



RERA/REC OPEN MEETING

05 June 2021; Pringle Bay Community Hall; 10:00

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Hilgard welcomes all present. It is noted that all COVID -19 Protocols are adhered to – number of attendees under the maximum requirement, COVID register completed by all attendees, temperatures taken etc.

2. ATTENDANCE

Exco RERA, REC. Hilgard Muller, Allison Vienings, Veronica Jacobs, Ivan Becker, Wolfgang Steinbach, Fiona Christelis, Mike Christelis, Leigh Elves.

Approximately 30 attendees (Attendance list attached).

Guest Speaker: Achim Halpaap

APOLOGIES

Piet van Rensburg, Marc Butler, Kay Leresche, Frank and Estelle Raymond, Paul and Heather Hartwig, Bob Baigley, Di Hunter, Margie and Peter Ellis, Leon Jacobs

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Read by Hilgard and accepted by Mike Christelis.

4. PORTFOLIOS

4.1 All committee members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their portfolios.

- Wolfgang Steinbach (REC Committee Member) – Estuary, Dune Rehabilitation, Coastline Management, Cameras, Year Program and Meetings Logistics.
- Leigh Elves (RERA Committee Member & REC Secretariat) – Maintenance, Signs and Roads.



- Veronica Jacobs (REC Chairperson & RERA Committee Member) – Eco-Corridor, Eco-Centre, KBR, Governance, Breeze and Awareness.
- Ivan Becker (RERA & REC Treasurer) – Wildlife
- Hilgard Muller (RERA Chairman & REC Committee Member) – RECOZ, Municipal Matters, Zoning.
- Mike Christelis (RERA Vice Chairman) – Communications, Website, Constitution, Media
- Fiona Christelis (REC Vice Chairperson) – Nature Reserve, Hack, Gardens, Koppie
- Allison Vienings (REC Committee Member) – Amendments to the REC/RERA Constitutions.

5. EXTENSION OF THE AGENDA/MOTIONS

- Hilgard asked those present if there were any additional items for discussion.
- A letter from Kay Leresche was forwarded requesting minutes of the AGM be uploaded to the website, feedback with regard to the RECOZ and communications be emailed via mailchimp.
- A letter from Izak requesting that biodiversity and biosphere principles be communicated.
- 10th April AGM Motions: Motions from Dawid van der Merwe, Bob Baigley and Ian Lewis will be addressed and responded to by email.
- Allison Vienings and Izak are working on amending RERA and REC Constitutions. A framework will be developed after which participation and comment will be welcomed from the community.
- It was noted that the biggest issue at the AGM revolved around process and communications. Mike has been in contact with Kay with regard to improving the website. The first step is to obtain ownership of all email domains previously hosted by Duncan Hiles. Mailchimp is not effective as many recipients do not receive the emails. There is also no record of “sent emails” and this would be a requirement. Charlie Stewart has volunteered to assist with the website development.



WhatsApp is currently the most effective way of communicating. The RECA WhatsApp Group has over 200 listed users. Willie and Pierre reminded everyone that POPIA (Protection of Personal Information Act) must be adhered to. They were prepared to be co-opted as POPIA advisories.

It appears that there are a number of non-residents on the Rooiels Village People WhatsApp group. It was requested that these people be removed from the group.

A vote needs to be held on whether Village People (VP) can be expanded for more formal topics and issues as well as the social bantering OR whether a separate WhatsApp group needs to be established. Willie undertook to do the survey.

It was noted that on RECA (Administrator – Peter Koning) a 200 page document could be posted. Although it would not be suitable for reading such a document on a cellphone recipients could email the documents to their own email addresses.

- RECOZ is being finalized and it is hoped that it will be submitted to Overstrand Municipality by the next open meeting.
- Charl du Plessis tried unsuccessfully to pass a motion to have REC disbanded. It was unanimous that this could only be executed at an AGM or special meeting and was therefore disregarded.
- A letter from Beukman Attorneys (attached), with regard to a formal complaint against a committee representative, was sent to the Overstrand Municipal Manager.

6. FINANCIALS

Ivan presented a detailed spreadsheet of all financials for RERA, REC and the Outreach Programme.



7. FEEDBACK

The Outreach Programmes were discussed:

- The Hangklip Community Care Centre (Anyone can join for a R60 per annum fee)
- KAWS (Kleinmond Animal Welfare Society)
- Library at Village Shop. Wimpie has kindly made spade for donated books.
- Lego Training (Lego Kits were donated to Kleinmond Welfare Schools).
- Funding was required for training of teachers on how to integrate Lego Play with the syllabus)
- It was requested that the Outreach fundraising initiatives be posted on VP as Rooielsers were keen to support these initiatives.
- It was confirmed that the Taxi would continue to run to Rooiels.

Rooiels Conservancy Feedback

- Nature Reserve and Eco-Corridor. Dine and Graham, working with Tim Atwell of BOTSOC and Ruida Stanvliet of CapeNature, will continue mapping NR flora as part of the Sensitive Areas project. The indication is that the work in the NR can continue into the Eco Corridor after completion of the NR mapping by Graham and Dine.

Gerard pointed out that a database done years ago was filed at the Harold Porter SANBI offices.

Ernst Jnr indicated that Overstrand Municipality probably has done some fauna/flora mapping. It would be a good idea to engage with Taryn Dry and find out what they have on file and share information with each other.

- A meeting with stakeholders from Betty's Bay and Pringle Bay accepted a proposal that the three Conservancies collaborate on environmental matters of importance to the three villages
- An advisory panel/committee will be established to advise REC on environmental issues.
- REC has decided to establish a Task Team to prepare an action-oriented discussion document on co-existence with Baboons in Rooiels. A draft TOR has been prepared and anyone interested in joining the Team can contact REC and Achim Halpaap, who co-leads the Team directly, by 15th June. The work of the Task Team will inform the preparation of a Rooiels Baboon Indaba in November 2021
- KBR Buffer zone Status for Rooiels... The eco-corridor will help much to support the Buffer Zone initiative.



- REC plaques are being manufactured as a fundraising initiative - a donation was received to cover cost. The plaques will be sold to REC members to generate income for REC.
- Estuary – with winter arriving, so does the North-Wester which brings added pollution to the estuary. Clean ups will be organized – please support.
- The Otter has been removed and the foefie slide cleaned up. The Otter replacement process has been initiated with OM – this is a long process (6 months in and not much progress thus far).
- The Wild-life brochure will have 3 editions per annum - Rooiels in March, Betty’s Bay in June and Pringle Bay in September. The Breeze will be published in December.
- R44 – Please report all road-killings as stats need to be kept up to date. A contact number can be posted on VP.

Unfortunately, time did not allow for the full agenda to be completed

8. Next OPEN meeting

To be held in approximately two months time – date and time to be announced.

9. Closure

Hilgard thanked everyone for their input and for attending.

Minutes signed off by

On _____ at _____