

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting of Fine Music Radio NPC

Date: 8 November 2025

Time: 11:00

Location: iSibaya Room, Artscape

Present (attendance sheet attached)			
<i>Board members:</i>	<i>Members:</i>		<i>Apologies:</i>
Johann Vos	Johann Gerber (6583) - Honorary member (presenter)	Ake Törngren (1534)	Kent Stephens
Lynn Reid-Jacobs (re-elected)	Elizabeth Triegaardt (115)	Shaun Schneier (7198)	Mike Bosazza (1560)
Tanja Bosch	Patricia Dove (10411)	Cedric Meyer (7839)	
Eon Vos (new)	Sheila Chisholm (5196)	Louise Howlett (6585)	
James Grace (re-elected)	Philip Minnaar (305)	Chris Bellingan (331)	
Victoria Cawood (re-elected)	Jon Geidt (4141) - presenter	C Boshoff (8927)	
Chris Nicklin	Marion Lewis (listener)	Michael Gran (10172)	<i>Absent:</i>
Francois du Toit (re-elected)	Mike Colborne (1779)	Ivan Boyd (5924)	Chris Nicklin
Harry Grainger (new)	Nick Starke (2204)		<i>In attendance :</i>
			Lizl Buchner (GA MacLachlan) Ida Durie (minutes)
<i>Staff:</i>			
Vasili Vass (Station Manager)	Gavin Beck	Rodney Trudgeon	Mawande Lobi
Wesley Lewies	Mzukisi Maketa	Mike Mills	
Desireé Slabber	Marné Joubert	Pamela Atkins	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson, Johann Vos, welcomed all those present. Apologies were noted.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on **6 November 2024** were approved.

Proposed by: VC

Seconded by: LRJ

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairperson, Johann Vos, presented his report. The full report is attached to these minutes. Key highlights are summarised below:

- FMR celebrated **30 years of broadcasting excellence** with a series of events, culminating in the **FMR Benefit Gala** held on **6 April 2025** at Artscape.
- **Eon de Vos** resigned as Station Manager, leaving behind a strong legacy of innovation and operational improvement.
- **Cost-cutting initiatives** implemented included:
 - Withdrawal from the DSTv Satellite Audio Bouquet
 - Discontinuation of the Fish Hoek transmitter due to vandalism
 - Rationalisation of additional transmitters
 - Implementation of an in-house Studio to Transmitter Link (STL)
- FMR continued to meet all **licensing and regulatory requirements**, submitting monthly compliance reports to ICASA by the 7th of each month.
- FMR was voted **Best Radio Station Promoting Jazz** at the **9th Mzansi Jazz Awards**, held on **30 August 2025**.
- Continued promotion of **CPO concerts**, supported by six months' funding from the **Rupert Music Foundation**.
- Recording and broadcasting of several classical music events and competitions, including the **FMR Bursary Trust Awards** and the **Johann Vos Music Competition**.
- Participation for the **sixth consecutive year** in Artscape's Mandela Day initiative, preparing sandwiches with the Peninsula School Feeding Association.
- In December 2024, FMR supported charities through the **"Say Bravo!"** campaign.
- Five interns were welcomed during the year.
- The Chairperson concluded by welcoming the new Station Manager, **Vasili Vass**.

6. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Lizl Buchner (GA MacLachlan) presented the audited financial statements.

- **Total income:** R9 million
- **Profit for the year:** R309,436

The profit was largely attributable to investment income and fair value adjustments. Excluding these adjustments, the company would have recorded an operating loss.

7. Appointment of Directors

The following directors were appointed / re-elected:

- **Victoria Cawood** – Re-elected
- **James Grace** – Re-elected
- **Francois du Toit** – Re-elected
- **Lynn Reid Jacobs** – Re-elected
- **Eon de Vos** – Newly appointed
- **Harry Grainger** – Newly appointed

8. Open Discussion

- **Listener numbers and advertising:**

A question was raised regarding whether listener numbers are tracked and used to attract advertising revenue.

VV responded that online listener numbers can be tracked in detail, but no RAM research has been conducted to determine how many people still listen to radio.

- **Music promotion payments:**

It was asked whether new releases pay FMR to advertise and play their music.

It was confirmed that this is not the case; FMR pays **SAMRO, SAMPRA, and CAPASSO**.

- **FM transmission issues:**

Vasili Vass explained that the STL link had dropped several times and was moved to the backup system while technicians investigate the problem.

- **Playout system (RCS):**

The issue was reported as resolved.

- **Youth engagement:**

A question was raised on motivating youth to become members.

VV suggested youth competitions as a strategy.

- **Programme scheduling concerns:**

John Geidt raised concerns regarding curtailed programming over the Christmas period and changes to the programme grid in the new year.

VV explained that holiday programming adapts to seasonal listening habits.

- **Programming policy:**

Concerns were raised about presenters no longer being allowed to broadcast full symphonies and concerts.

VV responded to these concerns.

- **Listener engagement initiatives:**

- “Fine Tea” sessions engaging 10–20 listeners per month
- Listener surveys

Several issues raised by John Geidt were referred to the next presenters’ meeting for further discussion.

9. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **12:02**.