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SAAHP Meeting Minutes

Held on 14 September 2019 at 32 Odendaal Road, Aurora, Durbanville

Chairperson: Dr Mariyam Kisten

Opening and welcome

Next meeting 16 November 2019. Thank you to Dr Connie Meyer for hosting the SAAHP meeting and presenting lecture.

Administration

Members Present: Dr Mariyam Kisten, Dr Leonie Curtolo, Dr Connie Meyer,

Apologies: Dr Lauren Sacht, Dr Craig Wright, Dr Catherine van Dorsten, Dr Sanien de Beer, Dr Sarah le Grange

Minutes of previous meeting

There are no minutes as there was no quorum at the previous meeting.

Announcements

No formal announcements.

AGM venue

Suggestions:

- Kirstenbosch
- Joostenburg
- The River club
- The Fig tree.

Feedback on Symposium

The reason that the symposium was done so that we could get both CPD points and offer ethics to members as we had not had meetings.

Dr Tammi O'Flynn expressed how impressed she was and felt that SAAHP should do more symposiums and open it up to more people.

A suggestion was made for another symposium for 2020.

Other suggestions were:

Proposal for online training.

Charging for webinar, however SAAHP would have to restructure their website.

Feedback on medical aid tariff

A general survey needs to be done by all Phytotherapists to ascertain the general fees that are charged and an average can then be established and then be used when drafting the medical aid tariffs for Phytotherapy. SAAHP has been in contact with Dr Niel Gower for advice and possible future consulting.

Feedback from UWC Phytotherapy

The School of Natural Medicine is not taking applications for 2020 and forward due to restructuring of the course. The degree may become a research focused and/or clinical degree. A formal meeting was held in May 2019 to discuss a way forward. Other stake holders will present in another meeting and SAAHP may be invited. The course is not closing, it is being re-curriculated.

Update on completion of constitution and NPO status

In the beginning of the year we discussed a name change. We are not allowed to call ourselves 'herbal practitioners'. The name is legally allocated to Traditional Herbalists. We can say 'Dr of Phytotherapy' or 'Registered Phytotherapist'.

It does not matter what acronym we use or if someone else is using the same. We need to change our name to carry on working on our website and finalise our constitution. Through a vote we've agreed on the South African Association of Registered Phytotherapists (SAARP).

Complaints

Allied Health needs to deal with complaints. SAAHP can't deal with unregistered practitioners practising illegally.

New Chair (Chair stepping down)

Dr Mariyam Kisten is stepping down as chairperson.

Dr Sonia Couto was nominated and due process will follow.

AOB

None

Closing

The meeting was closed at 11:08.