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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

PREVIOUS

14 FEBRUARY 2018

VISITOR: STEVEN GARDINER, ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM

We had five entries for the One Page cup on Wild Animals. Congratulations to Michael Wigmore with his *Loxodonta africana* (African bush elephant) exhibit.

We have received news that Neville Smith went for a heart bypass operation on the 22nd of January. He is has recovered and are back home. He misses our company and any visits will be appreciated. We hope to see him back soon.

Our special guest for the evening is Steven Gardiner, who shared his exhibit : Forerunner Postal History of Basutoland. An excerpt of the exhibit is given later in the newsletter.

Please diarize our Exhibition Seminar, scheduled for Saturday, 21st April. The program has been confirmed and are listed below with the other details of the day.

One Page of the year – 6 entries:

April 2017	Red	Maureen Reeves (“Communism”)
May 2017	My favourite animal	Michael Wigmore (“Panthera Tigris”)
June 2017	Architecture	Michael Wigmore
August 2017	Africa	Anne Marie Wigmore
January 2018	Herbs and spices	Anne Marie Wigmore
February 2018	Wild Animals	Michael Wigmore (“Loxodonta africana”)

Congratulations to Michael Wigmore, who’s May 2017 page on “Panthera Tigris”, won by popular vote.

The official AGM followed:

Diederik Viljoen gave a Financial Report confirming that we are in good financial standing. We are currently 35 members strong with two new members registering in January. The Financial Report was accepted by Stan Rowland.

Werner Barnard next gave his President’s Report. Highlights included:

During the year we had so many beautiful exhibits from Revenues to Animals, Balloons and all Themes and subjects that it is difficult to name everyone, but a great thank you to each and every member for taking the trouble to bring the exhibits as well as the interesting items.

We also had interesting visitors like Steven tonight and also to them a big thanks.

In July we saw BOFEX 17 – The Virtual 1 frame exhibit. Diederik Viljoen took part and received 72% for his “Guernsey & Jersey : 1940 – 1969”. Congratulations

September was a busy month. We had a nice Interclub evening which was held in Paarl. Also on the schedule was our second Auction and from special auction lots, we received R7000 that we donated to the Table View Hospice.

At October’s Sapdapex Neville Smith received a Silver for his Open Class exhibit and Wobbe Vegter, Robert Harm, Michael and Anne-Mari Wigmore each received awards at Congress.

The year was ended in December with a relaxed evening at my home. We made a special tribute was made to Wobbe Vegter, who passed away on 26 November 2017. He will be dearly missed by friends and family.

Our society placed an obituary to him in the February 2018 issue of the SA Philatelist.

The President’s Report was accepted by Robert Harm.

The new elected committee is as follows:

Chairperson : Werner Barnard

Vice-Chairperson : Johan Bezuidenhout

Secretary : Reanie de Villiers

Treasurer : Diederik Viljoen

Other members : Hugh Mulder, Stanley Rowland, John Potter

FORTHCOMING

14 MARCH 2018

AUCTION

We have received some items for an Auction and have scheduled it for the March 2018 meeting. A catalogue has been distributed to all members.

11 APRIL 2018

ONE FRAME CUP & ROUND TABLE EVENING

One-Frame Cup: The rules are simple: 16 pages, classical or thematic (each will be judged with its own rules).

Round Table Evening: Johan Bezuidenhout will facilitate the rest of the informal evening. The seats will be rearranged in a circle and every member is requested to bring an interesting item to share.

SATURDAY, 21 APRIL 2018

EXHIBITION SEMINAR

We are in the process of organising a full-day exhibition seminar at the Bellville Library. The aim of the seminar is to assist exhibitors on the interpretation of the FIP rules and how to prepare and put forward the best exhibit following those rules. The rules will be illustrated by examples of what to do and what not to do. Our guest speakers have been finalised and our program is as follows:

09:30 – 10:30 – Traditional (Michael Wigmore)

10:30 – 10:45 – Break

10:45 – 11:45 – Postal History (Hugh Amore)

11:45 – 12:30 – Lunch

12:30 – 13:30 – Thematics (Henk Geertsema)

13:30 – 13:45 – Break

13:45 – 14:45 – Open (Anne Marie Wigmore)

14:45 – 15:00 – Break

15:00 – 16:00 – One Frame (Emil Bührmann)

An entry fee of R50 will cover the costs of a light lunch (sandwiches) and coffee / tea.

The venue has been booked. Please diarize this date.

9 MAY 2018

LADIES NIGHT & “WHERE DO I BEGIN?”

Ladies Cup: This cup is open to all female members and for any category. The minimum of 32 pages (2 frames) applies with all the normal rules for each category. Exhibitions will be judged according to the category it falls into.

