

THE JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

CONSTITUTION  
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(Adopted by the Foundation Members Meeting,  
February 1st, 1949)

1. Name.

The name of the club is the "JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB", and is hereinafter to be referred to as the "Club."

2. Objects.

The objects for which the Club is formed are:-

- (a) To enable people of goodwill of all nationalities, creeds and races to meet one another; to undertake common cultural activities; to have an opportunity of studying and appreciating each other's several difficulties and to take such steps as may be desirable and practicable to promote racial understanding and harmony, except in so far as certain activities are prohibited in Article 15.
- (b) The Club is non-political and shall not be affiliated to any political or religious organisation, group or party. This shall not be a bar to any invitation from the Executive Committee to any person to give an address to the club.

3. Membership.

- (a) Membership shall be open under conditions set out below to all men and women of goodwill of the age of eighteen and over.
- (b) Foundation Members are those who indicated their intention of becoming members of the Club before the date of February 1st, 1949, and who have duly paid their membership subscription, and whose membership has been confirmed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Ordinary Members (after February 1st, 1949) must be duly proposed and seconded by existing members in writing, and shall be elected by the Executive Committee by at least a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a duly constituted Executive Committee meeting.
- (d) Life Members are those persons who have contributed the sum of £50:0:0 (Fifty pounds) and upwards to the funds of the Club. Life members must be confirmed by the Executive Committee according to the method set forth above for ordinary members.
- (e) Members under clauses (b) and (d) shall have no rights over and above those enjoyed by ordinary members in the use of the Club.

(f) The Executive---

- (f) The Executive Committee shall have the right to expel or suspend any member if, in the opinion of a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at a duly constituted meeting, such member contravened the constitution, rules or regulations; or that his or her conduct is found to be detrimental to the interests and comfort of the club, provided that the Executive Committee may re-admit any such person after being duly satisfied that the individual's future conduct will be in accordance with the constitution, rules and interests of the Club. (See also Article 7, clause "d").
- (g) Notice that the expulsion or suspension of a member is being considered, shall be on the agenda of a meeting of the Executive Committee and must be circulated to members of the Executive Committee at least 7 (seven) days before the date of the meeting.

4. Annual Subscription.

- (a) The minimum ordinary annual subscription shall be one guinea (£1:1:0). Persons willing to pay more than one guinea annually, shall be encouraged to do so.
- (b) Students who are unable to afford more may subscribe 10/6d. at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) Payment of subscription in instalments may be made by special arrangement agreed to by the Executive Committee.

5. Visitors and Honorary Members.

The Executive Committee shall make regulations with regard to the introduction of Honorary Members, Temporary Members, and visitors to the Club.

6. Reciprocity.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to enter into reciprocal agreements with other similar clubs upon such terms as the committee may deem fit.

7. Membership Meetings.

- (a) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: All members of the Club shall be called together for the Annual General Meeting to be held not later than April 1st in each year, at a time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing the officers and representative members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year; to receive the report and financial statement on the work of the preceding year; and to consider any business which needs to be brought to the attention of the general membership at that time. Notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be mailed to the members at least three weeks beforehand.
- (b) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: The Honorary Secretary shall convene a special general meeting at any time on 7 (seven) days notice if instructed by the Executive Committee, or by petition of 25 (twenty-five) or more members of the Club.
- (c) QUORUM: The Quorum at an annual General Meeting or a special General Meeting shall be 15% of the paid-up membership of the Club. Should there be no

quorum present at such meeting within half an hour after the time set for the meeting, the meeting shall be postponed at least one week and not more than two weeks; should there be no quorum present at such postponed meeting, the business may be transacted by those present, and any decisions taken by a majority of those present shall be deemed to be decisions taken at a properly constituted meeting and shall be binding on the Club. Notice of such a postponed meeting shall be circulated to members on the day following the first meeting at which a quorum was not present.

- (d) A properly constituted Special General Meeting or the Annual General Meeting has the power by simple majority, to over-rule any decision or rule made by the Executive Committee, provided that at least 21 (twenty-one) days notice has been given to the membership concerning the proposal.

8. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall include the following:-

The Chairman

3 (three) Vice-Chairmen

9 (nine) Representative Members, one of whom can be elected as acting-Chairman in the absence of the elected Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.

