

PEARLY BEACH CONSERVANCY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pearly Beach Conservancy, held at 10:00 on Thursday 22 December 2011, in the church hall Pearly Beach.

PRESENT: 31 Members.

1. OPENING AND WELCOME: The chairperson Elrina Versfeld welcomed everyone, especially the guest speaker, Chris Barnes.
2. APOLOGIES: J Crichton, R Stanvliet, Jason Stonehewer, Nelia Muller, Mrs Ravenscroft, Marina Reinhardt.
3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 17 December 2010: proposed A Volschenk, seconded Sue Pederson.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None.
5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: The Chairperson Elrina Versfeld delivered the annual report and thanked the present committee for their hard work and support throughout the year. She also stressed that she would not be available for another term as chair. The full chairperson's report is annexed to the minutes.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial report as well as the budget presented by the treasurer Gerald Henrici, was accepted. Gerald Henrici requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Villet & Pitser for auditing the Conservancy books without charge. Prof McFarlane raised the question from the floor regarding the costs accrued by the committee members when performing their duties, for example petrol allowance for meeting attendance etc. Gerald Henrici informed the meeting that such costs were privately carried by committee members. The balance sheet for 2011 and budget for 2012 are annexed to the minutes.
7. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP FEE: The meeting approved the annual subscription to remain R30.00 single member and R50.00 per household.
8. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The meeting approved the re-election of the existing committee members, with exception of Elrina Versfeld, who would not be available. The new committee member, Jeannette Bent was accepted and welcomed to the committee. As no chairperson was elected at the AGM, it was agreed that the committee would elect a chairperson when meeting in 2012.
9. GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Barnes once again informed the meeting of the value of snakes in the ecosystem. He stressed his concern that although less people get killed by snakes than any other accident, snakes are killed indiscriminately. It was interesting to watch him handle snakes as the Puffadder and Rinkhals. The catching and handling of snakes was shown. Chris stressed that all snakes should be handled with care and caution. To the delight of the audience, adults and children, he presented his pet Boa and Python for handling and touching. Many questions and photos were taken as well as some fears abated regarding snakes in general. Chris, who resides in Baardskeerdersbos, may be contacted for further information at www.petandreptilesstore.co.za.
10. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS: Lynn Greenwood Smith was concerned that the local Milkwood trees could perhaps have a disease as she noticed abnormalities on the leaves. The committee would look into the matter. New tortoise boards

were requested from the floor. The problem with quad bikes was addressed and members should contact the law enforcement officer immediately. No quad bikes are allowed on public roads in the Overstrand. Questions regarding rezoning of Hotel erf 332, were answered by the chair.

11. CLOSING: The chairperson thanked everyone for attending, especially the guest speaker Chris Barnes.

The meeting closed at 12:15.

ELRINA VERSFELD

Chairperson

Date: