



Zululand SAGES Annual General Meeting

18 January 2026 at Richards Bay CC

MINUTES

1. Welcome : Chairman Leon Graaff welcomed all

2. Apologies :

Koos Mouton; Johan vd Walt; Beryl Dafel; Nadeem Henderson; Clive van der Spuy; Freddie Fairman; Jeff Hunter & Kevin Potter.

3. Obituaries - Bonita Oosthuizen

4. Approval of previous minutes :

The previous minutes held in 19 January 2025 at Richards Bay Country Club were approved by Hugo du Preez & seconded by Brian Conway.

5. Present : 37 Members in attendance as per register

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Criteria for Nationals :

The following criteria were read out to members present as a reminder :

*** Scale 0 - 5

1. Total number of games played in 2025/2026
2. Current Committee member
3. Previous Committee member
4. Handicap Divisions
 - A : 1 – 10 (3 Points)
 - B : 11 – 20 (2 Points)
 - C : 21 -36 (1 Point)
5. Paid up member
6. Affiliated to a rated Golf Club
7. Previous representation will also be considered

6.2 Dress Code :

The importance of wearing the proper Sages dress code was once again emphasized. It is therefore compulsory for players receiving a prize to wear the Sages uniform.
(No Sages uniform - No prize).

6.3 Participation :

A non Sages member will be allowed to play only two games and will then need to join Sages if he/she has already turned 50 years of age.

7. New Matters :

7.1 CANSA Day :

Our CANSA Day at Richards Bay on 16 August 2025 was a huge success. A total of R23340.00 was paid over to CANSA. This amount is R11433 more than what we raised in 2025. Our CANSA representative, James Lloyd and the committee were congratulated on a job well done.

7.2 Sages Fixtures & Venues - 2026 :

Members present approved and supported the 2026 fixture list. Our policy over the years is to try and support all clubs in the Zululand area. This policy and fixture list were accepted by all members present.

7.3 LIV Golf 2026 :

The fixtures were approved and the chairman requested players to get their teams ready. Our total LIV games have been reduced from 11 to 8 games due to the numerous competitions hosted by the various clubs. A suggestion by Wilhelm J van Rensburg was put forward. He suggested that we amend the current split of year end prizes that is on a ratio of 50/30/20 to the following : **The jackpot share of each position to be based on the points of each team, in each position in relation to the combined total points of the 1st three teams, called a proportional split.** This new approach was unanimously accepted. The procedure to follow will be circulated on the LIV Golf group. Other rules & regulations as in 2025 will remain.

7.4 Natal Regionals :

The next Regionals meeting will be held at Dundee on 05 & 06 October 2026. A request for participation will be done at a later stage.

7.5 Sages Nationals :

The next Nationals will be at the Randburg Golf Club from 16 - 20 March 2026. Zululand has been allocated 8 players. Our member numbers have increased quite significantly and we are hopeful that we could send more players.

7.6 Inter Club vs Durban Central :

This will be the 5th time we will be playing this exciting competition vs our neighbouring Sages branch, Durban Central. Each branch has now won 2 games. The date was set for **Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at the Prince's Grant Golf Course.** A poll was created on the group and so far 24 members indicated their interest to participate.

7.7 Revision on a decision taken at the AGM, 15 March 2020 :

EXTRACT : “**7.1 - Club Championships** : The existing committee proposed that members must play in at least 75% of the fixtures during the year to qualify for the Division Awards. The meeting discussed the proposal and decided on 50% which was accepted by all present. Those that do not qualify may still play, but won't be recognized for any awards. The meeting approved this proposal.”

The meeting decided to uphold the decision taken at the AGM in March 2020.

7.8 Availability of Sages committee members :

All members except Wilhelm Jansen van Rensburg (Treasurer) and Brian Conway (Tournament officer).

8. Financial Report :

The treasurer gave a thorough report of the current financial situation of our branch. The full report was posted on our whatsapp group before the AGM to peruse. The chairman thanked the outgoing treasurer for the sterling work he did in 2025 as our branch finances look quite healthy.

9. Chairman's Report :

The Chairman read his report.

10. Election of Branch Committee Members :

A vote of confidence was tabled for the current members that are willing to serve another year. They are Leon Graaff; Willie Steyn; Marina Graaff; James Lloyd; & George van Wyk. The following new members were duly proposed and elected : **Apie Hughes & Jackie Joseph.**

12. Closure : The meeting closed at 14:30

