



RERA 2024 AGM Meeting

28 December 2024

Pringle Bay Community Hall, 13:00h – 14:05h

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Welcome

Tom Baigrie, RERA Chair in 2024 welcomed participants present in the room and participating online. He noted that with 22 members in the room (holding 6 further proxies) and 4 attending online the meeting was quorate. Furthermore, 16 additional members who were not able to participate in the meeting (physically or online) had voted electronically on the new constitution. He especially welcomed the 2 non-member guests.

Approval of the minutes of the 2023 and 2023.1 AGM

The AGM approved the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 23 December 2023 and its extension on 30 March 2024 (AGM 2023.1). There were no matters arising not already scheduled for discussion at this meeting.

Report of the 2024 Exco

The Chair introduced his 2024 RERA Report which had been circulated in advance to all Members. He highlighted that the RERA 2024 Exco has tried to conduct its business with openness, care, tolerance, honesty, pragmatism and timely and tactful communication. The report covers details on important substantive matters RERA has worked on, often with other village organisations: developing a Special Rating Area for Rooiels, developing an effective fire prevention and management strategy; land use planning, addressing noise in the village, observing the Pringle Bay Baboon Management project, traffic calming on the R44, achieving sensible plot and verge clearing guidelines from OM, delivering The Breeze, maintaining the small public gardens, road verges and walkways, and constitutional reform. He emphasized his gratitude to all who had served through 2024 as members and co-opted members of

Exco, especially the two recognized experts who served our community so effectively this year, Nigel Burls in land use and Achim Halpaap in constitutional reform.

Financial report

Lesley Lundie, Treasurer, introduced the Financial Report covering the period from Dec 2023 to Nov 2023. One participant raised the issue that an AGM taking place in December cannot approve a report covering the entire RERA financial year from 1st December 2023 to 1st November 2024. The Chair agreed that Exco will look into that matter to explore options. The financial report was approved by the meeting by consensus.

Voting on the amended RERA Constitution

Achim Halpaap, coopted member of RERA Exco, introduced the proposed alterations to the RERA Constitution. He highlighted that the amendments were drawing upon valuable work undertaken by several Rooielsers, as well as from extensive consultations in 2023 and 2024. The proposed alterations address the mandate of the 2023 AGM Resolution “to make RERA more transparent, communicative, and responsive to all opinions within the village, and thus more representative and democratic”.

41 Members voted in favor of the new [2024 RERA Constitution](#), 4 against, and 1 abstained. This surpassed the two thirds majority required to make alterations or additions. The Chair stated that the new Constitution was thus adopted by overwhelming majority and proposed to run the remainder of the meeting under the new Constitution which the AGM approved. He also encouraged all Rooielsers to become RERA Members in 2025, pointing out that family members and tenants may now join the Association as Associate Members and attend and contribute to RERA meetings.

Resolutions

The Chair introduced a draft [AGM Resolution](#) on the “Adoption of the 2024 RERA Constitution. The Resolution requires the 2025 Exco to adhere to the new Constitution and report back to the 2025 AGM on lessons learned, including possible further adjustments which may be needed, based on feedback received. He encouraged all Rooielsers to provide such feedback in 2025. The AGM voted to adopt the Resolution.

Election of the new EXCO

The Chair introduced four candidates for the 2025 Exco. All served on the 2024 Exco:

- Tom Baigrie
- Lesley Lundie
- Nigel Burls

- Christoph Weichsler

Furthermore, Steven Tetluk was nominated from the floor by Fiona Christelis and introduced himself.

The AGM voted to elect all five candidates.

Other business

The Chair indicated that RERA membership fees of 250 Rand per year had not been increased for many years. Following several options discussed, the AGM approved an annual membership fee of 300 Rand for Ordinary Members and 150 Rand for Associate Members.

One member raised the status of RERA as a nonprofit organization (NPO). Following a brief discussion, centering on research done by John Biesmann-Simons, which demonstrated that the burdens of membership far outweighed the benefits for such a small organisation and constituency, the Chair concluded that RERA was best served by not progressing further with our maintenance of our status as a registered NPO, accepting that in time we would lose that status. The AGM approved that by consensus.

The Chair closed the meeting by noting that our membership had risen from 92 to 108 members through 2024 and he hoped many more would now feel able to join as ordinary or associate members and thus influence the association. He urged the chairs (or their representatives) of other village organisations, to follow the example of REC and RESA and attend RERA meetings as non-executives so as to foster better communications and co-operation between us all. He ended by quoting Breyton Breytenbach: '*Slegs duur saam te loop, kan ons die pad na vrede vind*', and noting that even though our village issues were trivial compared to those the poet addressed, the sentiment was just as true.

Prior to the closing of the AGM by the Chair, a motion of sincere appreciation of the excellent work of 2024 RERA Exco under the leadership of the Chair was proposed and passed from the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.