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The main item in the Newsletter concerns our next A.G.M.

(1) THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of our next A.G.M. Details of this are as follows:

DATE: FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1995 TIME: 7:30 P.M. VENUE: NEWMAN HALL, NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM,

LEOPOLD TAKIWIRA AVENUE

SPEAKER DR P. MUNDY - MATOBO BLACK EAGLE AND DASSIE

(2) ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Currently these are unchanged. Our Financial year commences on 1 August.

MEMBERS: \$50

PENSIONERS: \$25 (Those who are not in paid employment.)

CHILDREN: \$25 (15 years and under.)

COMPANIES: \$100

Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the 27 October 1995 will not be able to vote at the AGM. Their names will also be removed from our mailing list.

Cheques should be mailed to the above address. If cash is preferred, please hand this to a member of the Committee or to our Receptionist on duty at the AGM. Receipts will be mailed to all members.

(3) Our proposal that the MATOBO HILLS AREA be proclaimed a WORLD HERITAGE SITE has been submitted to both Department of National Parks and National Museums. The progress of the submission will be detailed in further editions of this Newsletter. Any questions on this project would be answered at the A.G.M.

The two main advantages to achieving WORLD HERITAGE STATUS are:

- a. The perspective of the Matobo on the international scale is enhanced.
- b. U.N.E. S.C.O. funding for research becomes possible.
- (4) We continue to press National Parks for their agreement to hold a meeting of relevant authorities to introduce one fee collected at the entry point into the Matobo National Park. As we see it the fee would cover all facilities leaving firewood, accommodation, fishing and horse riding as extras.
- (5) The article in the Chronicle concerning Park Fees and dated 27 August contained an error. It stated that a fee was now charged to visit the grave of Cecil John Rhodes. This is a proposal and not yet a charge.

- (6) The Rotary Club of Bulawayo awarded the Mtshabezi Project of our Society with the 1995 Environmentalist of the Year Award. This honour is awarded each year to a person, or project, who has been active in the development of our Community.
- (7) If and when members change their postal address, do please advise our Secretary at the box numbers given on this letterhead.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A. CHAIRMAN

- 1. The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, unless a proposal is made and supported by a simple majority to defer election of a Chairman to the newly elected committee.
- 2. The Chairman may serve no more than three consecutive years in office, but may be elected Chairman again in subsequent years.
- 3. The past Chairman is not prevented from being re-elected to the committee in the year(s) following his chairmanship.

B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 1. Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, unless a proposal is made and supported by a simple majority to defer election of office bearers to the newly elected committee.
- 2. Committee members absent from three consecutive scheduled committee meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.

C. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1. Co- opted members of the committee do not form part of the quorum required for the holding of committee meetings.
- 2. A quorum for meetings shall be a simple majority, though a two thirds quorum is required for meetings dealing with the following:
 - (a) elect office bearers
 - (b) co- opt members onto the committee
 - (c) calling of Special General Meetings
 - (d) investment decisions
 - (e) matters involving trust funds (other than general expenditure made in terms of the trust)

D. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 1. Subscriptions shall fall due on 31 July of each financial year, and members not paid up as at the Annual General Meeting shall not be allowed to vote.
- 2. The members at the Annual General Meeting shall set the subscriptions for the following year, due on 31 July of the following year.
- 3. New members paying application fees and subscriptions during the last quarter of the financial year shall not be required to pay subscriptions in the following year.