**MINUTES OF THE ROOIELS CONSERVANCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT 17H30 ON 18 DECEMBER 2019 AT ERF 66**

1. **OPENING, WELCOME and THANKS**: John Charalambous welcomed everyone and thanked all who had contributed to REC in 2019:
Dick Lockley for convening the hack and all who joined the hack group.
RERA Committee for their support to REC
Kay Leresche for all the work she put in behind the scenes supporting REC also an immense amount of work put into the RERA Information Cascade on behalf of REC
2. **APOLOGIES**: Gail & Herbert Voigt, Marc and Linda Butler Joselyn Mormile, Hettie Claasens Wessie & Magdalene, Leanne Becker, Tom, Bob, Carolyn Baigre, Dave de Klerk, Peter and Margie Ellis, Tom Jacobs and Allison Veinnings, Mike Robinson. Kay and Mike Leresche, Duncan Hiles, Gerhard Scholts
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR**: proposed by John Charalambous and seconded by Alison Scott.
Eldie Brink questioned a point on the previous minutes that “REC doesn’t require a chair person, vice chair, treasurer and secretary as REC falls under the umbrella of RERA” Eldie stated that this is not correct and REC was formed in 2004 under the auspices of Cape Nature Conservation, the driving force was Debbie de Vreis who emigrated to Australia. The process is that nature conservation provides REC with a constitution and REC registers the constitution with CN. The website is still in force so what the REC should do is just check that REC is still registered Eldie will send you link should also send in REC constitution.
Anuta Scholts pointed out that the wording on the previous minutes wasn’t correct and that the amalgamation of REC and RERA was to reduce committee members REC would have a seat on RERA and operate more as a subcommittee. It wouldn’t affect our conservancy standing with Cape Nature
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**: Ivan Becker reported on the income and expenditure for the year being 1st Dec 2018 to 30th Nov 2019

Leopard fund contributions R7500 from Ben de Klerk & R1000 from Tom Baigre
Camera purchase Joselyn from USA R10200
Balance R2786
Looking for R5000 going into 2020. Wolfgang: Big thanks to Willie Boltman for buying batteries being the main cost driver- need more donations. Thank you to Willie – round of applause. Dick Lockley still has R2000 set aside for batteries

Income:

The total income was R101207 interest R3861 total with previous balance R165987

There were 73 members paid up for 2018 and for 2019 was 110 paid up members.

R28,199 was received from subscriptions, R15000 grant for eco centre is still in REC account

Expenses R107877 including:

Rooiels book cost to publish R59524

NSRI R735
Breeze 3876
AGM costs R1000, Gilbert firewise R1200, Plants R2350

Total in REC Account to 30th Nov 2019 – **R58109** see excel spreadsheet for detailed accounts
Anuta questioned the book sales. printing cost R59524 Total sales R52522 still 50 books left over. Books been given out to guest speakers etc. 450 books printed in total.
Thank you to Ivan

1. **ANNUAL REPORT**:
2. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**:
	1. Wolfgang pointed out that Gilbert has been working twice a month in Rooiels on the dune rehab and village gardens. He has been paid by Hilgard and other donors and ask why he shouldn’t be paid out of REC funds now that the finances are healthy. Anuta said she used to pay John the gardener out of REC funds. The CBD businesses also contribute towards the upkeep of the gardens. John Wiesman Siemans said rather than pay a garden service to clear his verges etc he would pay Gilbert R300 and donate R300 to REC.
	2. There was a discussion about the municipality taking away fire wise cuttings from verges in a timely manner.
	3. It was minuted last year: Elbi Brink raised a concern about the open ground in Rooiels and whether it was at risk for being used for low cost housing. He said it’s zoned as a Nature Reserve, but asked whether it’s still a provincial nature reserve.
	Elbi followed up: the nature reserve erf211 declared provincial nature reserve in 1984.
	Regulations approved by regional services council. The issue was whether the conservancy complies with the rules and regulations of the nature reserve. Provincial nature reserve responsibility is with the municipality. Municipality is the managing authority responsible for the reserve. Rooiels NR should be registered on the central register. Spoken to env officer and not on register. Find regulation environmental protected areas act. Overstrand municipality regulations say no development on NR
	Added clause in overlay zone – no consent use coastal strip inc erf 1 + nature reserve
	Environmental management overly zone special coastal protection strip restriction type of house and no encroachment of gardens onto nature reserve.
	Elbi will follow up getting the Rooiels NR registered on the national register.
	4. Telephone poles and copper. Helen written to telkom about removal of poles. They have started removing from the small holdings. Check who in the village still has a Telkom landline. Valid point made about keeping landlines in the event of emergency fire etc.
	5. Is the Rooiels metal conservancy plaque still available. Anuta still has some at home.
	6. Packs of dogs running around not on leads owners known and will be asked to keep the dogs under control.
	7. Concerns over wildlife deaths on the R44, recent death of young female baboon as well as a klipspringer. Gavin Lundie has been in touch sent photo evidence to Tamsin at OM, speed kills no signage on the roads. Tamsin sent gory pictures to national roads and they agreed signs are needed asked where to put signs. To happen sometime in 2020.
3. **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE**: John Charalambous said he couldn’t continue as REC chair but will continue on the committee. Gavin Lundie was nominated and agreed to take on the chairman role. Ivan Becker agreed to continue being treasurer. Mike Robinson, Iain Milne and Joselyn Mormile will continue on the committee. Wolfgang will continue for special projects.
Kay Leresche offered to assist with secretarial work needed.

The committee were earlier lauded for the selfless and hard work done this year.

1. **CLOSURE**