**RERA Minutes – 2 September 2017**

1. **Present:** Ruth Mattison, Janette Yeats, Ivan Becker and Julia Aalbers
2. **Matters discussed and resolved:**

(2.1) **REC matters**

(a) The walkway to the swimming/diving pool below the Augistides home will be repaired by Roger Page. Quote awaited by Janette.

(b) Estimate for the repositioning of the bypass path at the slipway will be obtained and submitted to the Committee so the work can be done before the start of the season.

(c) Janette will check the ‘little otter pool’ in the Nature Reserve and see if the bench needs fixing.

(d) Wetlands above RE – SANBI has sprayed for ‘bottle bush’ infestation. An illegal roadway has been built across the wetland and discussions will now be held with the owner about this infringement.

(e) Eco-Centre: REC has been invited to be a partner with Harold Porter in re-developing our eco-centre and placing it within the Harold Porter’s new facilities (Old Stone Cottage). We have also been invited to put in a funding proposal to a trust that funds smaller projects. All 3 villages will participate in the re-development and it will be a combined exhibition. Estimated cost: R20 000 – R30 000.

(f) Baboon Project – Overseas supervisors will be visiting in mid-September.

(g) REC has been given a drone to assist with conservation management.

(2.2) **RERA**

Roads – Janette and Anuta (possible) will try to see Mr Lakey on either Monday or Wednesday next week to discuss the conditions of the roads and law enforcement over the festive season.

(2.3) **Clarence Drive Action Group**

Ms Shelley Blake is compiling a letter which will be used as a base for a letter from RERA to the head of the Provincial Roads Department (Minister Donald Grant). Draft will be circulated to all Exco members.

Ideas are:

(a) either 2 cameras

(b) a circle at Anenome; lights and space will be issue

(c) rumble strips.

This letter needs to be copied to relevant officials (also Deputy Mayor)

(2.4) **RESA feedback**

(a) Fire management – Investigations by Vulcan are underway. A full report with recommendations will be discussed with all stakeholders.

(b) We are currently assisting other villages with their security problems.

(2.5) **Rooiels Soup Evening**

All in place

(2.6) **Festive Season – Programme**

Discussed an Arts Project with artwork on sale.

(2.7) **The Breeze**

Contact Estelle Raymond to ask if she will facilitate the project

Some content ideas:

(a) Dunes – Janette

(b) New Rooielsers

(2.8) **Finances**

(a) R38 433 in RERA Account

(b) R4 895 \*(REC)

(c) R27 600 in Fire Relief Fund

(2.9) Next Meetings

* 7 October - Exco
* 4 November – Exco (Julia to chair)
* 21 December 18:00 - AGM

**Minutes of RERA Exco meeting: 1 April 2017 at the home of Ruth Mattison**

**Present:** Ruth Mattison (RERA Chair), Janette Yeats (REC), Kate Barker (REC and RERA secretary), Jan Glazewski (RERA), Ivan Becker (treasurer) and Julia Aalbers (RERA).

**Apologies:** None

**1. Welcome**

Ruth welcomed all to this meeting with the aim to work on RERAs role in the community.

**2. Minutes Approved**

Exco minutes of 4 March 2017approved

Exco minutes of 1 April 2017 to stand over to next meeting for approval.

**3. Slipway-**

The Boat club, RERA and REC are working towards a solution to the issue regarding the slipway.

The question was raised “what Role does RERA play in the slipway action group?’ We came to the conclusion that we are helping to give the boat club a handle on the issue and that this is a team effort. .It was also noted that this is a community problem as well as an environmental problem. The idea of a lease was brought up for the boat club to lease the slipway from municipality. The slipway needs to be controlled to accommodate controlled access and limited access. RERA agrees that the ideal solution is limited and controlled access and is not free for all public. REC agrees as this issue effects the environment greatly. Another suggest was a Public walk way beside the closed off slipway. We are awaiting boat clubs input.

**4. Matters Arising-**

a) Clarence Drive action Group: No official move forward but crosses will be up Tuesday 11th April 2017

b) Ward10: apologies were made as no one attended

c) Baboon feeding – Final draft: Lengthy discussion has been made with regional manager. Letter has not been completed and has been given to Janette Yeats to complete in line with current legislation. It was suggested that we design a humourous poster and also get the information out in the Christmas program via a baboon talk.

d) Public bins and roads report -: no feedback/ from to municipality on the issue. Regarding the filming that happened after the fire, Ruth has tried to contact authorities on the matter but it needs to be taken up with a higher authority. A complaint was laid with the municipal manager Permit was issued in Cape Town..

e) erf106: All letters have gone to the owners- if they choose to continue even with our objections then we can take it further. 106 is cureent;ly within the la and the restrictions of the deed title. 298 is still under further investigation.

f)Poaching: Ruth phoned Johan Foche head of DAFF and he has confirmed that boats are legal. He also says that anyone is welcome to call him anytime if poaching is suspected. Telephone number – 084 408 6159

**5. Rooi-Els Fire fundraising-**

RERA has set bank account up for fire victims. We are currently receiving funds from generous community members. We have discussed funds could be utilized and agreed as long as funds are available we will be giving Lorna monthly installments. Donations are welcome. Lorna has given permission to make her situation public.

