**ROOI ELS CONSERVANCY**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 17H00 ON 29 DECEMBER 2014

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Anuta Scholtz (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. APOLOGIES

Jean Cowen, Andries Brink, Wessie van der Westhuizen, Marie Philip, Doug Wallace, Jenny & Koos Smit, Jo Puttaert, Eldie Brink, Alison Ayres, Helen Jones, Frank & Estelle Raymond, Geoff & Lynn Harris, Nick and Hannah Augostides, Jenny & Pieter van der Riet, Mark Butler, Di & Jan Dagh, Herbert & Gail Voigt.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AGM (2 Jan 2014)

Proposed by P. Kruger and seconded by D. Lockley.

1. FINANCIAL REPORT (See attached).

Balance of R23,889.23 (Breeze costs still to be debited). Breeze costs were considerably lower due to change of printer.

1. ANNUAL REPORT

Copies were circulated to members on arrival (and will be posted to Rooi-Els website with AGM minutes)

1. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
* Leopards: Sightings were quite low for five months of the year. Genets were sighted. There were four leopard sightings in November. Thanks to Jill & Dick Lockley, Wolfgang Steinbach and Duncan Hiles for their help and involvement.
* Thanks to Sandra Yeo for baboon posters and help in eco-centre.
* Hacks: Volunteers are decreasing. We need younger members to continue the tradition. It was proposed that for difficult sites, outside help might be hired. It was suggested that a map of sites to be hacked be circulated for reference by in between hackers and posted at the pub and on the web. The municipality have removed aliens in some places. Working for the Coast clean the beach from time to time.
* Oyster Catchers: Sandra Yeo is monitoring their breeding and sending reports to Helen Jones. Law enforcement is tightening up on dogs on beaches.
* Light Pollution: A small court has opened up in Hermanus which will also be able to deal with such infringements.
* Plot Clearing: Specially trained people are needed to clear the plots. It is hoped that Fire and Nature Conservation will get together to reach agreement on how to proceed. Rule of thumb is that aliens, senescent Blombos and deadwood need to be removed.
* Waste Management: The waste station at Rooiels faces closure for the following reasons: the emergency trailer will, sometime in the future, be permanently removed ; the recycling igloos are no longer required because of the municipal recycling system in place; the waste station is abused on a daily basis as a lot of gardening refuse and building rubble is being dumped there and household refuse from Bettys Bay and Pringle Bay is also being dumped in the trailer/area; businesses use the trailer exclusively; emptying and cleaning the trailer and waste station pose health hazards to municipal workers; and the station is at present on private land and needs to be moved/removed. All home owners are urged to acquire baboon-proof bins in preparation for the coming changes.
* Baboons: Baboons are still being fed from erven nos. 105 and 88. It was suggested that the RE camera be installed there temporarily to capture this illegal activity. This option will be investigated.
* Communication: There has been a lack of communication between REC and RERA this past year. It is hoped that this will improve with the newly elected RERA committee. There is a lot of overlap between the activities of the two committees and it is essential that there is close co-operation.

 Various suggestions were made to keep residents and home owners

 updated, ie whatsapp, facebook, blog.

* There was a request to look out for the Padloper tortoise.
1. VOTE OF THANKS

Anuta thanked the Nourbakhsh children for their efforts in raising funds for REC. Also to all the committee members. A vote of thanks for Anuta Scholtz’s chairmanship and all her hard work.

1. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

There was a proposal to merge the committees of REC and RERA with a conservancy portfolio within the RERA committee, due to so much blurring of lines between the two committees. It was resolved that this may well happen in the future. Nine people have been elected to the new RERA committee, ie Estelle Raymond, Frank Raymond (legal and advisory capacity), Graham McLelland, Mark Butler (Treasurer), Julia Aalbers, Eneth Kruger, Anuta Scholtz (REC rep), Pierre Kruger (Fire rep), Ruth Mathison.

The REC committee was elected as follows:

Anuta Scholtz

Janette Yeats

Jill Lockley

Mark Butler

Mary Comrie

John Charalambous

Margie Ellis

Part Time:

Sandra Yeo

Project leader:

Wolfgang Steinbach (leopards and other fauna)

1. With thanks from the Chair the meeting was closed. All were invited to join the committee for Drinks and snacks (prepared by Jo Rogge) afterwards.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next AGM

Accepted: Proposed: ……………………………………………..

 Seconded: …………………………………………….

Signed:

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Anuta Scholtz Mary Comrie

Chairperson Secretary