All the above shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, as provided for in clauses (b) and (c) below.

An Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the new Executive Committee, and if not included in the elected members, they shall become ex-officio members of the Executive Committee with the right to vote.

- (b) Nominations for Chairman, the three Vice-Chairmen and the nine Representative Members shall be duly proposed and seconded by fully paid members of the Club. Nominations which reach the Secretary 14 (fourteen) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall be circulated to members 7 (seven) days before the date of the meeting. Other nominations of members who are present at the Annual General Meeting may be made from the floor. All members of the out-going Executive Committee shall retire and may be nominated for re-election.
- (c) Election of the Chairman shall be by majority vote. The procedure for the election of the three Vice-Chairmen shall be as follows: Members may vote for three candidates only on the list of nominations, and the three candidates securing the highest number of votes will be declared duly elected as Vice-Chairmen. After the above elections are announced, the nine representative members shall be elected by each voter listing the candidates nominated in the order of his or her choice, and the results determined by the Hare system of proportional representation.
- (d) Only those members who have paid their subscription /for the -

for the ensuing year or have paid at least one quarter as an instalment arranged in accordance with Article 4, clause (c) shall be eligible to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy and no member may authorise another to vote on his behalf.

(e) No paid employee of the Club shall be a member of the Executive Committee. When the Club employs a General Secretary, he will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

9. Honorary President and Patrons.

(a) An Honorary President may be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Patrons and other honorary officers may be elected by the Executive Committee.

10. Vacancies on the Executive Committee.

(a) Vacancies occurring on the Executive Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next, shall be filled by the Executive Committee and reported to the next Members business meeting.

(b) Any member of the Committee who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Executive without satisfying the Executive Committee that he had good and reasonable cause shall be deemed to have vacated his seat.

(c) Any member of the committee shall cease to act as such as soon as he ceases to be a member of the Club.

11. Duties of the Executive Committee.

The Committee shall carry out the provisions of this constitution; make the rules for running the club; appoint an Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and other honorary officials, and salaried staff, and define their duties. It shall fix meeting procedures, including its own quorum; appoint sub-committees with a member of the Executive Committee as chairman, and have the power of co-option. The Committee may debar any person from attendance at the Club, such person or any person against whom any action is taken by the Committee may appeal to the general membership under Article 7, clauses (b) and (d). It shall be part of the responsibilities of the Executive Committee to see that an active membership is maintained, keeping a reasonable balance in membership among the racial and national groups, keep a record of names, addresses and subscriptions of all members, and do all in its power to promote the welfare of the Club.

12. Trustees.

All the property of the Club shall be vested in the Trustees representing and acting for the whole of the Club membership. No personal liability shall attach to any Trustee except to the extent of such funds of the Club as may be actually received by him. The number of Trustees shall not exceed six nor shall be less than four. The Trustees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from nominations put forward in writing by members of the Club. The Trustees shall not be office-bearers nor members of the Executive Committee. The Trustees shall remain in

*Call a meeting  
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Who  
are  
they?*

/office -

*Treasurer.  
~~As meeting funds banked - all payments by cheque?~~  
Are books written up. What do we owe.*

office until death or resignation, or until a general Meeting shall think it proper to remove all or any of them. The Trustees shall have the power to make such investments of the funds of the Club as they shall deem advantageous to the interest of the Club.

13. Bank Account and Financial Year.

- (a) The Club shall have a bank account which shall be operated by any two of four signatories authorised by the Executive Committee.
- (b) All Club income shall be paid into the bank account.
- (c) All disbursements shall be by cheque after approval by the Executive Committee, or in case of emergency by two of the four signatories authorised by the Executive Committee.
- (d) The financial year of the Club shall end on a date to be determined by the Executive Committee.

