



SOUTHERN AFRICAN VETERAN AND VINTAGE ASSOCIATION
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**MINUTES OF THE 54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN VETERAN AND VINTAGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE OFSVCC,
BLOEMFONTEIN ON SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present (in person): Gavin Allison (SAVVA Acting Chairman)
Philip Kuschke (SAVVA President)
Paul Koski (SAVVA Treasurer)
Rene Greenland (OFSVCC)
Giel Bester (QMC)
Rodney Norton (Piston Ring)
Donald Bennet (Buick / Cadilla Club)
Naas van Zyl (SCOCC)
Waldo Scribante (SCOCC)
Emil Kuschke (Model T Ford Club of South Africa)
Christo Ferreira(POMC)
Sakkie Ficher (POMC)
Rassie Erasmus (Concept Crew Car Club)
Pierre Janse van Rensburg (Concept Crew Car Club)

Present (online): Megan Greyvensteyn (SAVVA Secretary)
Riaan Hanekom (SAVVA Youth Development)
Harvey Metcalf (CHC & EFCC)
Chris Cardwell (SAVVA Automobilst)
Francois van Jaarsveld(EPVCC)
Jacaranda Beetle Club
Western Transvaal Od Motor Club
John Reidy (Austin Healey Club of SA)
Cassie Lourens (Vryheid Old Car Club)
Claude Stander (POMC)
Rainer Rusch (Old Wheelers Club of Namibia)
Brian Noik (VVC)
Derek Pirie (CMC)
HOMK
GRMC
Eric McQuillian (ITAC)
Ron Richmond (VSCC – Pmb)

Apologies: Peter Hall (VCC and SAVVA Dating)
Judy Sanan (WCOCC)
Gavin Youngman (CVMC)
Charles Gardiner (MMOC – Jhb)

Leonard Schneider (EFCC)
Paul Merifield (Midlands Car Club – Graaff Reinet)

1. Welcome

Philip Kuschke welcomed all to SAVVA's 54th AGM.

2. Attendance, apologies and voting strength

The Chairman confirmed that a quorum had been achieved. GA listed those clubs which had given apologies.

3. Minute of Silence

Philip Kuschke asked for a minute's silence for friends and family who have passed away over the past year.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2022

As the minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held on 10 September 2022 had been circulated, they were taken as read and signed as being a true record of proceedings. Paul Koski proposed and Giel Bester seconded the minutes.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Nil

6. Chairman's Report: Gavin Allison

The Chairman addressed those in person and online. He noted that it had been a fascinating year to say the least – with a number of Council changes having taken place resulting in a very streamlined team temporarily taking on additional tasks. The Chairman noted he was pleased to advise that they had received nominations for National Council for the upcoming year to administer all aspects of SAVVA, as professionally as possible.

The Chairman commented that it is encouraging that Clubs continue to actively host quality events throughout the year, as SAVVA as an Association celebrates its 54th Anniversary. However, National Council is concerned with the tendency of clubs/individuals to organise Social Events without the proper SAVVA sanction, which validates the Public Liability Insurance cover.

All Forms on the Website have been updated – and Council are undertaking a number of tasks for the coming year – namely a full review of all the VSR's for Regulated Rallies; a review and update of the Handbook as well as the tabling for consideration of a revised / modernized more relevant Constitution – in keeping with the 21st Century – during the course of 2023/24. In addition to this, the Website needs to be updated to include pictorial content – to maintain a fresh look ensuring that the site is more attractive to all visitors.

The Association continues to have "strong financial resources" – which are evidenced in the Treasurer's Report. GA thanked all Council Members and Portfolio Holders – for their input, guidance and support during the past year.

7. Treasurer's Report: Paul Koski

The report was summarised as below:

	2023	2022
Revenue	R 156 208	R 100 780
Loss for the Year	(R 17 776)	(R 53 288)
Retained Income	R 679 210	R 696 986
Legal Reserve	R 242 624	R 236 199
Cash/Equivalent	R 642 978	R 676 436

Paul Koski noted that revenue from subscriptions amounted to R156 208. Main expenses for the year are insurance fees and affiliation fees to FIVA. Another expense is the sponsorship of national events.

