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From the Chairman



Chairman Jan Richter

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

I think all of us at the end of 2020 were looking forward to a Covid 19 free 2021. However, the Covid 19 pandemic was and is still with us and again impacted the activities of the Woodworking Association of Pretoria. This report looks back at another year in which the activities of the Woodworking Association of Pretoria were negatively impacted.

1. Management Committee

Here we are looking at the committee structure and the issues handled by them.

1.1. Management Committee 2021

The annual general meeting of 2021 took place on 31 March 2021 after the meeting scheduled for January was cancelled due to the Covid-19 regulations and the meeting in February could not be constituted as there was no quorum present. This meeting was attended by 31 members with 15 apologies accompanied by proxies. The membership count stood at 158 paid-up members, as a quorum was present the meeting could be constituted.

Nominations for all positions on the Committee were submitted by members before the meeting. The chairman was unanimously re-elected. The 7 committee members were elected by means of ballot papers. Of these 7 members 5 served on the previous committee.

As per the constitution the office bearers were elected at the first committee meeting held on 12 April 2021. The office bearers and committee portfolios are:

Committee Role	Name	Portfolio
Chairman	Jan Richter	Monthly meeting program and arrangements AWSA Tambotie liaison
Vice-chairman	Derik van Rensburg	Membership affairs Facebook Monthly meeting program and arrangements
Secretary	Michiel van den Berg	Liquid refreshments Shirts
Treasurer	Bruce Carter	Woodcarvers Monthly meeting program and arrangements
Additional Member	Gawie Botha	Wood Expo and Craft Festival organiser Hobby X
	Alan Crawford	Hobby X Workshop and Training Centre Mentorship
	Marius du Toit	Cabinetmakers and restorers Monthly meeting program and arrangements
	Carl de Beer	Turners Wood Expo and Craft Festival

All the Committee Members are also responsible to take care of new members and visitors at the meetings as well as for hall duty.

The Management Committee had meetings in person in April and May. The Management Committee meetings in June, September, October, and November were virtual meetings via Zoom. Important issues that required the attention of the Committee were handled during July and August on the WhatsApp group of the Management Committee. A special meeting to finalise the arrangements for the 2020-2021 Exhibition was held in October.

2020-2021 Exhibition

Due to Covid-19 pandemic the Wood Expo and Craft Festival did not take place in its normal form of the last few years up to 2019. The Management Committee decided to give the members the opportunity to display their work to other members and to have their work evaluated at the 2020-2021 Exhibition that took place on 30 October.

Exhibition Statistics:

Members attending exhibition	45
Members participating in Exhibition	23
Members participating in the evaluation	10
Entries for display	123 (151 items)
Entries for evaluation	39 (43 items)

Certificates awarded:

Gold:	21
Cabinetmakers	3
Turners	1
Utilities	17
Silver	8
Cabinetmakers	3
Restorers	1
Turners	4
Bronze	10
Cabinetmakers	7
Restorers	1
Turners	2

Trophy winners:

Executool trophy for best furniture	Corneel du Toit
Phil Irons trophy for turning	Andy Sutton
Secretary trophy for utilities	Willem Nordeje and Andy Sutton
Daan Badenhorst Trofee	Corneel du Toit

This year the Daan Badenhorst trophy was the first time awarded for the item on display that was chosen by the visitors as their favourite. A total of 52 visitors

participated in choosing the visitors' favourite and the trophy was awarded to Corneel du Toit for his workbench that was also the winner of the Executool trophy.

Thank you to every member of the Committee for their hard work to make the Exhibition a success and to every member and visitor who attended the exhibition.

Workshop and Training Centre

There was no movement on the Workshop and Training Centre project. The grant of R25 000 that was allocated by the Management Committee for this project is kept in the savings account of the Association.

Membership

During 2021 four of our members and one ex member passed away. Our deepest sympathy is going to the families of Dries Pretorius, Derrick Griffiths, Steve Prinsloo and Abie de Beer, all members and to the family of Johan Labuschagne, who was a member for many years until the end of 2019.

The membership status will be covered by Derik van Rensburg. Thank you, Derik, for taking care of the membership affairs.

Subscription for 2022

The Management committee decided that the subscription fee for 2022 will remain the same as what it was in 2021, namely R220.00 for ordinary members and R110.00 for junior/student members.

Finances

Thank you to the treasurer, Bruce Carter for handling the finances of the association throughout the year, and to Carl van Rensburg for taking care of the financial statements.