**6. RESA Report back-**

 . Meeting held on 1 April 2017.

**7. Lighting-**

 Nothing has been done about the invasive lights. Community appeal needs to be made.

**8. Overlay zone-**

No meeting and no update.

**9. REC Hack firebreak-**

**No further action required!**

**9. Finance-**

 RERA and REC imembership has decreased. Funds are low. Fundraising is being organized for REC. REC to prepare budget for RERA and send a monthly report.

RERA/REC/REBC was then convened to discuss the slipway issue. It was decided the 3 organisations would collaborate. Mark Butler, Julia Aalbers, Janette Yeats, Jan Glazewski to meet and prepare a letter of appeal for appropriate officials by April 30.

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**Next meeting 3rd June 2017 at Erf 268**

**Close.**

**Minutes of RERA Exco meeting: 4 March 2017 at the home of Ruth Mattison**

**Present:** Ruth Mattison (RERA Chair), Janette Yeats (REC), Kate Barker (REC and RERA secretary), Jan Glazewski (RERA).

**Apologies:** Julia Aalbers (RERA), Ivan Becker, Sherwin Rossow (building Inspector)

**1. Welcome**

Ruth welcomed all to this meeting with the aim to work on a strategy for RERA as well as suggesting we write a newsletter to the Rooi-Els community updating them about what is happening..

**2. Minutes Approved**

Exco minutes of 4 January 2017approved

Exco minutes of 4 March 2017 to stand over to next meeting for approval.

**3. Clarence drive Action group-**

 The Permanent speeding camera ion the R44 s looking promising but no further progress as of yet.

**4. Ward 10 -**

* The R44 sidewalk request has been sent to province. This will be an extended agenda point for next ward meeting as well as the Clarence drive action group.
* The R44 Road action group is officially on ward 10 agenda
* Plot clearing has been sent back for portfolio clearing
* Notice board update: We have to apply for new notice board

**5. Slipway-**

No Further progress has been made but we have clarified that RERA -, REC, the Boat club and the Municipality need to work together.

**6. Drain ditches-**

 Janette has put together a report which needs to go back to ward committee.

**7. Public bins-**

 We received a letter at ward meeting but nothing has been done currently and we need to keep pushing.

**8. Baboon Feeding-**

The Letter still needs to be approved. More information needs to be added. Janette has reported that Cape Nature needs to take responsibility and there is a long process to comply with. Janette will send out edited Letter to committee members.

**9. Satellite dish on Road reserve-**

Nothing to report.

**9. Erf 106-**

 Four Letters have been sent to Municipality of objection on erf106.

**10. Erf 298-**

 Nothing further to report. The building inspector will do a site visit shortly.

**11. RESA** –

 **Security** Cameras have beeninstalled. RERA extends it’s congratualtions to RESA for this extraordinary service to the whole community.

**12. Intrusive Lighting at night-**

 Short paragraph will be added to the letter we are sending to Community.

 **13. Fire Break -**

A few People who are not in favor. Factual Letter will be sent to community.

 **14. Dogs off Leads –**

 There is not much RERA can do as it is law. There will be paragraph in letter to community about this.

 **15. Priority of tasks-**

* Creating awareness of the laws and bylaws that apply
* Giving out information and encouraging collaboration
* Public access to the beach (slipway)
* Inappropriate developments ( Erf106 & Erf 298)
* Following up on requests/information from community and putting pressure on municipality to deliver services

 **16. Rooi-Els Community letter-**

The whole RERA committee will be writing the letter to the Rooi-els community

* Janette will be writing a few lines on plot clearing
* Janette will be writing a few lines on the notice boards
* Jan Putting together short statement on what is currently being done regarding the slipway
* Request Frank to write a short paragraph about the overlay process
* Dogs off lead will be added to letter

**Finance and membership**

There is a concern that RERA and REC membership fees are down on last year - less than 50%.  The communication channels to members are currently under review with the new "chimp" system being formulated. This will have been resolved by the end of March and all members notified on their membership status.

 **17. Next meeting 1 April 2017 11am at ERF 268**

**Minutes of RERA Exco meeting: 4 February at the home of Ruth Mattison**

**Present:** Ruth Mattison (RERA Chair), Ivan Becker (RERA and REC treasurer), Janette Yeats (REC), Kate Barker (REC and RERA secretary), Shelley Blake , Jan Glazewski (RERA).

**Apologies:** Julia Aalbers (RERA)

**1. Welcome**

Ruth welcomed all to this meeting with its main purpose to agree on the RERA Strategy for 2017 as well as giving the new members an introduction into RERA. It came to our attention that there is a lot that RERA need to get through this year and so have decided that the main focus for 2017 is to prioritize what RERA is able to do for the community. We have agreed going forward to meet monthly to discuss Current matters.

**2. Minutes Approved**

Exco minutes of 7 January 2016 approved

Exco minutes of 4 February 2017 to stand over to next meeting for approval.

