

## Minutes of the Rooiels Ratepayers Association AGM held on Tuesday 27 December 2016

**1. Welcome:** Chairperson, Ruth Mattison, thanked all for coming and asked the Exco team members to introduce themselves.

**2. Apologies:** Ian & Shirley Richter, Du Toit Viljoen, Pierre & Eneth Kruger, Geoff & Lynne Harris, Ronnie Schild, Mary Comrie & Bruce Relly, Helen Jones, Willie & Denise Boltmann, Jane Henderson, Patrick Murphy.

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22 December 2015:** Approved subject to the correction of the spelling of "Alison Ayre".

**4. Rooiels "Eagle awards":** Community members who had made outstanding contributions to Rooiels over the past year were recognized and presented with a token of appreciation in the form of a bottle of Eagle's Nest wine:

**Marti Louw:** for the new Rooiels community website and donating the domain name [rooiels.org](http://rooiels.org) to the community;

**Duncan Hiles:** for his contribution to compiling an up-to-date Rooiels data base which can be used to keep regular contact with all Rooielsers. An appeal was made for all present to update their details.

**Pierre Kruger:** for his work as a volunteer fire fighter, freely giving his time and risking "life and limb" and even paying for his own safety kit. Pierre also developed the Rooiels evacuation plan in conjunction with the area's Fire Chief, with details of what to do in the event of fire.

**Kay Leresche:** for acting as webmaster and facilitating contributions to the Rooiels Community website.

**Mark Butler:** for his efforts to improve our security situation as well as his work in administering the RERA and REC accounts in such a way that minimal banking costs are incurred.

**Helen Jones:** for keeping her eyes open and defenses alert for all creatures in our environment and for the delightful monthly newsletter "Tweet" that she sends out.

**4. Chairperson's Report:** A full written report was made available to AGM attendees and can also be downloaded from the website. Each Exco team member then highlighted their particular responsibilities and actions with regard to issues set out in the report.

**Secretarial:** The RERA Exco met 9 times during 2016. All Rooielsers are welcome to attend Exco meetings, normally held on the first Saturday of each month. RERA Membership has grown from 62 in 2014, 82 in 2015 to 95 in 2016.

**Community communication:** Two well-attended social evenings were organised with the help of members of the Rooiels community. One was at the home of LeeAnn and Ivan Becker and the other at the home of Jenny Stark and Koos Smit. Numerous electronic newsletters were sent out (website) in an attempt to encourage greater sharing of information. Our official newsletter, the Breeze/Bries, was published in November 2016. This was co-ordinated between RERA, REC and the REBC, but the responsibility for articles, proof-reading and arrangements for layout, printing and distribution were shared among various Rooielsers - making it a truly community effort.

**Amalgamation REC and RERA:** A working group met to investigate the viability of an amalgamation of REC and RERA. There are benefits to retaining the 2 separate legal

entities but no hinderances to REC operating as a sub-committee of RERA for practical purposes which was done during 2016 and worked well.

**Ward Committee:** Julia Aalbers represented Rooiels on the Ward Committee (Ward 10). Funds tend to be allocated mostly to the less-affluent areas in our Ward. Rooiels issues currently on the table are the paving of Anemone Road and drainage issues on the gravel roads. The slipway is also a contentious issue, as Rooiels is listed as a public slipway, despite our whole coastal area being zoned as nature reserve (Public Open Space 1). We are making special approaches to the provincial and local authorities in this regard and are seeking a similar status as the Betty's Bay slipway.

**Dog Bylaws:** The By-law has been published and is on the Overstrand website. It stipulates no dogs on "swimming beaches" and that dogs should be under control of their owners in all public spaces. RERA asked for a concession that owners be allowed to take their dogs on a lead on the beach before 8:00 and after 17:00 during the holiday season, but that is presently "still of a proposal" to amend the by-law. Rooielsers are urged to adhere to the law as it stands. "Beach" is the area between the 2 blue poles, stretching from the Big beach to near the point. There are 5 guidelines regarding the responsibilities of dog owner's in the full Chairman's report.

**Overlay Zone Planning Document:** This is available on the Overstrand website and Rooielsers are encouraged to comment.

**Community Policing Forum:** 4 meetings were attended. It is of concern that 60% of SAPS vacancies are in the Western Cape. It is important for crime statistics to make a statement at Kleinmond SAPS, even for petty theft, as this helps to motivate for more resources locally. Complaints about the Police can be lodged with Vusi Pikoli, the new provincial Police Ombudsman, at 021-4830669.

**5. Financial Report:** Ivan Becker (Treasurer) presented the financial report which was circulated at the meeting. RERA started the year on 1 Dec 2016 with R16 316 and finished the year with a balance of R23 232 on 5 Dec 2016. During the year a donation of R2000 was given towards the upgrading of the Kleinmond Police Station which serves Rooiels. A donation of R3000 was also given towards the completion of the Fire Station at Pringle Bay. Excessive bank costs necessitated our moving our bank account away from ABSA to Nedbank in August. Bank costs with ABSA amounted to R 1 177 (Dec - Aug) and interest earned was 8 cents. Since August bank costs with Nedbank have been R57 and interest earned was R487. The Financial statements were approved unanimously.

## 6. Motions and Issues for discussion

**6.1 Clarence Drive Issues:** Wolfgang Steinbach informed the meeting of the formation of the Clarence Drive Action Group which is dedicated to finding solutions with the authorities for the growing speeding and safety (human and fauna) issues on Clarence Drive. It is important to note that Clarence Drive does not bypass Rooiels (this is a mistaken perception) but Rooiels Clarence Drive serves as a functioning main road of our village, with homes in Rooiels situated on both sides of it which have been given addresses on Clarence Drive. We need the help of a professional consultant to make input to the authorities, whose response has been unsatisfactorily thus far. The formal representations will then be made by RERA.

**6.2 REC representation on RERA:** Anuta Scholtz proposed that the Rooiels Conservancy's chairman/convenor always be granted a seat on the RERA committee and that RERA's constitution possibly should be formally amended to accommodate this. Unanimously approved.

## 7. Questions and discussions followed

**8. Election of 2017 Exco:** Ruth Mattison, Julia Aalbers, Ivan Becker, Jan Glasewski and Angela Murphy were unanimously elected to the 2017 RERA Exco.

**9. Thanks:** The outgoing Exco members were thanked. Herbert and Gail Voigt were thanked in their absence for making available their beautiful home.

**10. Closure**