A question was raised by Rodney Norton (Piston Ring Club) who asked whether it would be possible to get an invoice/statement for club fees. Paul Koski noted that SAVVA could certainly do this in future.

8. Reports by Portfolio Holders:

a. Motorsport – Rene Greenland

Nine rallies were organised over the past year as opposed to thirteen in 2022. Once off events were 6 as opposed to 5 in 2022. The clearance certificates issued increased from 18 to 25 in 2023. Car shows decreased from 9 to 5 in 2023. RG also noted her concern about the amount of clubs organising events without clearance certificates, which in turn means there is no public liability cover.

Giel Bester was asked to provide some input on the risks involved with doing this. He noted that as an event organiser, you never assume something bad will take place. However, when it does you need to be covered. Public liability covers what you would legally be liable for should a party die, sustain bodily injury or illness, loss of property and property damage. Public liability can arise from a small or big event. The moment public are involved, there is a risk of liability for the organisers or hosts.

The Chairman noted that public liability cover is designed to protect you as an organiser against claims. If action is instituted and a court case follows, this cover will assist with your legal representative and his/her fees. Without cover, the event organiser will be liable for all the costs and claims to be paid. Instead of clubs taking out their own public liability insurance, SAVVA offers this to all clubs for their events (including car shows and rallies) provided the correct clearance certificates have been issued.

Question was raised from a club attending online - they noted that all SAVVA clubs understand the risk associated with not having public liability. However, how do we get informal get togethers such as those organised on Whatsapp groups to be aware of these risks. GA noted that SAVVA is not in a position to get involved with these informal groups.

Rodney Norton queried whether the Piston Ring's monthly meetings, which allow members of the public to attend, need to be considered car shows. GA clarified that these

monthly events should be noted on the annual clearance certificate application, and do not need to be separate car show events.

The SCOCC noted that sometimes monthly events are postponed or arranged last minute. It was queried whether these are then covered by the annual clearance certificate. Philip Kuschke confirmed that clubs with this issue can email SAVVA Motorsport to advise of the date change.

Query was raised whether clubs should have safety and security officers. PK agreed this is recommended for all clubs.

b. Dating of Motor Vehicles – Peter Hall

Not many requests were received for dating over the past year which seems to be due to a number of reasons:

- It appears that there are fewer actual rallies taking place.
- Dating of vehicles is no longer a priority due to less competitive events.

At present, SAVVA members are not charged for a valuation letter while non-members are currently paying R300.00 for this service. Peter Hall has noted an increased number of requests for the change of ownership certificates of vehicles.

Cost of Dating: R500.00 includes certificate and badge; certificate only to remain at R100.00; cost of R100.00 for the courier service has increased to R108.00 which is separately charged. SAVVA does not include insurance in the courier services and this past year a package was stolen with the courier's service to Queenstown which incurred a cost to SAVVA for the amount of R1,500.00 for the replacement of the plaques and certificates and additional couriership.

Over the past year, Peter Hall has completed 7 datings – 1 veteran, 3 post vintage, 3 post '45. There have been 9 queries, 21 valuations and 6 changes in ownership. All the SAVVA Dating records are held at the Veteran Car Club of S.A. as they have their own clubhouse. The Motorcycle records were due to be moved to the VCC as well. However, this has not transpired. PH thanked all the dating officers for their continued support.

Donald (Buick Club SA) noted he is looking for history on a car and queried how much of this SAVVA provides as part of the dating process. GA noted this can be quite limited.

Rodney Norton noted that a recent member's car which was exported to the UK was SAVVA dated. However, in the UK with its certificate and plaque, this dating is not being accepted. GA noted this would be covered under the Government Legislation section of the meeting.

c. Dating of Motorcycles – Jon Lewis

Since August 2022, 21 applications have been received for dating. Jon thanked Kevin Walton for the engraving of the plaques. Jon is engaging with Peter Hall for doing engraving for Natal members.

