

THE SA MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairperson's report for the year ended December 2022

The Society has continued to experience the effects of load-shedding but has resumed monthly lectures - albeit in the form of Zoominars for Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape. We are extremely grateful to all our speakers for the time and effort that they put into their interesting presentations, most of which are supported by PowerPoint slides.

Although it is possible to link up to ZOOM from a cellphone, quite a few members chose to discontinue their membership in the absence of in-person meetings. To offset this, the international membership has increased.

The Military History Journal again appeared twice in 2022. The December Journal was a bumper issue to commemorate 100 years of South African Navy involvement.

Postal difficulties led to members being asked to serve as collection hubs for fellow members, with the Journals of all at a hub being sent by courier. Overseas postage was again thwarted by poor service - some Journals arrived 9 or more months after posting. Some Johannesburg members suffered similar extreme delays. Electronic versions of the Journal were sent to all overseas members and offered to local members.

The KwaZulu-Natal branch has resumed its monthly in-person meetings, held on Saturday afternoons at the St Cyprians Church hall.

Sadly, the Cape Town branch could not find enough members who were willing to serve on a branch committee and had to close. Their members are being served by the Eastern Cape branch until this situation rectifies itself in due course.

The Johannesburg venue, Ditsong Museum, has not been equipped with facilities to bypass loadshedding and has thus not been approached for room meetings.

Phil Everitt took over from Charles Whiteing as Chairman of KZN during 2022 and their branch is slowly recovering with attendance at meetings increasing. Thanks are due to the chair and his committee for continuing to keep the Society alive, and to the members who have volunteered to serve as distribution hubs for the Journal.

Thanks are due to Malcolm Kinghorn and his committee in the Eastern Cape who not only manage two Zoominars a month, but also undertake field trips to interesting venues in their vicinity.

We are again grateful to our Committee members, Mike and Joan Marsh, who have been able to keep our Society going in these difficult times.

Any members willing to serve on committees would be most welcome!

DAVID SCHOLTZ

Chairman

SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Honorary Treasurer's report for the year ending 31st December, 2022.

This report is submitted together with the Abridged Financial Accounts - being the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement - reflecting the position of the Society as at 31st December, 2022.

Financial

- 1) The Society showed a surplus of income over expenditure of R1 189 in 2022.
- 2) Income from subscriptions decreased from 94% to 85%. Income from interest doubled, to 10%, while that from dividends went from 1 to 3% of the total.
- 3) Expenditure was R 2 555 greater than in 2021; income was R 905 less. Cape Town's subsidy could not be paid in the absence of their membership records.
- 4) The cost of the Journal made up 64% of expenditure, a 6% increase on that in 2021. Postage made up 17% of the costs, ten percent lower than in 2021.

Subscriptions for 2023

The Committee retained the subscription rates for 2023 at R280 for Single membership and R300 for Family membership. Overseas members pay \$37 via PayPal. Members older than 80 continue to be entitled to discounted subscriptions.

General

Membership has not returned to pre-Covid levels. Overseas members have increased by 50% since 2018.

The Society's Internet Web-site continues to enjoy interest with slightly more than 3 million articles or photographs downloaded in a year. Thanks are due to our Web-master, Mr Mike Marsh, for developing, expanding and continuing to sponsor the Web-site.

Finally, thanks are expressed to Mr Malcolm King for checking these accounts.

Joan Marsh (Mrs)
Honorary Treasurer

May 2023

Statistics of interest

Branch	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Johannesburg	164	191	202	231	245
KZN	59	67	82	98	123
SAMHSEC	71+18=89	66	50	51	52
CT	18-18=0	12	15	18	23
Overseas	27	26	21	20	18

Category	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	339	363	370	432	460
Single	165		169	204	205
Family	92		110	126	154
Single life	27	29	33	38	42
Family life	13	13.5	14	16	16
Over 80, S and F	19 + 2	18	20	22	Not available
Over 90	0	2	3	3	Not available
Hon & Courtesy	8 + 13	10+13	9+13	22	Not available

SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME STATEMENT			BALANCE SHEET		
INCOME	2022	2021	CAPITAL EMPLOYED	2022	2021
Brochure mailing	0	0	Accumulated funds:		
Dividends	2,601	717	Balance as at 1 January	154,186	151,347
Donations	1,093	0	(Deficit)/Income for year	<u>1,189</u>	<u>2,839</u>
Interest	7,398	3,431		155,375	154,186
Meeting tea income	0	0			
Subscriptions	64,154	70,191			
Visitors fees	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
	75,245	74,339			
EXPENDITURE	2022	2021	EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL	2022	2021
Bank Charges	-1,118	-1,069	CURRENT ASSETS	189,156	184,927
Branch subsidy: Cape Town	0	0	Cash resources:		
Branch subsidy: KZN	-3,304	-3,551	- ABSA/BAG shares at cost	578	578
Branch subsidy: Eastern Cape	-4,928	-3,498	- bank FNB current	10,245	13,443
Journal	-47,433	-41,522	- call account FNB	104,502	100,182
Lecture expenses	0	0	- investments Nedbank	73,453	70,375
Printing n/l & mailing services	-3,614	-1,856	- cash on hand	226	226
Postage & Stationery	-12,838	-19,288	Arrear subs	152	122
Publicity	-376	-519			
Subs written off	-15	-198	CURRENT LIABILITIES	33,780	30,740
Wreaths and awards	<u>-430</u>	<u>0</u>	Subs in advance	2,105	1,540
	-74,055	-71,500	Sundry creditors	31,675	29,200
PROFIT/(LOSS)	1,189	2,839	Employment of Capital	155,376	154,187