Where do I begin?: Reanie de Villiers will facilitate the rest of the informal evening. Many of us have stockbooks full of sorted stamps, but don't know how to go from there to a small 8-Page exhibit. If you have ANY specific question, please let Reanie know to include it in the discussion.

13 JUNE 2018

AFRICA & REST OF THE WORLD CUPS

Africa Cup: All countries in Africa, including Madagascar and Mauritius, are included in the exhibition range for this cup. Minimum 2 frames (32 pages) exhibit – as for a traditional exhibit.

Rest of the World Cup: All countries, excluding the Africa continent, are included in the exhibition range for this cup. Minimum two frames (32 pages) exhibit – as for a classical collection.

FORERUNNER POSTAL HISTORY OF BASUTOLAND

[Summary of exhibit with information and scans provided by exhibitor]

Steven Gardiner

Mashesh created the Basuto Nation between 1820 - 30. The first whites to settle in Basutoland were the missionaries from the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society at Morija in 1833. The posts were originally serviced through Graaff-Reinet in the Cape Colony, but later via Aliwal North in 1858. The missionaries had a profound influence on the development of the postal system in Basutoland and this is reflected in examples of their correspondence.

Cape of Good Hope stamps were used in Basutoland until 1910, when the Union stamps were valid postage through to 1st December 1933. The interprovincial period was from 18th September 1910 to 1st September 1913, where stamps from the four provinces were valid postage.

Some unique items include:

1878 - Only recorded usage of Maseru to Morija cover bearing a 4d Cape rectangular cancelled by a dumb cancel (type K1).



On Active Service

1881 Incoming to Mafeteng - **one of only four recorded in-going soldiers' covers**

A cover addressed to Capt Geo Green of the Kat River Levies in Mafeteng. The cover was sent unfranked from Queenstown with a cancellation of FE 5 81. It appears as if the force moved on as there is a transit cancel of King Williams Town, MR 19, before it was endorsed "Maseru" and was sent back to Basutoland, via Aliwal North, where a 3d Cape stamp was affixed and cancelled MR 23. Again they were not able to trace Capt Green as the cover then sent back to Queenstown with a transit of AP 14, before going to Balfour with an arrival dated AP 20 1881.



Griqualand West used in Basutoland

1886 & 1895 - **these have not been reported before**



Maseru similar type D2 but nicks in frame, SP 2, 1886. With a genuine Griqualand overprint
This is a new discovery



Maseru type D2 used in 1895
With a forged G.W. overprint.
It is a genuine cancel.

The theory of these type of usages is three fold:

- Firstly, there could have been a shortage of normal CoGH issues at Basutoland offices. The postal authorities may have sourced issues from surrounding territories.
- Secondly, there was a steady movement of traders in Basutoland. The traders could have brought "orders" of stamps from other post offices they had passed through due to the shortages.
- Thirdly, missionaries were used to experiencing shortages of postage stamps in Basutoland and carried their own stocks which they sourced from travels in surrounding territories.

1887 - Second recorded example of Cape card with a single circle Morija used on MR 5, 18878 (type K2) used in combination with an indistinct nine-barred oval numeral canceller no 277 (type K1).



A registered stationery envelope with the 210 barred oval numeral (type K1) and a circular Mohaleshoek cancel (type D2) dated 17 NO 1897.

This is believed to be the only recorded example.



Boer War Cogwheel - OV/Censor/s Cachet

(1900) Boer War censored at Leribe - less than 10 examples recorded

This morning front with a cogwheel cancel was addressed to H.F. Serfontein, POW, Green Point Camp, Cape Colony. The cover was censored at the place of posting. POW's were receiving post from Basutoland which was Cape Administration. The post from Basutoland was censored by a Magistrate at the town where it was posted, hence no Official censor cachets are found. The OVS censor cachet was only applied to Basutoland mail destined for Cape Town by a specifically appointed censor. Details of this still have to be discovered. Theory has it that Leribe could be the office of origination.



