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When we come **together** to **play** and **be**
we are truly ourselves.
When we are truly ourselves it is **wonderful**
and when we **act collectively** in that wonder
we do **transformative** work
for our **community** and **our world**.

VISION AND MISSION

The Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pool property is an iconic structure in the Cape Town landscape and among the most beautifully sited public amenities in the world.

The Facility is situated on the Public Open Space Erven 151, 153 and 318, Sea Point West, and is owned and operated by the City of Cape Town.

The Friends of Sea Point Pavilion (FSPP) is a voluntary association formed by these concerned citizens.

The Organisation aims to support the social and development needs of the Pool Community.

The Friends will also provide support and guidance to the City in the management of the Swimming Pools and the City's stated aims to provide clean sea water and a neat, safe, clean and effectively managed pool environment.

The communities of Cape Town and the Western Cape use and enjoy this Facility and it provides a much-needed community resource.

Financial pressure on the community poses a serious threat to the sustainability of leisure resources.

Concerned citizens have identified the need to protect and maintain this communally, economically and environmentally treasured Facility for the benefit of present and future generations.

The City has indicated that, in order to optimise the potential of the Facility and more effectively sustain its operation, an association with the Friends can add significant value and can also contribute to positioning the Facility as a world class public amenity.

Acting in accordance with the philosophy, guidelines and the responsibilities of its constitution, the Friends of Sea Point Pavilion will work closely with the City of Cape Town to ensure the sustainable operation of the facility.

The Organisation's role is a collaborative one that will protect the interests of and encourage participation by all who use and have an interest in the pools.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES [EXTRACT FROM OUR CONSTITUTION]

1. The sole objectives of the Organisation are to carry out the following Public Benefit Activities -
 - 1.1. The administration, development, co-ordination and promotion of sport or recreation at the Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pools in which the participants take part on a non-professional basis as a pastime;
 - 1.2. The provision of community projects relating to capacity building and skills development;
 - 1.3. Outreach and swimming education projects to benefit the poor or needy members of the Pool Community.
2. The Friends will achieve these objectives by -
 - 2.1. Serving as a community resource group for the Sea Point Pavilion Swimming Pools and related amenities;
 - 2.2. Carrying out activities of benefit to the Pool Community including holding meetings, organising and promoting events, organising 'learn to swim' projects, training and carrying out such activities as are appropriate to the Organisation's objectives;
 - 2.3. Working with the City, as the Facility's controlling authority, to ensure the sustainable operation of the Facility;
 - 2.4. Working with the City on various operational matters including, but not limited to maintenance, finance, safety, security, buildings, refuse control and the general good governance of the resource;
 - 2.5. Internationally promoting the Facility as a world class swimming and recreational amenity;
 - 2.6. Promoting and conducting training programmes to ensure safe use of the Facility;
 - 2.7. Ensuring ready access by all;
 - 2.8. Serving as a watchdog for any proposed development of the Facility which would negatively impact upon the Pool Community.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2022 was a much less stressful year. After the major renovation to the forecourt, we added the now famous Whale and the Snail art feature, which was received very well by everyone. The upgrade and the "covid free" summer have done great for trading and the forecourt was very busy during the peak season. We received great feedback about the renovated forecourt.

We are now looking at phase three which may bring more colour, new siting and fixed shade for summer and rain. We are very lucky to be assisted pro-bono by local architects. We are in process of approval and submitting plans to the city.

We are experiencing an ongoing growing problem with vagrants who harass customers and their kids for food. It is a sad issue and a hard one to manage. We have employed a security guard for most of the trading hours, and it has helped a lot.

At the pool, we are trying our best to help and improve. It is not an easy process as the pool is run by the city and it requires many levels of protocols. We are grateful to have managed to agree with the city on extended opening hours all through the winter. We are delighted to see swimmers from 7 am to 5 pm. Not many, but they keep the pools alive.

Our focus with the pools remains on water quality. The facility is old and requires a major upgrade in terms of pumps and usage of seawater. We continue to apply pressure and offer our assistance with better water quality and less use of fresh water. The pool needs to use 100% seawater and stop using precious fresh water.

We have increased our spending and donations on social development in the pool and our corporation with NSRI continues to work well. There is much more needed to be done and we are looking to do more within our capacity.

Alison Cope, who has been with us from the start has requested to step down from the committee and any board responsibilities, however, she will continue running the survival swimming program as she has been doing for years. We thank Alison for her passion and commitment over the years. Alison is an example of selfless giving to help anyone learn to swim and learn to love the water as we all do. We will see Alison in the pools.

We are negotiating our 10y lease with the city. It's been a long road and we hope to finalise this in the current financial year. We hope the city will soften its stance and provide more assistance to the FSPP.

It is important to remind everyone and the City that the FSPP was formed as a none for profit entity where all its board are volunteers who give their skills, time and passion for the Pool complex and its area for free. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FSPP board and members and everyone who is helping us selflessly to make these unique setups and special unique sets of pools alive and well.

Thank you

Ram Barkai
FSPF Chair

The Friends of Sea Point Pavilion Committee



Maura Sanderoff
Secretary



Eddy Cassar
Safety & Rent collection



Chris Laubscher
Treasurer



Kieron Palframan
Vice Chair & Maintenance



Alison Cope
Social Development.