Jon has 18 plaques left in stock, with 5 new applications in the pipeline. So, new plaques will be need to be ordered. Costs are R220 plus R109 courier fees.

Jon noted that many certificates are pre-printed. These do not have FIVA printed on them.

d. Youth Awareness Report: Riaan Hanekom

Riaan Hanekom noted that SAVVA spent some time determining what is classified as youth. It was decided that youth includes all enthusiasts under 45 years old.

Over the last year, RH investigated how many SAVVA clubs have a social media presence. Of the 48 clubs, only 18 clubs have a social media account. He recommended that these clubs search themselves and see if they can be found.

Riaan displayed statistics from EPVCC and how much traction social media posts are getting. These stats are also able to advise who the audience is – age, gender, location. Social media is a massive selling tool for clubs. It should be used to share info on your upcoming events, pictures of tours, rallies and club vehicles.

Riaan has recommended that SAVVA council offer training for clubs on how to use social media. Waldo Scribante from SCOCC agreed this would be very worthwhile.

Rodney Norton noted that a rogue Facebook page by an ex member has been created to bad mouth the Piston Ring club and seeked advice. Paul Koski recommended they consider a lawyer. However, should the club's own Facebook page be posted on regularly the other page should fade into existence.

e. Webmaster – Kirstin Rowlands

All forms, events and general content have been updated on the website over the past year. Security on the site has also been improved., along with the website's hosting to improve speed and load times.

Key stats on the website:

- New visitors (sessions) since new website launch – 11 816
- Pages that have been viewed/visited since launch – 35 681
- Average amount of time someone spends on the website – 1min09
- Top pages visited: Forms, contact us, vehicles
- Top visits by country: South Africa, followed by the USA.

Plans for the year ahead:

- Technical updates to the EVENTS and FORMS to allow for easier download of PDF documents and important details
- Updates to the EVENTS calendar to include more images of the actual event posters to entice interest and visitors

- Updates to the IMAGES across the website, as the key featured images need to be refreshed to give the website an updated look and feel. Images to be supplied (and sourced from members of the club) - in progress

Philip Kuschke asked clubs to send all this information to SAVVA so it can be uploaded on the SAVVA website.

f. Trophies – Tertius du Preez

During the past year there were 2 events where SAVVA Trophies have been awarded namely:

- 1) SAVVA National Tour hosted by Queenstown Car Club and
- 2) SAVVA National Veteran Tour hosted by the Model T Ford Club of South Africa.

Changes to Trophies:

SAVVA ended up with 2 Chairman's Trophies after the original one went AWOL a few years ago, and returned for duty during 2019. The National Committee decided to rename one of these and call it The President's Trophy. This trophy will be awarded to the club that plays host to the SAVVA AGM every year.

Upcoming events:

The next SAVVA National Veteran & Vintage Tour will again be hosted by the Model T Ford Club of South Africa during November of 2023. All relevant trophies for this event will be made available by then.

g. Insurance – Gavin Allison

- a) Public liability insurance

Gavin Allison gave a report back on the public liability cover which is provided by iToo Hollard. This provides extensive cover from iToo/ Hollard Group to all Clubs for monthly and Events activities.

An important element is the cover for Car Shows and Cars in the Park events, which we have negotiated for the coming year – at favourable rates / excesses should a claim occur, despite premiums having increased throughout the industry.

- b) Car collector's insurance

Gavin Allison thanked clubs who are advertising the CICC/Puma Insurance in their newsletter.

Good communication and customer service from Cross Country Insurance Consultants (CICC/Puma) has led to an increasing number of club members subscribing to the scheme.

The 3rd Party Insurance Cover – for Events, was initiated early in 2022 – providing cover for competitor's for their vehicles/motorcycles that are not comprehensively insured. This is extremely affordable at R60.00 per vehicle/motorcycle.

