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From the Chairman / Van die Stoel



Chairman Corneel du Toit

Met die aanvang van die nuwe jaar is daar vele om opgewonde oor te wees itv wat 2023 vir Pretoria se Houtwerkersvereniging inhou. Maar voor ons by 2023 kom, net 'n kort refleksie oor 2022.

Met Covid-19 nou vir alle praktiese doeleindes agter ons, kon ons werksaamhede weer redelik normal voortgaan in 2022. Die verskillende fokus groepe kon weer elke maand bymekaarkom en ons algemene maandelikse vergaderings het ook weer mooi spoed opgetel. Die hoogtepunt op ons jaarlikse kalender, die Ekspo, het ook weer plaasgevind, al was die lede se uitstallings en die publiek se bywoning bietjie teleurstellend – ons wil 'n beroep doen op ons lede om 2023 se Ekspo goed te ondersteun deur inskrywings en vriende saam te bring.

With the New Year, we also welcome the new Management Committee, but more importantly, we

want to thank the outgoing committee members. Most notably we want to thank Jan Richter for all his hard work and dedication over the last 3 years – your guidance and leadership through these difficult times are really appreciated. During these difficult times you continued to steer the ship and kept the Association on course. Even when you had your operation, you were still available with guidance and wisdom. On behalf of everyone at the WAP, our heartfelt thank you. Also a big thank you to Gawie Botha and Braam Burger for their service over the past few years, and also thank you for your willingness to assist with the Expo going forward as well. And thank you to Gawie who stepped up when Jan's operation kept him out of action for a few months.

Dankie aan Willem Semmelink en Bruce Carter wat ingestem het vir nog 'n jaar se diens, en welkom aan Derik Janse van Rensburg, Dylan van Graan en Hannes Jansen van Rensburg op die komitee – ek sien uit daarna om die jaar saam met julle te dien.

Een van die positiewe verwickelinge wat reeds in 2022 onder Braam en Jan se leiding begin het, is die sterker verhouding wat die Vereniging met die Nuwe Hoop skool gebou het. In die toekoms sal meeste van die Vereniging se byeenkomste by die skool gehou word – ons dink dit sal baie makliker / veiliger vir ons lede wees as Die Werf in Gesina. Die hoogtepunt in die verhouding is die nuwe werkwinkel – onder Braam se leiding het die werkwinkel al baie goed gevorder en sal ons dit hopelik binnekort ook vir ons lede kan beskikbaar stel om te gebruik – meer details sal later volg. Intussen vra ons dat julle asb vir Braam ondersteun waar nodig (soos bv met die rubber vloer projek) en deel asb enige idees / voorstelle met Braam of die Komitee.

Eventually we also want to use it at a training facility for our members as well as the public. If you might be interested in presenting such training, please chat to Braam or the Committee.

Lastly, we really want to focus on marketing the Association to the public, both in Pretoria but also wider. As such, we will place a renewed focus on Facebook as well as the website. Any suggestions in this regard will also be very welcome.

Enige ander voorstelle om die Vereniging beter te maak, van welke aard ookal, sal natuurlik ook hoog op prys gestel word – gesels asb met ons!

May we all have a blessed and prosperous 2023 with a year that is full of shavings and sawdust and lots of gold certificates at the Expo! May you grow to new heights in your woodworking in 2023.

God Bless,
Corneel

Association's Monthly Meeting: Annual General Meeting 25 January 2023

By Paul Roberts

The Annual General Meeting of 2023 was attended by 34 persons and the necessary quorum was easily achieved. Chairman Jan Richter highlighted his Annual Report of 2022 which had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. It, together with the minutes of the last meeting and financial statements are to be found on the Association's website in the Member's Section. The Association's financial position is sound. Treasurer Bruce Carter presented the financial statements.

A new Management Committee was elected. Nominations had been made prior to the meeting and hence it was an easy process at the meeting. Jan Richter handed over the Chairman's Trophy to the incoming Chairman, Corneel du Toit. The trophy was made by Honorary Member Willie Marneweck. Honorary Member Paul Roberts thanked Jan Richter and his Management Committee for their dedication in keeping the Association in a good condition through the difficult Covid-19 period. Braam Burger gave a brief overview about the workshop facilities at the New Hope School and how it could form a "home" for the Association.



Chairman Jan Richter delivering his annual report



The Chairman's Trophy being handed over to the new Chairman, Corneel du Toit

At the end of the meeting Corneel du Toit presented his vision for the coming year which consisted of the following main elements:

- Workshop and meetings venue at the New Hope School;
- Marketing via the website and Facebook.



***Management Committee 2023
L to R: Willem Semmelink, Dylan van Graan,
Corneel du Toit (Chairman), Bruce Carter, Hannes
Jansen van Rensburg, Derik van Rensburg.***



Enjoying snacks after the meeting.



Workshop with a Sawstop tablesaw.

**Cabinet Makers and Restorers:
21 January 2023
By Paul Roberts**

The meeting was held at the New Hope School in the dining room. Some 17 persons attended the event. A new Steering Committee was elected for the Group and consists of Dylan van Graan (Convenor), Andre' Swanepoel, Peter Honegger and Corneel du Toit.

Corneel demonstrated a "Juice Groove Jig" he had built for routing shapes on cabinet items such as drawer fronts.



Bench-mounted equipment.



Juice groove jig being demonstrated by Corneel.



Lathes (7 off).

Braam Burger then gave an overview about the New Hope School Workshop. It now has a reasonable range of tools and equipment. The workshop will be available to Association members for three days a week. Management details are still being finalised. Braam called on members to become involved. The workshop was inspected after the refreshment break and is illustrated in the photographs.



NHS Woodwork Teacher Rudolf Smit with the laser engraver.



Olive and resin pepper mills - Willem Nordeje

Turner's Meeting on 28 January 2023 By Alan Crawford

The Turners held their January meeting at the New Hope school in Ashlea Garden, this is the first time at this location that offers a promising future for all WAP meetings having a workshop facility, a dining hall where we had the meeting and possible use of a lecture hall that would cater for all our needs. There was no planned presentation but rather an introduction to the facilities available at the school. Braam Burger opened the meeting welcoming all attendees, discussed the layout of the facilities available and possible future plans and ultimately the development of a training centre. In November a turners group 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 2023.

The homework table was loaded with close to 40 items, each contributor then had a chance to present their items and answer questions from the group, the main contributors were Ian de Wet and Willem Nordeje who both had a number of items on display.



Homework item by Willem Nordeje



Homework item by Ian de Wet

Jan Richter then showed us the soft jaws he 3D prints for the Nova chuck, mainly designed to hold wood lids for jam jars, two sizes are available. If anyone is interested in obtaining some jaws please contact Jan.

Lou Coetzer then gave us a very interesting talk on spalting in wood before we moved to the workshop for a look around and discussion on the layout and the suitability of having demonstrations in the workshop.

The morning ended with a wors and bun braai outside the workshop.

Tambotie-New Editor Sought

I have been involved in the production of Tambotie for a number of years and I consider that the time is now ripe for someone else to fill the Editor position. While the position does involve some work, there is a benefit as one gets to know the membership and activities of the Association. Please contact the Management Committee if you are interested in this opportunity.

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