Secretarial Function

Michiel van den Berg was again the secretary this year, Thank you Michiel for the accurate minuting of the meetings and the fast preparation of the minutes.

Library

The book collection of the Association was moved from Silverton Timber Merchants to a room at "Die Werf". Thank you to the management of Erika Volkspeelaer for making the room available and to Carl de Beer who took responsibly for the library and the move of the books.

Interest Groups

The activities of the Association can still be divided into the three interest groups, namely the cabinet makers and restorers, the turners, and the woodcarvers. The steering group members for 2021 for the cabinetmakers and restorers were Marius du Toit, Andreas Swart and Dries du Toit, for the turners they were Braam Burger, Jan Richter, Alan Crawford, Lourens Badenhorst and Carl de Beer. Audrey Miles was looking after the interests of the Wood Carvers.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of many of the meetings of the interest groups. The cabinetmakers and restorers had meetings in March, April, May, September, October, and November. All these meetings received positive feedback and comments on the WhatsApp group of the cabinetmakers and restorers.

The turners had meetings at the Scout Hall in April, May, and October.

Many of our members were active in their workshops. The many, interesting postings on the WhatsApp group and the items on display at the exhibition are proof of this.

Monthly General Meetings

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic there were nine general meetings during 2021. It was necessary to hold online meetings in June and July. The table provides an overview of the meetings that took place. The meetings at "Die Werf" were also streamed via Zoom and in the case of two meetings some of the speakers were at remote locations.

Month	"Die Werf" / Online	Speaker(s)	Topic
February	Online	Annual General Meeting	Due to no quorum the meeting could not be constituted.
March	Die Werf	Annual General Meeting	
April	Die Werf	Rare Woods – Cape Town Silverton Timber Merchants - Pretoria	Wood suppliers

May	Die Werf	BPM Toolcraft – Cape Town Powerdek - Pretoria	Tool Suppliers
June	Online	Creg Combrink	Tool Corrosion
July	Online	Corneel du Toit	Virtual tour of his workshop
August	Die Werf	Mannetjies Schmidt	Woodoc products
September	Die Werf	Audrey Miles	The integration of woodgrain, colour, and imperfection in woodcarving.
October	Nuwe Hoop School	2020-2021 Exhibition	
November	Italian Club	Year End Function	Members

Thank you to everyone who made these meetings possible. The passion, with which the speakers and the members at the show and tell talked about the topics and the items they have made, shows that woodwork as a hobby (for most of us) and for some a career plays a major role in our Association and lives.

I would also like to thank Derik van Rensburg for organising the year end function. It was a very enjoyable event, and all the attendees had a great time together.

Communication

Over and above the meeting notifications that are normally distributed to the members via email and on the WhatsApp groups, our newsletter, Tambotie, and our website are also used to inform the members as well as the public of the activities of the Woodworking Association of Pretoria. Paul Roberts, the editor of Tambotie had a hard time to source suitable contributions for the newsletter. However, he succeeded to provide us with good reading material that covered the activities of 2021. Thank you very much Paul.

Although the website is still alive, I think it is necessary that it gets a full revamped. I want to invite knowledgeable members to make themselves available to take over the website and to act as webmaster(s).

In Closing

2021 was again due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a difficult year to present something meaningful and of value to the members, but with the support of the committee members and members of the Association, we managed to have a more active year. I am very thankful towards every Committee member as well as members who contributed.

Association's Monthly Meeting: 26 January 2022

By Paul Roberts

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held during the evening. The documentation for the AGM had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The attendance plus proxies were enough to be able to constitute the meeting.

Chairman Jan Richter delivered his well-prepared Annual Report which has been included under "From the Chairman". Some important issues which were highlighted are:

- The Association is looking for a new Webmaster as the site needs updating;
- The proposed Association Workshop was not viable under the Covid restrictions and if the Association wants to implement it, a new business model needs to be developed. Paul Roberts found that having a 'split' workshop facility did not work in practice;
- The Association's financial situation is sound despite Covid and no Exhibition;
- Derik van Rensburg delivered a report on membership and stated that we have 132 members with an average age of 62 years (between 17 and 86). Recruitment occurs mostly during the Exhibition.



Attendees at the meeting



Chairman Jan Richter delivering his Annual Report

Jan Richter was elected as Chairman for 2022 and then the new Management Committee was elected. The full Committee is shown in the photograph below.