Annual review and negotiations are ongoing with both service providers to assess and implement improvements where possible.

h. FIVA – John Reidy

SAVVA have not been very active in the affairs of FIVA during the years 2022 and 2023, not for any other reason than there was little happening on the international front. In 2021-2022 FIVA were focussed on Youth Development. This has continued these past 12 months but a new subject appeared that had relevance all over the world.

FIVA has been running regular video conferences on the important topics relating to the old car movement. They ran two or three specifically on the topic of whether the current old car club format is still relevant. The vast majority of ASNs around the world, were of the opinion, that the clubs are still relevant. These talks also focused on a previous year's topic on youth involvement – without whom, everything we have strived for will die once we pass on.

FIVA has for the last few years organised a Youth Day celebration and run a worldwide competition to determine which ASN (Country) ran the best Youth Day. JR suggested that maybe in 2024, SAVVA should make a concerted effort to win this competition with a countrywide Youth Day celebration.

i. ITAC - Eric McQuillian

ITAC are not using SAVVA very much for various reasons. Staff turnover has been high in this department and we are waiting for the opportunity to hold a meeting with them later this year.

EM has made contact with the new manager, Sanjay Devnath, who said the following:
“Kindly note ITAC would definitely be requesting the services of SAVVA in the future. My colleague, Aariah in copy, is handling vehicle applications and will be communicating with yourself. Working together for a common cause can definitely assist in keeping illegal imports off the street.”

j. Motorsport SA – John Reidy

John Reidy attended the MSA AGM in August 2022. Frik Kraamwinkel from POMC is still a director of MSA and Greg Mills is on the Historic Commission of FIA. JR also met with the Chairman and CEO in October 2022 socially and discussed SAVVA affairs on a social basis.

SAVVA needs to consider inviting some of the MSA board members to SAVVA social functions so that they may understand what SAVVA is and what it does for its members. One of the things MSA did not realise is that SAVVA is affiliated to an International body, i.e. FIVA. MSA believe that any International affiliation is seen as a good thing.

k. Automobilst – Chris Cardwell

The spring edition of the Automobilst has just been sent out to all clubs. This edition will mark Chris Cardwell's first year as Editor. Coming from an engineering background

venturing out into the unknown world of journalism, publishing and editing has been somewhat challenging. CC depended on his long association and passion in and for the old car movement to get him through.

The first early decision the editor took was to revert to the original name the “*Automobilist*” as he believed it would resonate better with our members and, fortunately, it has proven to be the correct choice going by the responses that have been received.

The second decision made was to keep the contents relative to southern Africa and not to venture beyond these borders in gathering snippets, articles, stories and the like for inclusion in the magazine.

The first challenge was, and is, finding a balance between the numerous forms and categories of motoring that would appeal to the readers. SAVVA is fortunate to have an incredible cross section of interests ranging from the early Veterans to the more modern classic cars and motorcycles, encompassing the true grit and adventure of the earliest pioneers, motor racing in all forms and into the modern days as we presently know them. There is a wealth of information, stories and the like to draw upon but it is the ‘putting it together’ bit that is the challenge for the editor.

Contributions from readers is always welcome so long as it is relative to our movement, and it does assist in building up a reserve on which CC can use in future editions. CC also welcomes any constructive ideas and suggestions in whatever form that will contribute to the betterment of the “*Automobilist*” going forward.

The next step is to improve the presentation of the front cover in order to create a more modern and appealing style and look to it. CC appealed to the creative members to come forward with suggestions.

The editor, Chris Cardwell, appealed to all clubs to update their SAVVA representative’s contact details with the SAVVA secretary as he is aware of several Clubs not forwarding or distributing the “*Automobilist*” to their respective members which is a shame

Chris thanked all those who have conveyed their compliments and support regarding each of the issues sent out to date. It most certainly is appreciated.

