearers. To serve on the board is not merely something to put on one’s CV, but one really has to roll up your sleeves and work for the organisation and this is a very worthy cause.

**9. Special Ratifying Meeting**

**Jenny:** We do not have a quorum at this meeting. (Moussa lost connection and will not be able to connect again. He confirmed his availability to serve on the board). **Wilma**: We will have to have a Post AGM meeting within 7 days. **Janice proposed** Friday 26th August 2022 at 12H00 which was agreed. Janice to send out invite for the meeting. No quorum is needed at that meeting.

**10. Brainstorming: New Provincial Street Children’s Strategy**

The meeting was closed, with the reminder for those who can to attend the Special Post AGM Meeting on Friday 26th August 2022 at 12noon, to ratify all decisions taken at this meeting.



Signed: Chairperson: Chris De Beyer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 20 July 2023

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Special Meeting Post ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th August 2022

12H00 on Zoom

**Present:** Tinashe Mhangara (VRCID), Wilma Piek (VRCID, Tjarla Norton (Community Cookup), Rose Tshikalange (VCC), Sonika Badenhorst (YFC Kidstop), Janice King (WCSCF), Jenny Claasen (WCSCF)

**Apologies**: Anna Els (Kalk Bay St James SRA), Chris de Beyer (QLM), Theresa Massaglia (ignisive)

**Welcome, apologies:** Wilma welcomed all. Due to there not being a quorum at the WCSCF AGM on the 24th August, and according to law and our Constitution, we are required to hold a special meeting within 7 days of the AGM to ratify all decisions made there. A quorum is not required at this meeting.

1. **Reportback on AGM held 24th August 2022 (Janice)**

The speaker for our AGM, Annemie van Reenen, gave us an hours notice of being unable to attend. She was to speak on the Street Children’s Strategy for the Western Cape. Instead, the meeting had a discussion on what they would like to be included in the strategy. Annemie has appointed a research team to assist formulating a strategy. Two of the researchers attended the AGM. Summary notes will be made of the discussion.

1. **Adoption of decisions made at AGM.**

3.1 **Election of Board Members. Wilma Piek, Herman Smit, Bettie Nieuwoudt and Isaace Rambauli stepped down from the Board, after a number of years’ service. They are sincerely thanked for their time on and service to the WCSCF Board, which has been greatly appreciated. Wendy Bosse, Christopher De Beyer, Cindee Bruyns and Theresa Massaglia were re-nominated to continue serving on the Board. Five (5) new Members were nominated and it was agreed that all should be accepted onto the Board, taking the tally up to 9 Members. Christopher would like to co-opt Peter Williams to stand as the Treasurer. Those present at the AGM voted to accept all these nominations. This makes the Current Board Members as follows:**

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| Name | Current employer | Area located |
| Wendy Bosse | Olympians Social Development NGO | Durbanville, Fisantekraal |
| Cindee Bruyns | UCT Dept of SocialDevelopment | Plumstead, CT |
| Chris DeBeyer | Corporate & Board of CT Child Welfare | Pinelands, CT |
| Theresa Massaglia | Ignisive | Camps Bay |
| Maria Sikaundi | The Homestead | All CT Metros |
| Tinashe Mhangara | VRCID | Parow |
| Alana Viljoen | CAP | Swellendam |
| Aldine Deelman | Agape DIC | Mossell Bay |
| Moussa Mulamba | ThinkTwice | Rondebosch |
| Peter Williams | Children’s Hospital Trust | Claremont |

These decisions were proposed by Tinashe and seconded by Tjarla.

Janice also proposed the co-option ofKubeshini Govener, 30 years’ experience at WCED, as a Board Member. Tjarla: The WCSCF will shed light on co-op of Members. Wilma will forward Janine Myburg’s details to Janice – she is an attorney who can’t serve on the board, but is willing to give legal advice when needed.

* 1. **Adoption of Audited Financial Statements** – ratified by those present.
  2. **Proposal & Adoption of Auditors for next year**. The same auditors as this year, MFS Auditors Inc was proposed by Janice King. Seconded: Wilma Piek.

Since all matters were concluded, Wilma thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed.



Signed: Chairperson: Chris De Beyer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 20 July 2023