



Minutes of The Fine Music Radio Annual General Meeting held at the Artscape Theatre Centre, Cape Town on 15 November 2019 at 10 am.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies – Mark Jennings

Station Manager Mark Jennings welcomed all present with a special mention to Chris Bellingam. MJ thanked Chris for the lovely home-grown roses, which he brought for the meeting.

Apologies from: Victoria Cawood (she is celebrating her 70th Birthday today), François Smuts and John van der Spuy.

2. Approval of Minutes – Johann Vos

JV (Chairperson) asked for the approval of the 2018 minutes and Brian Gardener proposed acceptance.

3. Matters Arising – Johann Vos and Mark Jennings

No matters arising.

4. Chairperson's Report – Johann Vos

JV thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He mentioned that FMR used to be a Section 21 company but is now a NPC. JV honoured Leslie McKenzie who had died in the year. LMK was a previous station manager and became a board member of FMR in 2019. He was also a patron of FMR. JV stressed the fact that FMR needs a target of R485,000 per month. This target must be achieved through advertising and membership. Expenses must be watched carefully. He also mentioned that SAMRO is entitled to a percentage of the income.

In 2019 the Brand Accelerator programme was implemented and launched with a function in April. JV thanked MJ and his team for their great effort and the difference this is already making.

JV also mentioned the good relationship FMR has with Artscape. He stressed that accommodation is the most expensive item and FMR can regard itself very fortunate in this regard.

Fine Business Radio was replaced by *Classic Business* and this is making a big difference.

Every few months there is a membership drive to recruit new members. JV thanked all the staff for always doing their best and thanked the unpaid volunteers. He said: “We dream of the day that we can pay everyone. We are very grateful to them.

JV spoke about all the outside broadcasts this year. This included:

Cape Town City Hall

FMR has broadcast all four seasons of the Cape Town Symphony Concerts. However, the last few concerts of the November season we have recorded for delayed broadcasts. This is due to phase two of the construction work at The Cape Town City Hall. All the Telkom cables and equipment has been stripped out, leaving us with no lines or links from which to broadcast.

Baxter Theatre

On 10 April, FMR broadcast live the 11th Fine Music Radio Bursary Trust Awards from the Baxter Theatre Concert Hall. This annual competition is open to music students in two categories, jazz and classical.

As part of the Cape Town Baroque Festival in September, the Cape Town Concert Series hosted an evening of Baroque Chamber Music at the Baxter. FMR broadcast this later on *Music Among Friends* on 21st October.

Artscape

Fine Music Radio broadcast live the *Jazz Masters Concert Series* from Artscape on 4 and 5 October. The festival highlighted fresh, new sounds from prolific musicians while also paying homage to the souls of jazz giants.

Hugo Lambrechts Theatre

On 12 October we broadcast live the finals of the 35th National Youth Music Competition from Hugo Lambrechts Music Centre.

Pavarotti

On 25 September FMR invited our members to the Labia Theatre for a pre-screening of *Pavarotti, the film*. The night was a wonderful success

Mandela Day

Fine Music Radio once again collaborated with the Peninsula School Feeding Association to pack school lunches. On 18 July FMR staff and listeners, together with our Artscape colleagues, joined us as we prepared 5000 sandwiches in the Artscape Marble Foyer.

Liberty Radio Awards

JV congratulated Rodney Trudgeon who was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame. FMR won the Best Night-Time Show award for our live broadcasts of the symphony concerts from the City Hall.

JV once again thanked MJ and his team for their constant hard work and keeping FMR alive.

5. Presentation of Audited Financials – Brian Gardner

BG said: “Sponsorship from Outside Broadcasts has risen and FMR is slowly but surely picking up. In the light of the current situation in our country we have done well.”

6. Appointment of Directors – Johann Vos

There were two nominations: Professor François du Toit and Associate Professor Tanja Bosch. They were both welcomed onto the board. John van der Spuy has resigned.

Board Members are:, Johann Vos, Lynn Reid-Jacobs, Brian Gardner, François Smuts, Leonore Ehlers, Chris Nicklen, James Grace, François du Toit and Tanja Bosch.

7. Open Discussion

- Membership of FMR was discussed. A suggestion was made to increase the subs or else to have different levels of membership, eg platinum, gold etc. MJ said we already have a benefactor programme, silver, gold and platinum.
- A member asked what he could do to volunteer or help.
- Somebody suggested that if people phone FMR they should be asked for their email address and if they want to become a member.
- A question was asked about the future of radio. MJ answered, “Radio is growing, it tells a good story, which is uplifting and positive. Lovely people listen to the radio.”
- Somebody asked about the possibility of an FMR Music Tour, MJ said they would look into this.
- Somebody asked about the use of WhatsApp because other stations do it.
- MJ said we must try to be innovative.
- Someone mentioned that they would like to meet the presenters.
- MJ explained that the new website will be up and going live soon
- A member asked that the new board members introduce themselves, which they did.
- JV thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting ended at 11:04 am.