14. Audit.

The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually by auditors appointed by the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

15. General.

- (a) The Club shall not supply alcoholic liquor to its members nor shall any alcoholic liquor be introduced privately into the Club.
- (b) No games of dice or any other games of chance shall be played on the Club premises. The decision of the Executive Committee as to what constitutes a game of chance shall be final.
- (c) No dancing shall be permitted at any time on the premises of the Club.
- (d) Neither the name of the Club nor its address shall be used as an address on any circular, report, correspondence or document of a business character or for propaganda of any kind, or on any prospectus of a public company, or in any communication to the Press (except official communications on behalf of the Club); nor shall the Club be used by any member as a standing address for business purposes. This rule shall not apply to the official correspondence of the Club nor shall it debar a member or visitor using the Club as a temporary address for personal correspondence.
- (e) The Club may be sued and sue in the name of its Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

16. Amendment of the Constitution.

- (a) The constitution shall be amended only by a special resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a duly constituted Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. At least 21 (twenty-one) days clear notice of the proposed amendment shall be circulated to the members.

- (b) If any doubt or dispute arises as to the interpretation of the constitution, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be accepted.

17. Dissolution.

- (a) The Club may be wound up only on decision of two-thirds of the paid up membership present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose on 21 (twenty-one) days notice. Such meeting shall instruct the Trustees to dispose of the assets of the Club in a manner agreed upon by the Special General Meeting, provided that any assets over and above the liabilities shall be donated to a club, organisation or institution having aims and objects similar to or not in conflict with those of the Club.
  - (b) Upon dissolution of the Club, no member shall be liable for any debts of the Club exceeding the amount of 1/- (one) shilling per member.
  - (c) On such dissolution the Trustees shall be divested of all or any assets of the Club.
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ORGANISATIONS IN U.S.A. CONCERNED WITH RACE RELATIONS  
AND KINDRED MATTERS.

- 1) American Council on Race Relations, *W*  
4901, S. Ellis Avenue,  
CHICAGO 15.  
Illinois. U.S.A.
- 2) The Council on African Affairs *Rg - Communistic tendencies*  
23, West 26 Street,  
New York 10  
NEW YORK. U.S.A.
- 3) The National Urban League, *W*  
1133, Broadway,  
NEW YORK 10.  
New York. U.S.A.
- 4) Department of Race and Culture,  
Box 356,  
Atlanta University, *W*  
ATLANTA 3.  
Georgia. U.S.A.
- 5) Social Science Institute,  
Fisk University, *X*  
NASHVILLE 8.  
Tennessee. U.S.A.
- 6) Department of Inter-racial Co-operation,  
Virginia Council of Churches,  
VIRGINIA. *W*  
U. S. A.
- 7) National Conference of Christians and Jews,  
381, Fourth Avenue,  
NEW YORK 16. *W*  
New York. U.S.A.
- 8) The Southern Regional Council, *✓*  
63, Auburn Avenue N E.  
ATLANTA 3.  
Georgia. U.S.A.
- 9) Department of Race Relations,  
Federal Council of Churches, *✓*  
397 Fourth Avenue,  
NEW YORK 10.  
New York. U.S.A.
- 10) The National Association of Inter-group Relations Officials, *✓*  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
CHICAGO 15.  
Illinois. U.S.A.
- 11) The Better World Fund, *✓*  
1325 Cambridge Boulevard,  
Columbus 8.  
Ohio. U.S.A.
- 12) The Congress of Racial Equality, *J*  
3929 Broadway,  
NEW YORK 25.  
New York U.S.A.
- 13) The Institute of Ethnic Affairs, Inc., *W*  
1719 K. Street,  
WASHINGTON 6 D.C.  
U.S.A.
- 14) Commission on Community Inter-relations of the American Jewish Congress,  
212, West 50th Street,  
NEW YORK 19. *W* New York U.S.A.

15) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,  
69 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK X  
New York. U.S.A.

16) City of Detroit Inter-racial Committee. ✓  
305, West Fort Street,  
DETROIT, MI  
Michigan. U.S.A.

17) The Phelps Stokes Fund, X

101 Park Ave N York 17. NY

(18) ~~The~~ Carnegie Corporation. ✓  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK  
New York. U.S.A.

✓ The ~~Martin~~ Field Foundation - Dubois, Park Ave. New York 17  
✓ Revue felle Foundation - 49, West 49th St, New York 17 NY  
✓ Ford Foundation (1936)  
3000 Schaefer Rd  
Dearborn, Michigan U.S.A



6th April 1948.

QW/DAR.

Senator Dr. the Hon. E.H. Brookes,  
88 Pietermaritz Street,  
PIETERMARITZBURG. Natal.