Jan Richter touched on several issues when discussing his vision for 2022 and the main issues were:

- Encouraging members to know each other;
- Meetings to be of interest for persons from beginner to advanced;

During the general discussion from the floor the following issues were raised:

- Endorsement on the need to improve the website;
- Demonstration of specialised equipment;
- Records of jigs that people have made;
- A call to the membership to propose topics for the main monthly meeting.

The meeting ended at 19h10 and members had an enjoyable time thereafter with woodworking colleagues and consuming the refreshments.



Refreshments after the meeting



**Management Committee 2022: L to R:
Corneel du Toit, Bruce Carter, Michiel van den Berg, Derik van Rensburg, Braam Burgher, Gawie Botha, Willem Semmelink.**

Cabinet Makers and Restorers: 15 January 2022

By Paul Roberts

The first meeting of the year was held at the workshop of Marius du Toit in Centurion and was attended by 17 persons. The main theme was to present items made during Covid restrictions and during the holiday recess. The meeting report is presented in photographic form. At the end of the meeting a new Cabinet Makers and Restorers Management Committee was elected as follows: Corneel du Toit (Chairman); André Swanepoel; Peter Honegger. Members were requested to send in proposals for meetings to Corneel.

The major Show and Tell items the members presented are shown below:



Ewald Graefe developed this wooden gazebo which he uses for displays when selling his wooden products. It always attracts a lot of attention and comment!



Michiel van den Berg built this wooden vegetable rack from 'scrap' wood.



Paul Roberts developed and made this slide copying system. The mounting box is made from birch plywood.



Willie Marneweck explaining details of his cross cut sled for his table saw.



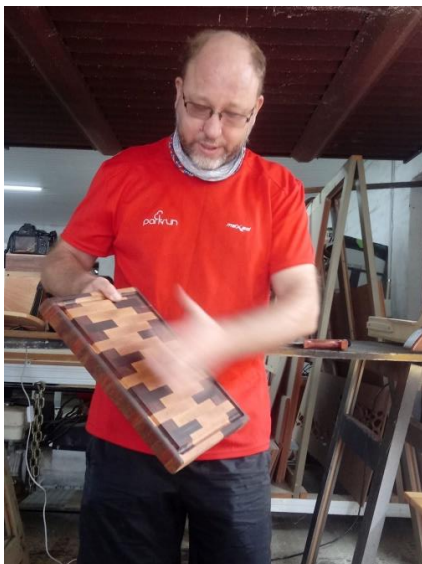
Corneel du Toit renovated this handsaw. He made a new handle and had to import the saw nuts from the USA.



Pieter Vrolijk made this bath caddy, with space for four tealight candles, a wine glass and a tablet/cellphone. It has adjustable stays underneath to make sure it doesn't slip sideways while in use. Made from red alder.



Peter Honegger with his useful tool caddy.



Pieter Vrolijk with a cutting board



Marius du Toit made a number of these for family gifts. Use was made of his CNC machine.



Theo van Wyk constructed this turned table from kiaat. Total materials cost of R300.

Turners Meeting on 22 January 2022

By Alan Crawford

The turners held their January meeting at the Scout Hall in Lynnwood, there was no planned presentation but rather a social gathering. Braam opened the meeting welcoming all attendees and laying out the morning's programme, an announcement of the recent passing of two turners namely Johan Labuschagne and Abie De Beer, a sad loss to the Turners Group. A brief AGM was held with all current Committee members agreeing to stay on – Braam Burger as Chair. Jan Richter, Lourens Badenhorst, Carl De Beer and Alan Crawford make up the Committee for 2022.

Prizes for the best homework submission for the meetings held in 2021 were awarded as well as two prizes that went to new members for outstanding effort and contribution in 2021, well done to Willem Nordeje and Johan de Waal. A discussion regarding the program for 2022 was raised and with members input a list of nine options were put forward, the list will be investigated by the Turners Committee, finalized and forwarded to members.

Although there were only 16 members in attendance both the homework table and raffle table were loaded with items, the homework – “any items that members had made during the holiday season” varied from an Oluo knife to a microscope carry case along with all the turned items. Contributors and members had some lengthy discussions on the items displayed while

the smell of the braai wafted through the hall and thanks to Jan, Braam and Lourens the wors rolls, beers and cool drinks were ready when we finished with the raffle. Thanks to all those who contributed to the homework and the raffle items, also to the turners committee for laying on the food and drinks. Judging by the number of members that were still there after 12h00, the social gathering was a success, this needs to become an annual event!



Homework table



Pepper mills and knife boxes by Willem Nordeje



Platter with “bowtie” joint Lou Coetzer and Oluo knife by Leon Wolmarans

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