



Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Pearly Beach Conservancy, held at 10:00 on Friday 17 December 2010, in the Church Hall, Pearly Beach.

PRESENT: 26 Members.

- 1. OPENING AND WELCOME:** The Chairperson Elrina Versfeld welcomed everyone.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Otto Dunebacke; Bella Ackerman; Dirk Linde; Dr Hans Steyn; Warren Rutherford; Dries and Marietha Welgemoed; Suzanne Fuchs; Dudley and Shirley Coetzee; Mr and Mrs Kriel.
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 December 2009: proposed Ken Smith, seconded Gerald Henrici.
- 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 input and hard work throughout the year. The entire committee was congratulated with all happenings of the past year and the Chairperson was thanked for her dedication and hard work. The full Chairperson's report is annexed to the minutes.
- 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Financial report as presented by the Treasurer Gerald Henrici, was accepted. The balance sheet and budget for 2011 is annexed to the minutes. The Treasurer thanked the auditors, Pitzer Villet of Gansbaai for the fact that they were prepared once again to audit the statements for free and for the excellent job done. The meeting thanked the Treasurer for meticulous financial management throughout the year.
- 7. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:** The committee proposed for the membership fees to stay the same for 2011, namely R30,00 for a single member and R50,00 per household. It was approved by the meeting.
- 8. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** The Chairperson mentioned that all members of the Management Committee indicated their willingness to be re-elected, but emphasized that new members would be highly appreciated. The meeting approved the re-election of the entire existing committee. In addition, Jason Stonehewer was elected as a new committee member.
- 9. GUEST SPEAKERS:** A special word of welcome was extended to the guest speakers - Etienne Fourie from Agulhas National Park, supported by Nickel Fortuin; and Angela Altendorfer of Napier, representing the Honorary Park Rangers. Mr Fourie gave an interesting presentation on the Agulhas National Park, including its history, rationale for selection, outstanding features, development prospects, future plans and management structure. Mr Fortuin is the manager of the Eastern section of the Park. Detailed maps indicating the extent of the park were included in the presentation. Mr Fourie also conveyed facts about the proposed Southern Tip precinct that provides

the tourism focus of the park and is the major source of income. Mr Fortuin's contact details are available from the Chairperson as he will be the main point of contact between Pearly Beach residents and the park.

Angela provided interesting insight into the life of an honorary park ranger. She explained how the system is being operationalized and gave inputs on where and how honorary rangers are being used. She mentioned a number of projects implemented by honorary rangers, specifically in the Agulhas National Park, is which a hiking trail was but one. Honorary rangers form part of a national system of rangers across all South African National Parks. There is one annual indaba to which all rangers are invited. Honorary rangers have to fund themselves and are responsible for buying their own uniform. She stressed the fact that they do it for the love of supporting management in the parks as they do not get any special benefits from being honorary rangers.

Mr Fourie and Ms Altendorfer were thanked for their valuable contributions and insightful information and presentations.

10. DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS: Remarks were made about the spreading of invasive alien plant species. All members are called upon to please remove alien vegetation where possible, even on properties belonging to other landowners.

The perlemoen poaching problem was discussed in great detail. Members of the public are urged to report sightings of poaching to the local office in Gansbaai (contact details available from the Management Committee) as this is the only way for the general public to be involved in resolving the ever-increasing poaching problem. The Chairperson mentioned that until such day as the government is prepared to put a stop to poaching, nothing much would be achieved by the general public.

The management committee was thanked by Irna van Zyl for facilitating the board walks which is most valued.

11. CLOSING: The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending, with special thanks to the guest speakers. The meeting closed at 12:40.

ELRINA VERSFELD

Chairperson

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