Dear Dr. Brookes,

We have had Mr. Houghton, who helped to establish the Durban International Club, staying with us, and he has said that he will be willing to come to Johannesburg and help to get an International Club going here, providing we find premises first. I am taking this matter up at once and urging Mr. Holt to consult with various people about the possibility of obtaining centrally situated but discreet accommodation. I am sure that the Bantu Welfare Trust would, if asked, guarantee the rent until the Club was properly organized. Mr. Houghton has a number of good contacts here and he has behind him all the experience of the Durban one. I have been assured that the Communist party will not attempt to dominate it and that probably it would have the backing of trade Unions. I am also certain that the Bishop of Johannesburg and the Witwatersrand Church Council, together with a number of other bodies, would back

us up in it once premises have been secured. Incidentally, the Left Club in Johannesburg is closing down but unfortunately their premises are not available.

I write to inform you of this for I think it is a matter which you have at heart.

I have just returned from my holiday feeling much recovered.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte  
DIRECTOR

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FROM

*EW*  
SENATOR EDGAR H. BROOKES  
TELEPHONE 2714

*Filing*

AB 26/1

88 PIETERMARITZ STREET  
PIETERMARITZBURG

13th April, 1948.

Quintin Whyte, Esq.,  
P.O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

In reply to your letters of the 6th and 7th April:

1. I do think that the starting of an international club in Johannesburg would be a most useful thing. It would, however, be important to have discreet premises and the minimum of publicity so that the matter is not capitalised in the Nationalist Press and any raid or other interference is avoided until the Club has got well established. I think it important that the Church people and other non-communists should take a very active part if the club is to be started, as the Left have rather a gift for capturing these things if given a chance.
2. I agree with the idea of a farewell dinner and presentation to R.J. on one night of the Executive meetings.
3. I think that the appeal should be to members of the Institute by circular letter, with some indication given in the letter of the kind of amount which you would like to receive, and that in the very unlikely event of this not producing enough, a supplementary amount should be voted from General Revenue.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

15 APR 1948

*Edgar H. Brookes*

*not more than 5/- ?*

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Mrs. Phyllis S. Lean,  
105, Enfield Court,  
Kaptein Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

24th Feb., 1949.

Dear Mrs. Lean,

Answering your letter of February.

- Seriatim.
1. These names you will already have through other Institute sources like Mr. Randall.
  2. African (Dr. Xuma): Indian (Cachulia or Minty or Sigamoney): Coloured (George Carr).
  3. Coloured dance display.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Walker  
EDITOR.

DRAFT.

Dear

Johannesburg International Club  
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will be good enough to grant it an annual sum for three years to help see it through a very difficult initial stage. Human relations are deteriorating so rapidly in this multi-racial society that we feel that every effort must be made to stem the tide of racial antagonisms and hatred. Our Club will do much to help particularly as it is established in one of the storm centres of the Union.

Please help. It is a good cause and more than ever necessary.

Yours sincerely

1. *+ Ambrose Johannesburg* Bishop of Johannesburg
3. J.D. Rheinallt Jones Formerly Director the S.A. Institute of Race Relations
4. Ray E. Phillips American Board Mission
2. J.B. Webb President, Methodist Conference of S.A.
5. Quintin Whyte Director of S.A. Institute of Race Relations.

5 and Dean Palmer.



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POST OFFICE BOX 97  
TELEGRAMS: "UBUNTU"

QW/DAR.

19, STIEMENS STREET  
BRAAMFONTEIN  
JOHANNESBURG

21st November 1949.

J.D. Rheinallt Jones Esq.  
44 Main Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

#### SOME OF THE WORK DONE SINCE 1929

Legal Aid Bureaux for the poor  
Literacy classes for adult Non-Europeans

Joint Councils for Europeans  
and Non-Europeans

Cost-of-living enquiries among  
Non-Europeans

Industrial relations enquiries  
for employers

Ten-year Plan for Native  
Education adopted by British  
Government

Helped to secure training in  
South Africa for Non-  
Europeans as doctors

First National Nutrition Con-  
ference, 1939, leading to State  
Nutrition Council

First National Penal Reform  
Conference, 1945

400,000 word Handbook on  
Race Relations in South Africa

Regular memoranda & pam-  
phlets bearing on race  
problems

Dear "R.J."

