

# NGUNI CATTLE BREEDERS' SOCIETY OFFICE REPORT FOR 2012

The Nguni Society had a busy year and many goals were achieved during the past year.

Number of members of the Society	413
Number of new members	36
Number of resignations	53
Number of female animals	47 396
Number of male animals	18 844

## The following meetings were held during 2012:

Council meetings:

23 January 2012  
28 & 29 May 2012  
29 May 2012 – Alternative Register Workshop  
20 & 21 August 2012  
8 November 2012

At every Council meeting a full report was given on the financial position of the Society. Income and expenses, outstanding creditors, bank balances and outstanding debtors were discussed during these meetings. The Society's finances are in a healthy state and were audited by PWC.

Annual General Meeting:

The annual general meeting was held on 10 November 2012 at Bains Game Lodge. The meeting was attended by 44 people. An informal evening function was held the previous night.

Office meetings:

Every Monday the office personnel hold a meeting to discuss the week's work plan. Problems are also handled at the meeting and discussed. Thus, each staff member has the opportunity to discuss their problems and get solutions in place. Meetings were also attended by the official regarding informal discussions between Breed Societies and SA Studbook.

## Training

During July 2012 membership, junior inspectors and inspectors' refresher courses were held in the Limpopo province.



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**Louise du Toit** (Financial Officer),  
**Maki Moshao** (Office Assistant),  
**Elmarie du Preez** (Administrative Officer)

About 46 people attended these courses. A refresher course was also held at Bains Game Lodge (near Bloemfontein) on 9 November 2012 and 27 inspectors attended this course.

### Marketing/Communication/Advertisements

The following actions were planned and executed by the office with the help from members:

- Journal
- Calendar
- Nampo, Bothaville
- Royal Show (assist KZN Nguni Club), Pietermaritzburg
- Mega Week, Bredasdorp
- Pretoria Spring Show

### Advertisements in Magazines

- Veeplaas, May 2012: *Nguni's skenk beeste*, pg 87
- Veeplaas Trading post, May 2012: Nguni contact details and logo, pg 36
- Veeplaas Trading post, May 2012: *Hoekom die Nguni beesras?*, pg 37
- Veeplaas, June 2012: *Nguni wen beste jaarverslag*, pg 84
- Veeplaas, front page, July 2012
- Veeplaas, July 2012: *Nguni – uit die verlede, reg vir die toekoms*, pg 42
- Veeplaas, August 2012: *Nguni's bied suksesvolle kursus aan*, pg 110
- Agri Mega Week Programme guide, September 2012: *Hoekom die Nguni beesras?*
- Veeplaas, Trading post, September 2012: *Hoekom die Nguni beesras?*, pg 151
- RPO Magazine, September 2012: *Rasgenootskappe*, Nguni details
- Veeplaas, September 2012: *Nguni Genootskap en Noordelike Nguni Klub bied suksesvolle kursus en opleiding aan*, pg 109
- Veeplaas, Trading post, September 2012: *Nguni details*, pg 150
- Veeplaas, Trading post, October 2012: *Nguni details*, pg 154
- Veeplaas, October 2012: *Nguni Genootskap borg hemde*, pg 112
- Advertisements were placed every second week in the Farmers Weekly and the Landbouweekblad.

### The following communications went out to the breeders:

- 23 April – sms reminder for Nguni alternative register workshop
- 5 June - sms reminder for courses in Limpopo
- 31 August - letter to the breeders on behalf of Mr. Archie du Plessis
- 31 August - latest constitution and by-laws
- 6 September – preliminary notice and nomination applications for the AGM
- 26 September – sms, application for inspection 2013 reminder
- 5 October – sms, reminder for photo's – calendar 2013
- 8 October – final notice of the AGM and the Journal advertisement requirements.
- 23 October – sms, reminder for AGM and function
- 11 November – sms for financial statements available
- 19 November - sms, Journal advertisement reminder

### Technical

	Animals
18 sales under auspices of the Society	1 596
Importation of Nguni animals from Namibia	33
Upgrading cows from FR to Appendix A	100
Re-instatements	97
Annual inspections (breeders)	266
Female animals inspected	6 835
Female animals culled	564
Female animals stand over	39
Male animals inspected	954
Male animals culled	195
Male animals stand over	14
Appeal inspections	2

### Parentage Verification Tests

Nine breeders were selected by SA Studbook from whom animals were nominated for DNA testing. The DNA-typing laboratories were appointed by SA Studbook.

### Projects

During May a meeting with farmers involved in the Nguni IDC projects, was held in Upington and at Vaalharts experimental farm. Good feedback was received from the farmers and problems were discussed and solved.



The Society was asked to get involved with the Mixed Production Unit at Grootfontein Agricultural College's third year training programme. Training will also be given to the students annually - see article on page 42

### Attorney advice

It is important for the Society to ensure that the correct information and feedback is given to the breeders. Therefore, the following queries were addressed to an attorney:

- Employee status of an inspector working under contract for the Society
- Nguni Trademark

### South African Society for Agricultural Technologists (SASAT) Congress

The Office Manager attended the 30th SASAT Congress in September 2012 where a poster was presented. The title of the poster was: "Nguni Cattle Breeders' Society in collaboration with IDC Nguni cattle development projects" (page 86). The officer were awarded 3rd place in the competition for the best poster.

The office managed a huge workload throughout this year and therefore it is important that rules are followed. Communication with breeders and training play a major role so that the Society can function at its best.



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