

Minutes of First General Meeting of the launch of Bossie's Justice Fund

Held at Nelspruit, Emnotweni Arena on Wednesday 10.02.2010

Chairperson: Rupert Taljaard

1. Opening and Welcome

Rupert opened the meeting with scriptures reading (2 Chronicles Chapter 32) and prayer where after he wished everybody a hearty welcome and also expressed his gratitude for so many people attending.

2. Introduction and Background

Rupert proceeded by giving the reasons for starting this movement for justice, explaining about the many cases of crime with specific reference to Bossie's murder, which lead to this idea. He further highlighted in an emotional and fiery speech what possibly can be achieved if we all pull our weight and resources together. He stressed the fact that this is not a political, racial or any factional aligned organisation but mainly to see that **justice is done and done so properly** in order for the criminals to understand very clearly that they will be brought to justice – escaping this went on for too long and it is time that the good citizens of the country get their piece back – piece in the schools, the streets, the cities, the farms, their homes and in their minds.

3. Purpose of the Fund

Rupert explained the purpose being primarily to:

- Solve crime
- Make huge rewards available for information
- Help the SAPS with professional and technical detective work
- Ensure the proper preparation to prosecute criminals effectively by assisting lawyers, prosecutors, etc. and to prevent parole being given to hard-core criminals
- Support traumatised families

4. Crime in the Lowveld

Johnny Kerswil of Hi-Tech security gave the audience a picture of crime in the area and shortly sketched the typical profile of the type of criminals that we face in our area.

5. Information Management and Communication

Rian Groenewald, tasked to be responsible for the website, its design and its workings explained the procedures involved in this very important function.

6. The Way Forward

Charl Kotzé proposed and explained the main functions of the steering/working committee and called for nominations of people to serve on the committee. With general consensus the

following persons will serve as members: Rupert Taljaard; Johan Barnard, Gerhard Lourens; Rian Groenewald; Cinton Snyman; Dave Tie; Charl Breytenbach; Charl Kotzé. KPMG will be tasked to manage the financial side of the fund. The committee members will elect the persons to the various portfolios from amongst themselves at their first planning meeting. The functions must address challenges regarding leadership, fund raising, public relations and communications, judicial technical issues, detective support measures, financial management and treasury, administration, information management and data capturing.

7. Closure

Rupert again thanked all the people for coming, requesting them to render their support and to send the message to all their friends, families and colleagues, here as well as overseas. He closed the meeting with a prayer.