I enclose a draft letter appealing to a number of American organizations for help for the International Club which the Institute initiated last year. It is with the greatest difficulty that we are keeping the Club going and we will be very grateful to know if you will be good enough to sign the appeal with the others indicated at the foot of the letter.

If you agree I shall send you the letters for signature. I feel it is important that the Club be kept alive particularly at this juncture.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte  
DIRECTOR

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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Rev. Dr. J. B. WEBB, M. A.

Chairman of District.

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23, Béatrice Lane,  
Berea,  
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Phone 44-5396

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Methodist Central Hall,  
66, Kruis Street,  
Johannesburg.  
Phones 22-0918/19/10

24th November, 1949.

Mr. Quintin Whyte,  
P. O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

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appeals for help for the International Club  
which you propose to send out to certain  
American organisations. I shall be glad to  
receive the letters for signature.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J. B. Webb*

28 NOV 1949



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19, STIEMENS STREET  
BRAAMFONTEIN  
JOHANNESBURG

13th December, 1949.

Very Rev. Dean Palmer,  
The Deanery,  
Parktown,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which Mr. Whyte wrote to you on the 23rd November in case the original has gone astray. Mr. Whyte will be very grateful if you will let me know if you are prepared to sign the letters referred to therein.

Yours faithfully,

*W. A. Ross*

DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY.

/ENCLS:

*Yes please - Was sent away under 16 Nov and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. & has only returned an hour ago.*

*C.A.P.*



COPIES SENT TO ALL AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

28/12/49.

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4901, S. Ellis Avenue,  
CHICAGO. 15. Illinois. U.S.A.

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13th March, 1950.

Johannesburg International Club,  
4, Kort Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Congratulations. It has been a good year and we wish you well in the Club's New Year. The Club provides what South Africa needs, - a common meeting place for its peoples. The leaders of the people must not drift apart into mutual suspicion and distrust. The Club has a big part to play particularly in Johannesburg where the forces of conflict are so sharply defined.

Best wishes,

JHAB.  
INT.  
CL.

# JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

23 FEB 1950

PHONE: 33-2890

4, KORT STREET,

JOHANNESBURG.

7th February, 1950.

The Director,  
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
19 Stiemens Street,  
Braamfontein.  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Whyte,

As you know, the Annual General Meeting of the Club is to take place on Wednesday, 15th March at ~~7.30~~ 7.30 p.m. The Chairman has asked me to write to you and ask that the Institute of Race Relations send a message of greeting to the Annual Meeting.

I would therefore be glad if you would send us such a message which could be conveyed to members at the meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



E.M. VAN NIEKERK

A/B/26/1

MR/EO

The Secretary,  
The International Club,  
4, Kort Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

10th August, 1950.

Dear Miss van Nickerk,

Miss E. Percival Hart of Johannesburg gave me some books which she wished me to pass to Africans. Most of them are on medical subjects and I am sending these to the medical school. But it occurs to me that these three, on gardening, might be useful additions to your library.

Yours sincerely,

MH

Muriel Horrell - Miss,  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

Phone 44-4368.

P.O. Box 97,  
Johannesburg.

Please reply to:-

MRS. SCARNELL LEAN,  
105 ENFIELD COURT,  
KAPTEIJN STREET,  
JOHANNESBURG.

(5)

Mr. Oliver Walker

Dear Friend,

I have been asked to serve as convenor of a sub-committee charged with the responsibility of arranging the official opening of the International Club.

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday March 19th at 3.30 p.m. The principal speaker will be our Honorary President Mr. Alan Paton, followed by Mr. Basil Holt who will explain the objects of the Club.

We are not anxious to overload the programme with speeches but I think we should choose one representative of the Bantu people to speak a few words of greeting and similarly one Indian friend and one coloured representative. May I ask you to write to me as soon as possible, answering specifically the following points:-

1. Will you give me a list of those individuals you would like to invite. Give their proper names and correct postal addresses and if possible, type your list. This is to be a list of people, influential in their own community, who will come as our guests.
2. Please nominate
  - a) An African
  - b) An Indian
  - c) A Colouredwho can in your opinion give a very brief and telling message of greeting at the opening ceremony. Give full names and addresses clearly.
3. It may be possible to include one entertainment item. Various suggestions have been put forward e.g. An African choir; Coloured dance display etc.

