



DRAFT (To be Approved at AGM December 2016)

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ROOIELS RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY
22 DECEMBER 2015 AT ERF 205 ROOIELS**

- 1. Welcome:** Chairperson Eneth Kruger thanked all for committing their time to the meeting. She thanked the Afrikaans speaking members for their understanding as most RERA communications are in English due to limited time and resources for translation of each and every communication.
- 2. Apologies:** Du Toit Viljoen, Gary & Karen Isenberg, Riaan & Elise Prins, Denise Esterhuysen, Illah Nourbakhsh, Marti Louw, Alison Ayer, Helen Jones, Rosemary Wallace, Bob Baigrie, Tom Baigrie, Patrick Murphy and Janette Yeats
- 3. The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22 December 2014 were approved.**
- 4. Chairperson's Report:** RERA slots into the Overstrand Municipality via its seat on the Ward Committee (Ward 10). At a recent Ward Summit, indications were that Overstrand was considering sectoral representation on Wards rather than geographical representation – something we need to watch. Portfolio Reports (attached) have been handed out detailing the Exco's activities. The Chairperson highlighted the Exco's involvement in the resurrection of the Community Policing Forum, reviving RERA's membership of the Federation of Ratepayers and joining the Whale Coast Development Forum. Minutes of Exco and Ward meetings were made available on the website. Members were asked to give special attention to the new Spatial Planning law and the security information in the Chairperson's report.

Regarding the removal of the waste trailer during the year, Anuta Scholtz reported that it was a success with everyone co-operating in acquiring baboon-proof bins and not dumping. The businesses have also experienced the transition as positive with regard to baboon hits and fly problems.

Frank Raymond gave an update on the specific constitutional changes that were investigated by the Exco as per the minutes of the 2014 AGM. A full report has been circulated to the meeting (attached). It was unanimously agreed by the Exco that the changes under consideration were problematic and it was accordingly recommended that the RERA constitution remain as is. An inclusive and liberal approach to the constitution should be maintained.

Wessie van der Westhuizen requested that the Chairperson's report and agenda in future be placed on the website or circulated a few days before the AGM instead of at the meeting.
The Chairperson's report was noted by the meeting.

- 5. Financial Report:** Mark Butler (Treasurer) presented the financial report which was circulated at the meeting. RERA started the year with R19 600 and finished year with R16 300 in the bank. Expenditure exceeded receipts by R3 300 which was entirely attributable to the fact that the 2014 Breeze was also costed into the 2015 financial year - if it wasn't for that there would have been a surplus. Regarding high bank charges, a process was underway so make the bank account more cost effective. The NPO status of RERA was maintained. Membership has increased by a third from 62 members in 2014, to 82 members in 2016.
The Financial statements were approved unanimously.

6. Motions and other matters

6.1 Mandate for new website: The current website (owned and managed by Jeremy van Zyl) has become burdensome for bulk emails, uploading photos and quick community communication. RERA members were requested to give a mandate for the creation of a new community communication website in co-operation with REC, REBC, RESA and others. **Proposal for new website accepted unanimously, with a vote of thanks to Jeremy van Zyl and Dave de Klerk for their hard work over the years.**

6.2 Mandate for investigation of RERA/REC closer co-operation or amalgamation: Anuta Scholtz (REC Chair) explained that it was difficult to separate issues as belonging to either REC and RERA, and often the same matters are dealt with by both organisations. A mandate was obtained at the REC AGM to investigate this and a working group was appointed by REC comprising of Geoff Harris, Jenny Stark, Kay Leresche, Estelle Raymond and Maurice Boshoff. A similar mandate was now being sought from RERA. Wessie van der Westhuizen raised the question whether *all* the organisations should not be structured under RERA so that RERA is the external communication forum for Rooiels. It was confirmed that, at this stage, the investigation would not include RESA and the Boat Club. **Resolved unanimously that the working group be given the requested mandate and that Wessie van der Westhuizen also be included in this group.**

6.3 Mandate to lobby for a sidewalk and/or road crossing on R44: The R44 through Rooiels is very dangerous to pedestrians. In Betty's Bay there is already a precedent for a sidewalk on the R44. A mandate was requested for the RERA Exco to raise this at Ward Committee. This matter was still in its infancy and practicalities would have to be worked out. **The meeting unanimously supported the principle of a sidewalk and/or road crossing along the R44.**

6.4 Urgent matter: Near-shore fishing trawlers at Rooiels: Kay Leresche raised concerns about off-shore vessels fishing near shore, taking vast amounts of crayfish. There appears to be disagreement in the Fisheries Department about the legality thereof. Rooielsers were asked to record boat names, numbers, dates and times. This needs to be reported to Kleinmond or Gordon's Bay inspectorate with a copy to Kay Leresche. Details to follow in a bulk email to Rooielsers.
Noted.

6.5 Update on SPLUMA: Frank Raymond updated the meeting on the new land use dispensation in Overstrand, raising concerns about public participation.
Noted. Resolved that the RERA Exco object to the lack of public participation via the Ward Councillor and Ward Committee.

7. Election of at least six members of RERA Exco: Eneth Kruger, Pierre Kruger and Mark Butler were standing down. Ruth Mattison, Julia Aalbers, Graham Mc Cleland, Ivan Becker, Frank Raymond, Estelle Raymond and Anuta Scholtz were unanimously elected to the 2016 RERA Exco.

8. Vote of thanks: The Exco members standing down were thanked for their contribution to the community. Eneth Kruger thanked the whole committee. Janette Yeats was thanked for her input at and attendance of Exco meetings. Sol and Mike Mavrokodatis were thanked for the use of their beautiful home.

9. Closure