

Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Swartland Skaak Akademie

Date: 26 March 2026

Time: 17h30 – 18h30

Location: Old Mutual, Malmesbury

Chairperson: Johannes Erasmus

1. Attendance

The following prospective members were present:

- Johannes Erasmus (Founder)
 - Burger Fourie
 - Louis Steyn
 - Hendrik Spies
 - Christo Fuhri
 - Elke Fuhri
 - Don Megit
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2. Welcome & Introductions

- **Opening:** Johannes Erasmus officially opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees to the inaugural AGM.
 - **Icebreaker:** Members introduced themselves and shared their favorite chess pieces or openings to build rapport.
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3. Defining the Vision & Identity

- **Club Name:** It was agreed by the majority that the official name of the club will be **Swartland Skaak Akademie**.
 - **Club Purpose:** The club is established as first and foremost a social chess hub that will host ad hoc internal competitive tournaments and participate in regional and provincial events.
 - **Coaching Provision:** It was resolved that Johannes Erasmus is permitted to use the club's name and identity to conduct personal coaching sessions for his own benefit, without required compensation to the club.
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4. Constitution & Committee Elections



- **Constitution:** The basic constitution was reviewed and agreed upon, subject to discussed amendments as noted in these meeting minutes.
 - **Action:** Johannes Erasmus to update the document for signature by founding members at the next meeting.
 - **Election of Officers:** The following members were nominated and elected unanimously:
 - **President:** Johannes Erasmus
 - **Secretary:** Elke Fuhri
 - **Treasurer:** Hendrik Spies
 - **Other offices:** Remain vacant for the time being. Roles will be delegated on an ad hoc basis by the President as and when the need arises.
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5. Logistics & Finance

- **Meeting Schedule:** Weekly meetings will be held on **Wednesdays from 17h00 to 18h00**.
 - **Venue Research:** Johannes Erasmus and Elke Fuhri will investigate permanent venue options and associated costs.
 - **Membership Dues:** The annual membership fee was set at **R100.00 per member**.
 - **Banking:** Due to the high cost of banking fees, initially the finances will be dealt through the founder's bank account, with transactions and books being transparently handled. Transactions will be authorised in writing by the treasurer and effected by the founder. This arrangement is of a temporary nature.
 - **Legal Status:** Hendrik Spies will investigate the need for a legal structure and bank account, taking into account the limited financial capacity of the club.
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6. Equipment & Resources

- **Current Inventory:** The club currently owns no equipment. Johannes Erasmus has secured 12 sets on loan from Swartland Primary School for the first two meetings.
 - **Acquisition:** Hendrik Spies will investigate potential sponsorship to purchase the first 10 club-owned sets.
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7. Marketing & Future Growth

- **Strategy:** Growth will be driven by word-of-mouth. Elke Fuhri will lead social media marketing efforts. Future marketing ideas include club pins, stickers, flyers, and business cards.
 - **First Official Event:** The first "Game Night" is confirmed for **1 April 2026 at Voortrekker Hall (17h00 – 19h00)**.
 - **Note:** Johannes Erasmus and Elke Fuhri will cover the initial rental costs. Refreshments will be sold to begin fundraising for the club.
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8. Any Other Business (AOB)

- **West Coast Chess Open:** Johannes Erasmus informed the committee that a bid to host the West Coast Chess Open at Laerskool PS was successful.
 - The date is to be finalized with the federation (targeted for Term 2).



- The club intends to use this tournament as a formal **Launch Event**. Meetings leading up to this date will focus on building a core player group to assist with the launch.
 - **Closing:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 18h30. The Chairperson thanked Hendrik Spies for providing the venue.
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Approved By:

Führi (Secretary)
Elke Führi