May I have your suggestions here please. I think we should select the item, bearing in mind the following points:-

- a) It should be short.
- b) It should not involve too many performers nor much fancy dress.
- c) It should be in very good taste - we do not want jive or jam sessions.
- d) The item selected should be in keeping

/with.....:.....

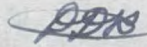
the racial traditions of the performers.

Let me know what you think and tell me clearly who to contact.

I know that this involves you all in a lot of writing but we are all very busy people and I think this will in the end save time. When I have received all your replies, I will analyse them and then call you all together for decisions and drafting the programme.

It would be a great help if you could reply within a week from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Phyllis S. Lean.

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JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1950 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT : Rev. Sigamoney (In the Chair), Miss Horrell, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Darling, Mr. Patel, Dr. Roux and Mr. Thabede.

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. It was agreed that in future minutes should be sent out early and be circulated to the Trustees as well in order to give them a general idea of the progress of the Club.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Mrs. Maggs tendering her resignation from the Executive Committee. A similar letter was read from Mrs. Ohland accepting the ruling given by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on the 23rd October, 1950, in terms of Rule 10 (b) of the Constitution. She further explained that she had not received the last notice of the meeting owing to a change of address. In view of this explanation, it was agreed to co-opt her into the Committee. Another letter was read from Mrs. Allen complaining of the inadequacy of the cook's salary. The Secretary was instructed to advise her that the cook's salary had already been raised from two pounds to two pounds ten shillings a week and that it would be increased as conditions permitted.
3. APPOINTMENT AND CO-OPTION. Mr Hopkins Jenkins was appointed, and Mrs Rae Melamed was co-opted, to the Executive Committee.
4. FINANCE : It was agreed that a financial statement reflecting the financial position of the Club be drawn up and circulated to all members in order to bring to their notice the financial difficulties confronting the Club. It was also agreed to request Mr. A. C. S. Naidoo to write up the books to date. On the suggestion of Mr. Cohen it was agreed that each member be asked to organise a function on his own once every three months.
5. TREASURER: The appointment of a treasurer was deferred to the next meeting.
6. SUB-COMMITTEES: Mr. Cohen reported that members had volunteered to serve on the Finance, Maintenance, Catering, Light and Heavy functions subcommittees. Mr Cohen further proposed that an Events Planning Joint Sub-Committee be formed by a temporary amalgamation of the light and heavy functions subcommittees whose formation was approved by the recent Special General Meeting. The proposal was carried.  
  
The maintenance committee was authorised to incur expenditure not exceeding five pounds at a time for the purpose of maintaining the premises.
7. FUTURE ACTIVITY. Mr Bruce outlined a plan for future activity and indicated the general principles of running these activities. A general discussion followed.

The Secretary was instructed to stop members from walking into the kitchen and interfering with the staff.

/The Chairman...



The Chairman moved the adjournment of the meeting.

ADJOURNED at 7.30 p.m.

.....CHAIRMAN  
5th December, 1950.

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JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

P.O. Box 873,  
Johannesburg.

24th March, 1951.

Dear Friend,

At the General Meeting on the 26th January last, the financial difficulties of the Club were discussed and the following resolution was taken:

"That the Club close down its present premises and activities and that the Executive Committee be replaced by a Committee of seven for the purposes of:

- (a) Discharging the present liabilities.
- (b) Keeping in touch with members.
- (c) Investigating the possibility of fresh activity.

We have now discharged all our debts and are looking around for suitable premises. It has been decided, for the present, to hold a monthly meeting at the Trades Hall on the first Thursday of each month, at which meetings, lectures, debates and other cultural activities will take place.

The first of these meetings will take place at No. 1 Trades Hall, Kerk Street, off Harrison Street, on Thursday the 5th April, 1951, at 8 p.m. when a lecture will be delivered by Mr. John Cope, Editor of the "FORUM", on "The Racial Problem in South Africa".

It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this function in order to keep the International Club going.

It has been decided to reduce the annual subscription temporarily to 5/- because we no longer offer Club facilities, but we should appreciate it if those who can afford to do so would pay £1.1.0. so that we can accumulate a small reserve for the time when premises can be secured and the Club started up again. We shall be glad to receive your subscription at the earliest possible date. We shall also be glad to have any suggestions that members care to make.