**3. Getting to know the members:**

 We started by introducing ourselves and speaking about our purpose in RERA.

* Ruth Mattison – Chairperson of RERA
* Kate- Secretary of RERA ( also member of REC)
* Ivan Becker- Treasurer of both RERA and REC
* Jan Glazewski- Environment and Law Portfolio
* Janette- REC representative
* Shelley Blake- R44 Road action group representative

**4. R44 Clarence Drive – Shelley Blake**

Shelley discussed the issues regarding the Clarence drive, which included the animals getting hit by cars and killed, poor visibility on the corners and the large number of cars speeding. She then spoke about the actions they are looking at taking:

* White crosses along road with baboons and snake written on (create awareness of animals crossing)
* Circles at the entrances of Porter Drive and Anemone
* Pedestrian light
* Pedestrian crossing
* Yellow traffic camera box (paid for by Rooiels)
* Pedestrian walk way on side of road
* Speed bumps

 Hatchet Consulting will be approached by Jan and Frank Raymond to discuss the best option. RERA has

 agreed to help with applications and funding. Shelley will be keeping RERA up to date with

 progress. RERA will be the official backing of the road action group.

**5. Ward 10**

Anuta and Janette will attend the next Ward Committee meeting to represent RERA and REC. Julia will keep all informed on communications with the ward committee.

**6. Slipway**

We are trying to prevent the slipway from becoming public. Jan, Julia and Janette are seeing to this issue. .

**7. Baboon feeding**

 Letter will be given with newsletter to create awareness that the feeding of baboons is illegal. Will contact Cape nature for official form. Janette following up on the legal procedures.

**8. Public bins**

Taken to ward committee and municipality

**9. Satellite dish on Road reserve**

**J**ulia following up.

**9. Erf 106**

Janette monitoring. We have until 3rd March to reply. Building Inspector to attending next RERA meeting.

**10. Poaching**

It was discussed what RERA can do to help to prevent poaching. No conclusion was made and will re look at next meeting. Melanie Gosling, a journalist has confirmed that she is doing ongoing research in this area and is interested in pursuing it if there is evidence.

**11. Roads in Rooi Els** – much damage done during recent rain. Taken to Ward Committee

**12. Next meeting**

 Saturday 4 March at 11:00 at the home of Ruth. We will develop a strategy for the year including what needs to be prioritized.

**Minutes of RERA Meeting**

**Saturday 7 January 2017**

Present: Julia Aalbers, Ivan Becker, Janette Yates, Angela Murphy, Ruth Mattison

Apologies: Jan Glazewski

**Appointment of Portfolios**

Chairperson: Ruth Mattison

Vice Chair: Julia Albers (+Ward 10 rep and Managing Web email address)

Treasurer: Ivan Becker (+RERA Membership)

Secretary: To be provided by one of the REC representatives

REC Representative: Janette Yeats + one other

To be finalised – Jan Glazewski (Slipway negotiations)

Rooiels Webmaster: Kay Leresche

New Position: Communication with absentee home owners: Angela Murphy

**Issues Arising**

**Feeding of Baboons:**

It was noted that some residents in Rooiels are feeding baboons. This is forbidden by law and is considered to be one of the major reasons why baboons become dangerous. The people who are doing this will be spoken to and asked to stop. Further action will be taken if necessary. An information sheet will be put up at the shop and/or the RESA office.

**Mail Chimp:**

Janette Yeats volunteered to explore mail chimp as a way of improving communication in Rooiels. She will liaise with Duncan Hiles.

**R44 Action Group**:

RERA will approach the Action Group and suggest that they have an ad hoc representative on RERA so that we can support them in an up to date and relevant way. Ruth to contact Wolfgang Steinbach.

**Secretarial Position on RERA**

It was suggested that the secretarial position on RERA be held by a REC representative, preferably someone who lives in Rooiels. Jeanette Yeats will follow up at REC meeting.

**Holiday overload on public facilities in Rooiels**

It was agreed that the huge influx of visitors over the holiday season put enormous strain on the facilities in Rooiels. Bins, public toilets and parking were major issues. People living in Rooiels came to the rescue and picked up litter and cleaned toilets. RERA, in collaboration with other Rooiels organisations and the Area Manager, needs to develop a plan that will improve the situation before the next season.

**Public Bins**

REC will continue to monitor and lobby to have broken bins replaced by the Municipality.

**Finance**

RERA has sufficient funds to support useful projects in Rooiels. We donated money to the Kleinmond Police Station and the Pringle Bay Fire Station in 2016. This year we will focus on projects within Rooiels. Submissions for funding are welcome. (PS I would like to suggest that some of the funding goes towards RESA and REC projects - Ruth)

**WhatsApp Group**

Julia Aalbers will set up a RERA WhatsApp group to enable easy communication amongst committee members.

**RERA Meetings**

RERA meetings will continue to be held on the first Saturday of the month at 11pm after the hack. It was agreed that we needed to meet in February and March and then assess the situation as we move into winter.

**Next committee meeting on Saturday 4 February at 11am at Erf 268 (corner of Perspicua and Cruenta)**