Ram Barkai
Chairperson / Forecourt trading

OFFICE BEARERS' REPORTS

Tenants on the Forecourt:



MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

The past year was not as eventful as the previous one. We didn't embark on any new renovations but focused on maintaining the forecourt hygiene and smooth operation. We had to deal with ongoing vandalism and minor break-ins, but none were significant. The hazard of open-air public space trading.

We have managed to lease the blue hexagon unit and we are working hard to upgrade the power supply to the forecourt. We have reached our capacity and any new kiosk will require a significant upgrade.

The Blue Hexagon was used as a storeroom for years. We utilized the passage between IceZeit and the Blue room to create a small new storeroom with its entrance and gate.

At the pool, we assisted with small improvements and maintenance.

Kieron Palfarman
Forecourt and Trading

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

March 2021 saw the winding down of the summer season and little happened over the winter. However, in September we began a recruitment drive which culminated in 18 new volunteers joining the NSRI at the Sea Point Survival Swim Station.

The Friends generously sponsored a kit for all volunteers, which consists of a pair of board shorts, a rash vest, sunhat, buff, whistle and a long-sleeved polo shirt.

This crew taught free swimming lessons to the patrons of the Pavillion from 9 AM until 12 noon every Saturday morning starting the end of October until early March 2022 except during the Christmas holidays. The lessons were greeted by the patrons with much enthusiasm, with many coming back for a second or third session for a total of 996 lessons during the season.

This winter the crew has continued training with First Aid and CPR courses and in the water training through the generous use of the Long Street pool and the Debbie Grusd hydrotherapy pool in Sea Point. The Friends generously sponsored light refreshments at each training session.

Recently, the Friends purchased 10 full-body wetsuits in a variety of sizes for the perusal of the crew, much to their delight and grateful thanks.

Sea Point is the first Survival Swim station in the country and is considered by the NSRI to be their flagship station. Our volunteers have been called to headquarters to assist in training volunteers from around the country and to assist in writing a training manual for those who wish to start a volunteer centre at their community pool. Some of our volunteers are moving off to start volunteer stations at Muizenberg and Newlands this spring and one volunteer has been hired as a full-time instructor for the Long Street pool. We will be holding a recruitment drive in September and training new volunteers in October.

None of this would have been possible without the generous financial support from the Friends of Sea Point Pavillion.

Alison Cope
Social Development

SAFETY, SECURITY AND RENTALS

After two difficult years dominated by Covid regulations and restrictions, the Sea Point Pavilion Forecourt tenants have traded steadily over the last period.

Rentals have been standardised and all tenants have met their obligations timeously. Trading

is stable and all reported a strong summer season.

The winter rental programme still stands in which all tenants pay half rental during the four cold winter months.

The homeless present a nuisance factor on the Forecourt as they intimidate patrons, silently and sometimes very vocally, hassling for food or money. A security guard is now on duty during the busy hours every day. Though his presence has assisted, the homeless and vagrants are a constant source of aggravation. The Friends will monitor the situation and continue to plan a course of action.

The Friends of the Sea Point Pavilion consistently assists with the maintenance of identified projects, which include the repair of broken windows, replacement brick paving and the repair of the wooden framed windows to the change rooms.

Eddy Cassar
Safety & Security

FINANCIALS

FSPF Report from the Treasurer for the year ending 28 February 2022

1. Annual Financial Statements (AFS)

The 2022 AFS for the year 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022 were audited by Carina Odendaal Chartered Accountants (SA).

2. Statement of Financial Position

FSPF ended the financial year with retained funds at R1,370,411 (2021: R1,262,456).

Key indicators:

Total Assets: R1,472,322 (2021: R1,306,974)

Property, plant & equipment

Cost: R 832,381 (2021: R782,381)

Carrying Value: R 173,188 (2021: R178,560)

Cash and cash receivables: R 1,296,670 (2021: R1,125,435)

The increase in PPE was due to the whale tail sculpture that was added to the forecourt area. It was delivered and installed in the 2022 Financial Year.

Liabilities: R199,302 (2021: R44,518)

FSPF ends the financial period in a solvent state, with assets exceeding liabilities by R1,273,020 (2021: R1,262,456). Cash Reserves at year end were recorded at R1,296,670. At the time of this report (27/7/2022) the total cash reserves were **R1,554,101**.

3. Statement of Comprehensive Income

The 2022 financial year returned a surplus for the 12 months ending 28 February 2022 of **R10,566** (2021: R113,973)

Key indicators:

Total Revenue: R566,570 (2021: R410,451)

Rental Revenue: R 530,522 (2021: R 372,476)

Interest Income: R 37,975 (2021: R 37,975)

Rental Revenue was higher due to an increase in rental rates for kiosks and the additional kiosk that was installed in 2021.

Total Expenses: R556,004 (2021: R296,478)

Development Swimming & Pool: R 358 (2021: R 3,694)

Cleaning: R 61,218 (2021: R 49,581)

Repairs and Maintenance: R 252,078 (2021: R 114,431)

Depreciation: R 55,371 (2021: R 71,760)

Security: R 97,388 (2021: R 2,000)

During the year the Total Expenses increase by 54%. This is largely attributed to Repairs and Maintenance carried out which included major repairs and repainting of all the kiosks on the forecourt. This enabled FSPP to increase the rentals of these units.

The 2022 AFS indicates a healthy financial position. But a renewed focus should be placed in the new year on increasing expenditure (capital and operational) in line with the objectives set for FSPP, especially considering the substantial reserves currently held.

Looking forward to a successful and impactful 2023 financial year.

Chris Laubscher
Treasurer