



AGM 2018

Note 3: Final Arrangements

Dear shell friends,

This should be my last AGM-related Letter for this year, and provides a final, concise update on proceedings. Accompanying this letter are more documents for you to read, including the final version of the list of items destined for the AGM Auction.

AGM 2018 Agenda – Updated



I have had to make a few small changes to the Agenda, and the update is included in this email. The only major update is the deletion of the AGM Talk, due to the unfortunate non-availability of the speaker. No worries, this affords us with additional time for the Auction, which will be the highlight of proceedings at this year's AGM.

I have also adjusted timings here and there, and we now have a 5 and a half hour session, stretching from 10AM till 15h30 in the afternoon.

The brunt of this will be allocated to the Auction, and we will try to get the AGM formalities – as important as they are – completed as soon as possible, to provide more time for the Auction, as well as additional shell trade and socialising afterwards.

The basics remain unchanged, and just as a reminder are as follows:

- AGM Date: Saturday **02 June 2018**
- AGM Time: **10h00**
- Venue: Pretoria East Netcare Hospital Upper Conference Room

VP Correspondence

Attached to this email are two documents delineating the current Committee's recommendations regarding the Vice President (VP) position, portfolio and appointment:

- A Memo (SCSA/MEM/013) providing background, and outlining the recommendation;
- A draft copy of the Society Constitution containing the proposed updates, to be voted on at the AGM:
 - Text highlighted in red with strikethrough indicates proposed deletions;
 - Text highlighted in green indicates proposed additions.

Please have a thorough look at the proposal and prepare accordingly, as we will be voting on this at the AGM. Please also provide Proxies for this, as required.

Nominations and Proxies

Just a gentle reminder to get your ducks in a row and forward to us (to our Secretary) any Nominations for the new Committee, as well as any Proxy Vote Forms you may want to submit. The due date for Nominations and Proxies is the **12th of May 2018**.

Lifetime Achievement Award Guidelines

We have included in this email the new guidelines outlining eligibility for the issuing of Society Lifetime Achievement Awards. It will not be necessary to vote on this at the AGM, but it is included here in case anyone would like to forward a nomination, at any time, to the Committee.



AGM Shell Exhibits

I will not be saying too much more on this subject (Notes 1 and 2 contain all the information), but I do hope everyone is working hard (and having fun) developing their displays. I have heard of a few in progress, and am dying to see what is going to be presented! I have to admit I have yet to start mine – all the AGM preparations have been eating up all my time – so I hope I will have enough spare to prepare one of my own.

Nevertheless, it is all about you and what *you* can bring, so I am hoping to see lots of creativity and science on display this year!

AGM Lunch

Those attending the previous two AGMs will remember the generous and delicious platters arranged by our Treasurer, Mr Maurice Evans. Although we all enjoyed the spread, we thought it might be good to deviate a bit and try to present something different, especially as it is our 60th Anniversary this year. In response, our Secretary, Mr Anton Groenewald, has managed to arrange for us a lovely lunch, which will be provided for us by the Netcare Hospital Caterers, consisting of the following:

- Chicken Bryani
- Rice
- Sambal
- Bread Rolls
- Juice



Don't worry – we'll make sure it's mild, so everyone can enjoy it! 😊

The Society will be footing the lunch bill, but we need to provide numbers to the caterers in advance so they know how much to prepare, so please let us know in as soon as possible.

AGM Parking

Just a reminder to bring along R40 or so for the parking - I have explained why in my previous Letter (Note 2).

AGM Auction

This email also contains the *de facto*, final version of the list of items destined for the AGM Auction. As a reminder, all the items being auctioned off have been sourced from the collection formerly belonging to Ms M.L. du Preez. The list ("Flat List Version 2") contains a number of important updates, including some deletions and a whole plethora of additions. The additions constitute the Cones and Cowries, missing from Version 1 sent out last week.

I have included two variants of the List:

- One (which is only to provide the necessary clarity) indicating where items have been *deleted* (compare with Version 1 for this), plus all *additions*;
- The other one "cleaned up" (with no unsightly highlights).

I have also added a column to the right in the List (with a heading called "Wish") where you can plan ahead and mark those items you are potentially interested in, plus your preferred maximum bid price (for budgeting purposes).

Please take a minute and familiarise yourself with the notes (the "rules") at the bottom of the List (highlighted in bright blue) – as mentioned in previous Letters, these will be enforced during and after the conclusion of the Auction.

We have really tried to select as many shells from as many Shell Families possible, to try and satisfy all collecting preferences. All shells and books will be on display prior to commencement of the AGM, so you may view them either before the AGM starts, or during the lunch break. We have kept starting bids really low, and with the large number of items up for grabs, chances are very good that all in attendance will get a few real bargains.

As a final note, please remember that all proceeds from this auction will be towards strengthening of Society funds.

In Conclusion

A lot of hard work has already gone into preparations towards the 2018 AGM, with plenty still ahead for the current Committee. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee Members for their support, dedication and hard work over the course the past tenure, and their continued dedication in seeing us having lots of shelly fun at the AGM.



I really hope many of you will be able to attend and join in on the fun.

Until then, happy shelling!

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