

**MINUTES OF THE ROOIELS CONSERVANCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 17H30 ON 19 DECEMBER 2018 AT ERF 66**

1. OPENING AND WELCOME: John Charalambous welcomed everyone.

2. APOLOGIES: Wessie Van Der Westhuizen, John Weisman Siemans, Brian Henley, Kay and Mike Leresche, Tom Jacobs, Duncan Hiles, Michael Lambert, Gerhard Scholtz, Bob and Tom Baigrie, Gail Voigt, Sue Harris and Joselyn Mormile.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS YEAR: proposed by Linda Hiles and seconded by Anuta Scholtz

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: Ivan Becker reported on the income and expenditure for the year, being 1st Dec 2017 to 30th Nov 2018. The opening balance was R12,640.

Income:

The total income was R34,066.

There was R22,328 refunded into the REC account from the Stakeholders meeting. There were 73 members paid up for this financial year.

R14,770 was received from subscriptions, R5,801 in contributions and R8,597 from the Harold Porter talks – where a big thanks was given to Joselyn Mormile for this.

Expenses:

The total expenditure was R14,277.

The biggest expense was the Dune signs at R2,500, followed by the social gathering of R1,680.27 and Breeze magazine contribution of R1,250.

The Leopard trust accounts are separate. Opening balance at Nov 2017 was R5,486. It was noted that contributions to this fund are always welcome. The batteries for the camera cost R2,000 for the year. In total five cameras have been lost (recently 3 due to vandalism). There are currently two cameras in the mountain and one in the cave towards Pringle bay. The cameras were bought second hand and they would like to repair the broken ones. Wolfgang Steinbach will email the cost of purchasing a new camera to REC for distribution. Willie volunteered to pay for the batteries in 2019.

5. ANNUAL REPORT:

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

6.1 It was noted that information on the Hack was covered in the Breeze magazine.

6.2 Jill is looking for an apprentice to take over the gardening. She has been doing this for 15

years. Later in the meeting Alison Scott volunteered to be an apprentice gardener.

6.3 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. Someone suggested he put his comments into an email and send it to the conservancy management.

6.4 Baboon update: There had been an unpleasant event earlier in the day where there had been a baboon and dog fight which ended up in a mother baboon being injured by the dog owner and then later euthanized. Joselyn Mormile asked via Jenny Stark for everyone to look out for a dead baby being carried, and also to note if any baboons were limping, and which limbs were injured. Photos would be good. Please to report back via Jenny Stark.

John advised that he has extra baboon leaflets if anyone needs.

6.5 There was a long discussion around the dune stabilization. Hilgard reported that money had

been earmarked for this out of the WARD meeting but that the methods currently used by Rooiels residents have been very successful, namely dragging branches and seaweed onto the dunes and particularly in the dips, where the sand then accumulates and plants re-grow.

6.6 Hilgard advised that the discussion about declaring a marine reserve in Rooiels would be held the following day in the RERA meeting. He said it was the right time to approach Cape Nature as they have people in position now who are motivated to assist with this. The issues raised were that some people in Rooiels moved here to be able to crayfish or fish. It was also noted that if it became a marine reserve it would exclude all diving, recreational included. It was agreed that the whole community would need to be involved in the discussions and that Hilgard would request a task team get formed from the RERA meeting.

6.7 John discussed that REC will be moving of the Eco-centre to Harold Porter. R15,000 has been secured for funding this but a further R20-25,000 will be required.

6.8 Everyone was encouraged to pay their REC subscriptions. There was a question raised about whether membership should be per property or per person. There was also a suggestion that the whole of Rooiels get emailed with the bank details for easy reference, with follow up emails 3 months later.

6.9 John proposed the REC subscription be increase from R150 to R250 pa. The increase proposal was approved and John agreed to communicate this increase in an email to the community. Everyone was reminded to please include their erf number on the payment reference.

6.10 Alison Scott discussed a successful animation project she has run with children of a local community outreach program, and the good contacts she has made with Cape Nature through this. The event included the children getting involved in a beach clean-up and hikes. She asked if she could email people interested in sharing their conservation knowledge with these teenagers in future events. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact Alison Scott.

7. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE: REC does not require a chairperson, vice, secretary and treasurer as REC falls under the umbrella of RERA.

John Charalambous agreed to continue his role, including being the Representative of REC to RERA. Ivan Becker agreed to continue being treasurer. Mike Robertson offered to assist as well as Iain Milne. Kay Leresche offered to assist with secretarial work needed.

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

8. CLOSURE