



**AGM of the Cape Agulhas Business Association Members held on 26 March 2025 at
18h30, Arniston Spa Hotel, Arniston.**

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1. **Welcome:** Waldo Strydom welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. A special welcome was given to our guest speaker, Michael Rautenbach and the representatives from Standard Bank. Waldo thanked Standard Bank for sponsoring the event.
2. **Attendee remarks:** Quorum was confirmed.
3. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Lorinda Nel suggested the approval, and Barrie Van Niekerk seconded it.
4. **Agenda items:**

Item	Person responsible
<p>4.1 Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Waldo Strydom thanked the members and the committee for entrusting him with this portfolio. He thanked the committee for their hard work and noted that although it is behind the scenes, it is appreciated. It is also recognised that they are doing this out of the goodness of their hearts. Unfortunately, the membership numbers have dropped to 85 paid memberships. This will be addressed in the new financial year. The focus must be to retain the old members and grow the numbers. The focus will be on events where guest speakers, like the AGM, provide valuable information that can assist the members. The invitation to propose solutions that benefit the organisation and the members was extended. Waldo pointed out that CABA had several events during the year, but they were very poorly attended. He believes that offering a better event program can change the situation. He also pointed out that funds are needed to pay speakers, and for that, the organisation needs the funds. The organisation will have to make use of contacts to solve this issue.</p> <p>CABA was involved in charity, like "Ride for a Child" and local cancer drives. Different issues were also negotiated with the municipal manager: the Napier mine (Carl Reiche will give feedback later), repair of stormwater damage to the area, solar levy, and upgrading of the Struisbaai-Bredasdorp road. Next, CAM and the Department of Labour will meet. This meeting will focus on employment, especially that of non-South Africans. This will be to protect the interests of our local businesses and give them the tools to ensure</p>	<p>Waldo Strydom</p>

<p>that their staff are all legally employed. The members must remember that the responsibility to employ legal employees lies solely on the shoulders of the business owners. The members are encouraged to all attend this meeting, and CAM was thanked for facilitating it. Crime prevention is also an issue that will be looked at in the business sector. Efforts will be made to equip our members with the right tools to protect themselves and assist each other.</p>	
<p>4.2 Financial Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The financial report was presented; see addendum A. The membership increase of R15 per annum was accepted. ➤ The budget proposal was presented; see addendum B. The new budget was accepted. Waldo Strydom mentioned that CABA’s intention is not to make money but to use what is generated to uplift the organisation and its members and to have cash available for emergencies like COVID-19. 	Donovan Louw
<p>4.3 Election of more committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current members who are prepared to serve again: Waldo Strydom, Donovan Louw, Kent Georgala, Alta Du Tioit, Maryna Brink, Barrie Van Niekerk and Arina Swart. Waldo Strydom thanked Eloise Krige and Joh-Mari Van Heerden for their service in 2024. ➤ Nominations for new committee members: We have received two nominations: Bond Fryer (BLF Studios) and Niel Van Der Sandt (Mokoto Quantity Surveyors). The members accepted the nominations, and the two were welcomed to the new team. Waldo noted that the portfolios will be allocated at the new committee's first meeting. 	Waldo Strydom
<p>4.4 Changes to the constitution: No requests for changes were received.</p>	Waldo Strydom
<p>4.5 Guest speakers: The guest speakers gave the members an insightful presentation, which provided valuable insights.</p>	-Michael Rautenbach -Standard Bank Bredasdorp. -Carl Reichi
<p>4.6 Closing: Waldo Strydom thanked those present again and invited them to enjoy the food, network, and build relationships. He emphasised that a strong business sector benefits everyone. He asked the members to motivate other businesses to join CABA and then encourage other members to attend the events.</p>	Waldo Strydom

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