1933 Maseru - **Transvaal plate flaw on cover**

A cover posted from Maseru cancelled with type D16 dated 30 DEC 33. The registered cachet is type R5 dated 30 DEC 33. There is a Pretoria arrival cancel dated 2 JAN 34. It is noted that this cover is philatelic. However, **this is believed to be the only example** of the usage of the “inverted P” (row 10/6) on **both** stamps used to Pretoria.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Herwig	Kussing	01 February
Werner	Barnard	05 February
John	Reeves	15 February
Stan	Rowland	01 March
Alan	Hugill	19 March
Reinder	Nauta	25 March
Anne Marie	Wigmore	13 May
Neil	Matthee	16 May
Gert	Strydom	27 May

Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

	THE ROYAL
MEETINGS:	Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town
12 MARCH 2018	Annual General Meeting; Victor Millard - Royal Visit
26 MARCH 2018	Brian Fenemore: British Army in SA
9 APRIL 2018	Werner Barnard (guest exhibitor)
23 APRIL 2018	Volker Janssen: Denmark & Iceland; Brian Fenemore: GB Overprinted Postal Stationery
14 MAY 2018	Phil Collins: Union of South Africa; Malcolm Murphy - Mystery
28 MAY 2018	Malcolm Suttill – Stellaland & GB Postal History from Charles II
	STELLENBOSCH
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Soci��t��, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch
MARCH 2018	No information available
APRIL 2018	No information available
MAY 2018	No information available
	PAARL
MEETINGS:	Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl
MARCH 2018	No information available
APRIL 2018	No information available
MAY 2018	No information available
	PINELANDS
MEETINGS:	Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library
28 MARCH 2018	All members: Main: Thematic evening; 1page: Personalities beginning with "C"; Roy: Voluntary: Recent RSA issues; All members: Other: Bourse
25 APRIL 2018	Jannie Hofmeyr: Main: The Future of Philately; 1page: Personalities beginning with "D"; David Sinclair: Voluntary: Blue Train
30 MAY 2018	Auction (or Foreign evening)
	FISH HOEK
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek
6 MARCH 2018	AGM. Plus 2 smaller exhibits
14 APRIL 2018	Annual Big Stamp Auction on Saturday morning from 9am to 12pm with visitors from other Societies
1 MAY 2018	Foreign Evening & Competition (Max 14 pages). Volker Janssen will show out of competition.
	DURBANVILLE STAMP FAIR
MEETINGS:	First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way & Protea Way, Durbanville
STAMP FAIRS	Stamp Fair dates for 2018 are: March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 9th, July 7th, August 11th, Sept 1st, Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st (all 1st Saturday except for June & August).
LIVE AUCTIONS	Live Auction dates for 2018 are: March 17th, May 19th, July 21st, Sept 15th, Nov 10th
THEMATICSA, WESTERN CAPE	Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30 – 10:30

SUBS FOR 2018

Federation Fee 2018:	R 200 (incl vat)
Society Fee 2018:	R 90 (same amount payable by non-home members)
Total Membership Fee 2018:	<u>R 290</u>

PROGRAM 2018

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
10 JAN 2018	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY A HORSTMAN	HERBS & SPICES
14 FEB 2018	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	J POTTER R DE VILLIERS	WILD ANIMALS
18 FEB 2018	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
14 MAR 2018	AUCTION	H MULDER A HUGILL	---
11 APR 2018	ONE FRAME CUP & ROUND TABLE EVENING	J BEZUIDENHOUT E STOCKENSTROM	GENTLEMEN
21 APR 2018	EXHIBITION SEMINAR	AUDITORIUM, BELLVILLE LIBRARY	09:30 – 16:00
9 MAY 2018	LADIES CUP & "WHERE DO I BEGIN?"	R LOO C MULLER	SOCCER
13 JUNE 2018	AFRICA & REST OF THE WORLD CUPS	R HARM N MATTHEE	YOUTH
JULY 2018	SA VIRTUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION (SAVPEX 2018)	BLOEMFONTEIN	---
11 JULY 2018	THEMATIC CUP & THEMATIC EVENING	S ROWLAND D VILJOEN	PAINTINGS
AUG 2018	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
8 AUG 2018	AUCTION	S LIGHT T OLCKERS J DU PLESSIS	---
12 SEP 2018	INTERCLUB COMPETITION	BELLVILLE	---
1 – 3 OCT 2018	JUNASS 2018	ATHENAEUM, NEWLANDS	---
10 OCT 2018	TAKING STAMPS ONLINE & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS	C MATHEY I POTGIETER G STRYDOM	TRANSPORT
17 – 20 OCT 2018	NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2018	CENTURION	---
19 OCT 2018	CONGRESS	CENTURION	---
OCT 2018 (?)	QUIZ EVENING	THE ROYAL	20:00
14 NOV 2018	VISITORS & BELLVILLE EXHIBIT EVENING	H MULDER J POTTER	"K"
5 DEC 2018	PRESIDENT'S EVENING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
9 JAN 2019	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	A HUGILL A HORSTMANN	SPACE
13 FEB 2019	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	N SMITH AM & M WIGMORE	POLITICS
13 MAR 2019	AUCTION	M & J REEVES D CROUKAMP K LOUWRENS	---

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