I. Government Legislation – Brian Bruce

Brian Bruce met with the Western Cape Department of Transport in Cape Town on 13 April to meet with officials responsible for Vehicle Registration and Administration. The meeting was friendly, interesting, challenging and hopeful.

The officials are bound by the law and regulations and do not deviate from the procedures that have been developed to deal with the many complex and continuously evolving aspects relating to vehicle identification and registration. BB was given an interesting insight into the identification and registration challenges associated with fully electric

vehicles where key elements of the vehicle are designed to be changed/swapped regularly.

There is no basis of trust in the “club system” of dating and authentication. I learned that some club officials and classic car traders regularly place a lot of pressure into the system to get things processed that just cannot be done. This individualised behaviour, I have always believed, will prove to be our greatest challenge as a movement.

Each Province has a different set of procedures to deal with a single set of regulations. There is some cooperation, but no appetite to coordinate a universal approach. The Western Province Team support the concept of a more specific set of regulations covering “Vintage Cars” which they are adamant means up to 31 December 1964 and not including “1965” as I have seen in some publications. Such an initiative can only happen through the National Department of Transport. BB was given an initial contact in this respect.

Brian Bruce noted he had a great deal of respect for the officials, all of whom are highly experienced in this field. One of them has been in the vehicle licensing system since before NaTIS!

Brian Bruce enquired about access to the pre-NaTIS microfiche records going back to the beginning of time. Regrettably, they were all destroyed in the early 2000’s.

In conclusion, the attendees of the meeting agreed to “prototype” 2 or 3 different categories of re-registration using some of BB’s vehicles as appropriate. The conditions they seek are onerous in some instances, specifically manufacturer and model authentication for defunct companies. Everything needs to be official and certifiable. BB was informed of a case where a vehicle registered as “built up” in South Africa needed to be correctly dated for registration in the UK. The owner sought and received from Toyota South Africa, a letter of authentication from the still existing records of National Motor Assemblies. This allowed the NaTIS record to be corrected and the vehicle was given the correct age-related registration in the UK.

In conclusion, the following options are available:

- Re-registration of a previously registered vehicle that is in the NaTIS Archive, is possible and will attract full outstanding license fees (up to 30 years) plus penalties;
- Registration of a vehicle NOT in the NaTIS Archive and for which no former Registration Documents exist will be as “built up”;
- Registration of a vehicle NOT in the NaTIS Archive but for which evidence of previous registration exists, is the test. If registration is possible, then outstanding license fees plus penalties up to a legal maximum of 30 years will be applied.

Brian Bruce is preparing an example of each of the above, for registration application.

Authorities made it clear to BB that the SAVVA dating system cannot be relied upon. The licencing authorities require proof from the manufacturer that it was “born” on a certain date. Vehicles that have not been licenced before and are now registered, are classified as built up.

Following a question from the floor, BB noted that if we have cars that are built before 31 December 1964, they classify as vintage and there are options which make licencing easier, such as S licences. An upcoming agenda item is requesting for this date to be changed and updated.

9. Report back by promoters of Events on the National Calendar for 2022 - 2023

- 17 September – Piston Ring Swap Meeting was very popular. Stands were sold out. Only issue is the lack of parts being sold for much older vehicles.
- Old Auto Club Car Show went off very well (Oct 2022)
- Fairest Cape Tour (5-7 Nov 2022) – went off well with a big entry and a good split between motorcycles and cars.
- Kalk Bay Veteran Run – had 28 veteran vehicles which was very successful. Seems to be a resurgence of interest in veteran cars.
- George Old Car Show was well supported with many cars on display.
- DJ rally had 77 starters. Secondary roads are so bad, that in future main roads will need to be used. A sponsorship from iToo was a great help. The volunteers and organising team are also thanked greatly.
- Century Run was based on the bluff in Durban and took place on a portion of the Bluff racetrack. They look forward to next year's event.
- 6 May – Cassie Lourens noted that Vryheid held their 17th car show which was very successful on the farm of Harvie van Heerden. There were also a lot of stationery steam engines.
- Framam Natal Classic – 36th edition held. Entries were down from 45 to 35. But, still had first time riders. A very cold event, but totally incident free.
- Cars in the Park POMC – a very successful event which is POMC's signature event of the year. About 10 000 visitors to the show.