Yours faithfully,

E.R. ROUX.  
A. O'DOWD.  
P.M. KELLY.  
F.J.M. THABEDE.  
N.F. ALLEN.  
C. PATEL.  
B.L.E. SIGAMONEY.  
R. MELAMED.

Members of the Committee.

Financial posn.

Not quite fulfilling function hoped.

Tomorrow  
4Mr Lewis

Decision to dissolve must come from members.

If won't agree to close = get kicked out of premises?

Landlord.

They want our auditors to do books.

Collins &amp; Co.

If no assets no object in Constitution  
procedure for dissolution  
becomes defunct.Furniture worth 1'  
Landlord  
salaries.

Tech College - NE classes there.

Publicity in Bante Press -

This is what we'd hoped.

Do you want it?

If not must close.

Léeto

Ho chakela motsoalle kapa motsoali ho hotle, ho hlile ho bontša lerato leo re nang le lona. Motho ke motho ka batho ba bang le morena ke morena ka batho ba hae.

Litoropong ho makoloi a mefuta ao motho a ka etang ka 'ona: literene, libese, literempe, joalo, joalo. Ha re nkile leeto la terene, e ka khona re tsebe lebitso la seteishene seo re theohang ho sona. Re hle re bitse lona lebitso leo he, ha re nka tekete seteisheneng. Hape re tsebe hore terene ha e emele motho empa e le motho ea e emelang. Ha ho lumelloe ho palama terene e ntse e tsamaea. U se ke ua theoha terene kapa bese e matha.

Hore u kene tseleng u hle u nke liaparo tse mofuthu, esita le lahlabula, ka ha u sa tsebe tsietsi tsa tsela. U tšabane le masholu le bo-tsoetsi 'me u ithute ho ba lemoha kapele. Ha u lahlehile kapa u lahlehetsoe ke ho hong u hle u botse mapolesa kapa bo-ralitekete ho e na le ho botsa batho ba sa tšepahaleng. Ha ho lumelloe ho noa joala leetong: ba bangata ba tsoile kotsi le ho bolaoa ke ho noa, motho a be a oele ka tlas'a terene.

Libeseng moeti o nka tekete ka hare ho tsona, anthe tereneng tekete e nkuoa motho a e-s'o kalame. Ha u lutse pel'a motho ea qhobang bese, u se ke ua 'muisa, ka ha u ka mo ferekanya. Ha u palame tekese, u lumellane ka chelete le moqhobi pele, e se re kamorao la qabana.

P.O. Box 97,

JOHANNESBURG.

10th November, 1950.

The Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney,  
14, Sherwill Street,  
DOORNFONTEIN,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Sigamoney,

I have been feeling very alarmed at the financial position of the International Club, and enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to the Secretary.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, who as you know is the Institute's Honorary Treasurer, says that, if you would like this, he would attend the suggested meeting to advise Committee members on the best procedure to adopt. He is much too busy to take on any actual book-keeping, however, and I do not think it would be fair of us to ask for this.

Yours sincerely,

*rd*  
(MISS) MURIEL HORRELL.

/Encl.

P.O. Box 97,

JOHANNESBURG.

8th November, 1950.

The Secretary,  
Johannesburg International Club,  
4, Kort Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

After attending the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Club since my recent election to this body, I feel very concerned indeed about the Club's financial position. It appears that unless some £150 is raised before the end of the current month the Club will be unable to pay its rent or the salaries of its staff, and that an equivalent or larger amount is required every month.

The meeting decided to leave the responsibility for raising these amounts to a Fund Raising Committee consisting of volunteers from amongst members of the Club. I feel that this is unsatisfactory. The position is so grave that the Executive Committee and, more particularly, the Trustees should, I consider, meet as soon as possible, together with the Fund Raising Committee, to consider whether the Club can carry on. If there is no hope of meeting commitments, it would be dishonest to do so.

Urgent plans should also be made to have the books written up to date, so that the suggested meeting will be in a position to consider the financial situation.

I am uncertain in what capacity Mr. Monty Berman reported on the Financial position at the recent general meeting of members; but as he is so much in touch with the position, could he not be invited to attend the suggested meeting?

I shall be glad if you will discuss this letter with the Acting Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

M.H.

