



MINUTES OF THE SANCOLD ANNUAL MEETING 13

17:00 Wednesday 09 November 2022
The Radisson Convention Centre. OR Tambo

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson, Dr Quentin Shaw, welcomed all the attendees and requested them to sign the attendance register. The meeting was attended by 32 members and 9 observers. No formal apologies had been received.

2. Agenda

The proposed agenda was accepted.

3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting (Approval and matters arising)

The draft minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting had been circulated to members of Manco for comment prior to them being placed on the SANCOLD website. No further amendments were proposed. The minutes were approved, (proposed Danie Badenhorst, seconded Henry-John Wright) and will be placed on the website. No issues were raised under Matters Arising.

4. SANCOLD Chairperson's Annual Report 2022

The Chairperson verbally presented the SANCOLD Annual Report for 2022. The written report is recorded separately on the website.

He reported that the proposed sharing of secretarial services of the SA Institution of Agricultural Engineers has been actioned to the benefit of both organisations. The new arrangement, with a technical secretary (to maintain the ICOLD and SANCOLD corporate experience) and an administrative secretary, is still developing but is expected to streamline the SANCOLD systems soon.

With fewer dams being built, the need for preserving expertise and training of new professionals needs to be addressed. SANCOLD also needs to address aspects of Dam Safety legislation, the appointment of suitably qualified persons, and the need for change. SANCOLD will therefore engage with industry and the Regulators to find cooperative ways of developing these skills. A special effort will be made to revitalise the African Regional Club in an effort to stimulate cooperation in sub Saharan Africa.

Four positions are due for re-election on SANCOLD Manco by the end of 2022. A call for nominations, with the appropriate details, will be distributed in November and electronic voting will be early in December.

ICOLD publications are now distributed through a publisher and new login procedures to access the free electronic publications have been introduced. Please contact the Secretary for details.

5. SANCOLD Website

The website under Webmaster, Mr Henry-John Wright, is functioning well. He can be contacted, if necessary, at webmaster@sancold.org.za.

6. Financial Matters

The Treasurer, Mr David Cameron-Ellis presented the financial report remotely from Malawi. Membership status was discussed. He highlighted that some twenty percent of members remain in arrears with membership fees. This will have to be addressed soon. Invoices for 2023 will be issued by late March early April 2023. The treasurer expressed the opinion that corporate membership needs to be expanded.

An Income/Expenditure summary was presented. SANCOLD remains a going concern. Attendance at the SANCOLD 2022 conference is good, which should further support the financial position. ICOLD affiliation and bursaries remain large expenditures. The secretarial costs remain largely unchanged. The Treasurer expressed the opinion that this was money well spent, reducing the workload on volunteer staff.

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation for all the work that the Treasurer had spent on SANCOLD financial matters.

7. YPF Issues

The YPF remains active in presenting webinars by various members on several topics. Attendance is not limited to YPF members.

8. Discussion

SANCOLD representatives serving on several of the ICOLD Technical Comities provided short verbal reports on the status and working of each of the comities. SANCOLD contributes to many comities.

9. Closure

The Chairperson thanked all for their attendance and contributions to help make SANCOLD a vibrant organisation. He closed the meeting at 18h10.