10. Proposal by POMC - 20-year roll over cut-off date of vehicles

Proposal has been received from POMC regarding the cut-off date of 20 years being reinstated. The proposal will be circulated to all clubs so that the committees and club members can deliberate. At next year's AGM a vote will be taken on this topic. All clubs must consider this important topic.

11. Proposal/Approval/Affiliation and welcome of new club: Concept Crew Car Club – Despatch

The Chairman welcomed Concept Crew Car Club to SAVVA. Giel Bester noted that the Queenstown club visited Despatch and met with this car club on an outing. The club has been going for 12 years already. Giel recommended that they join SAVVA and the QAC proposed them.

All relevant documentation has been received from this new club, including an updated constitution. This is all in alignment with SAVVA's own constitution. GA officially welcomed the Concept Crew Car Club to SAVVA.

12. President's Award

Philip Kuschke awarded the President's Trophy to Rene Greenland representing the OFSVCC, for hosting the SAVVA AGM. Philip thanked them for all the support and planning for this event.

13. Election of Office Bearers

President – Philip Kuschke
Chairman – Gavin Allison
Vice-chairman – Gavin Youngman
Treasurer – Paul Koski
Secretary – (Vacant)
Motorsport – Peter Bolze
Trophy Officer – Tertius du Preez
Motorsport SA & FIVA – John Reidy
Motor vehicle dating – Peter Hall
Motorcycle dating – Jon Lewis
ITAC – Eric McQuillian
Insurance – Gavin Allison

14. National Events Roster for 2023/2024

All clubs were requested to submit any additional national events that they are hosting in the upcoming year. The following events have been recorded:

Date	Event	Organising Club	Venue
2023			
17 September	Swop Meeting	Piston Ring	Modderfontein
21 September	Houw Hoek Rally	CHC	Cape Town
24 September	SAVVA Heritage Drive-Day	SAVVA	Southern Africa
30 September	Heidelberg Great train race	VVC	Johannesburg
5-8 November	36 th Fairest Cape Tour	CVMC	Goudini Spa
8 November	ProAuto Rubber SAVVA Veteran & Vintage Tour	Model T Ford Club of South Africa	Paarl/Wellington
2024			
20-21 January	Classic Car & Bike Show	CHC	IPA Timour Hall Villa, Cape Town
4 February	Kalk Bay Veteran Run	CHC	Cape Town
8-9 February	Vettour	SCOCC	Albertinia
10-11 February	George Old Car Show	SCOCC	George
8 March	DJ Rally	VVC	Durban/ Jhb
17 March	Swap Meeting	Piston Ring	Modderfontein
4 May	Vryheid Old Car Show	Vryheid Vintage Car Club	Vryheid
1-4 May	SAVVA National Veteran & Vintage	VCC	Durban
3-4 May	Wings & Wheels	QAC	Queenstown
18-21 July	37 th Framgram Natal Classic M/cycle Rally	CMC Natal	Drakensberg
4 August	Cars in the Park	POMC	Zwartkops Raceway
7-11 August	Magnum Rally	POMC	Hazyview
7 September	SAVVA AGM	SAVVA	EPVCC, PE

15 September	Swap Meeting	Piston Ring	Moddefontein
10-12 November	37 th Fairest Cape Tour	CVMC	Worcester

15. Date and Venue of 55th SAVVA AGM

The next AGM will take place at the EPVCC in Port Elizabeth on 7 September 2024.

It has been suggested that after next year, AGMs are only held at main centres in the country such as Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg.

16. Thanks and Closure

The Chairman, Gavin Allison, thanked all for attending the AGM. The meeting closed at 11:36.