(Miss) MURIEL HORRELL.

# JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

4. KORT STREET.

PHONE: 33-2890

JOHANNESBURG.

27th November, 1950.

*MH*  
Miss Muriel Horrell,  
P.O.Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Miss Horrell,

Your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to me came duly to hand. Unfortunately, I have been away writing examinations and my reply has been delayed in consequence of this.

In view of the fact that the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee takes place on Tuesday, 5th December, 1950, I should like to suggest that your letter be read to the meeting or alternatively, you could raise the issues discussed in it under Finance.

/NRDM.

Yours faithfully,

*N.R.D. Mandela*  
N.R.D. MANDELA.  
S E C R E T A R Y.

*MH.*  
I feel that one of the contributions reasons for the Club's weak financial position is probably the fact that they use such expensive paper! *NRDM*  
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*Payl.*

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JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
5TH DECEMBER, 1950, AT 5.30 P.M..

PRESENT : Mr Jack Cohen (in the Chair), Mr. R.G. Bruce, Miss Muriel Horrell, Mr. Hopkins Jenkins, Mrs Rae Melamed, Mr. Cassim Patel and Mr. F.J.M. Thabede.

APOLOGIES : Apologies were received from Rev. Sigamoney, Dr. E. Roux and Mr. Flag Boshielo.

MINUTES : The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE : A letter was read from Mrs Muriel Ohland regretting her inability to serve on the Executive Committee as her duties made it impossible for her to attend Executive meetings regularly. Another letter was received from Mrs A.W. Hoernle tendering her resignation from membership of the Club. The Secretary was instructed to write and request her to reconsider her decision by remaining a member even if she was unable to take part in the activities of the Club. A third letter was read from Miss Muriel Horrell expressing concern about the Club's financial position. She felt that the position was so grave that the Executive Committee and, more particularly, the Trustees, should meet immediately, together with the Fund Raising Committee to consider whether the Club could carry on. It was pointed out, however, that the full financial position of the Club had been placed before a Special General Meeting of members held in October last year which decided that the Club should remain open and that nothing had occurred since that meeting to warrant a reversal of that decision.

It was agreed that a drive be made for donations in cash and kind. Several members volunteered to participate in this drive.

TREASURER: The appointment of a treasurer was again deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEES.: It was agreed that the Events Planning and Fund Raising Sub-Committees should until further notice meet in joint session. Absolute amalgamation was not envisaged but because both subcommittees were concerned with functions and events it was essential that their activities be co-ordinated.

FUTURE ACTIVITY.: Various activities for the month of January were discussed.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1951.

ADJOURNED at 7 P.M.

..... CHAIRMAN.  
9th January, 1951.



Phone  
£10  
Sept.

£11 pm 8 Gloucester. 7-3 (evening) p.w.  
Same winter & summer, until 10 pm.

£365 3.5 - less perhaps £135. - see Oct  
possibly plus £180 to B.A. Welfare  
trust. - rent for period.

including £110 Rent 2 months. <sup>see</sup> Jan.  
£25 claims - writ at end of month  
£110 electricity - compromise possible  
£25 Dec. Sec's salary From Oct '49  
£3.17.3 } Salaries We pay these too  
£5.2.0 } each month.

Bank - £11.19.0

Phone Menu - who best person to see.  
Tell Mr Bruce.

Mr Naidoo doing books.

Hope to raise £30 - £50 this month in functions.

Rent £27.10.0 pm for each floor

365  
135  
230.

Jan	110
Feb	5
	25
	25
	18
	<u>183</u>

183  
£413

Plus  
possibly

135  
180  
£728

Cut out simply every non-essential  
paid notice to non-essential staff.

less  
20% what  
we raise

30  
£700

400  
55  
350

100  
55  
50

700

meeting 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Sumelle  
3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL CLUB

4, Kort Street,  
Johannesburg.

2nd January, 1951.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :-

Dear Member,

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday the 9th January, 1951.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Appointment of Chairman & Hon. Treasurer.
3. Approval of new Club Members.
4. Correspondence.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Reports from Sub-Committees.
7. Present financial state of the Club.
8. Miscellaneous.

Yours faithfully,

*Gordon Bruce*

Gordon Bruce.  
Acting Secretary.

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