



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2015 AT THE LEISURE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB

1. Present

58 members as per the attendance register.

Apologies for non-attendance were noted from:

Phil and Anne Tissiman, Peppe and Laura Colarossi, Ian and Wendy Ballantine, Stuart and Candice Tanner, Lesley Shackleton, Anthony and Sandra Collier, Peter and Shelley Godsell, Ken and Viv Leach, Florence Erasmus, Norman and Ann Cooper, M Davies, Francois Marais, Pearl Richards, John and Carol Kennedy, Errol and Lor Scanlon, Barry and Jane Housdon.

2. Welcome

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members present.

3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

It was noted that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 19 December 2014 had been posted on the LIRA website.

It was agreed that the minutes be taken as read. **The minutes were confirmed by the meeting as correct.**

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Report of the Committee – year ended 31 October 2014.

The Chairman referred to the proposal made at the last meeting that the full list of membership be circulated to members. This had been done and resulted in the enrolment of some additional residents as members.

5.1 The 'drinking in public' debate

The Chairman illustrated, through presentation of a slide, the sequence of events and interactions which had taken place once being made aware that the Knysna Municipality Mayoral Committee had recommended that the current restriction on the consumption of alcohol in public be removed at/on certain times/days and in selected public places.

The Chairman then referred to the various communication with members on the background and reasons why the LIRA position was currently against the lifting of the prohibition.

The Chairman requested Derek Mitchell SC, who is a resident, to clarify the legal issues and the process the Municipality would need to follow to amend the by-law(s).

He noted that LIRA had engaged a local attorney for appropriate advice and guidance on the matter. Further, that a request to present the Association's views at the next Council Meeting to be held on the 10th December had been made.

The Chairman thanked LIRA committee members for their support thus far in the matter. He extended special thanks to Derek Mitchell, Chris Gould of The Heads' Association and to Miles Ruck, all of whom had been of great assistance to the Committee.

The point was made that it is crucial that no residents or their guests drink in public this holiday season. Ricky Maskew added that LIRA does have some ideas for engaging the broader community of Knysna in 2016.

A member suggested public signs regarding alcohol consumption. Ricky Maskew responded and reiterated that it was not possible to erect signs at public beaches.

In response to a member question, it was stated that each municipality controls its own by-laws and while provincial government can apply some pressure they cannot really interfere.

A member suggested that the proposal for drinking in public is politically motivated.

A slide was shown providing members with the numbers for Knysna law enforcement and SAPS who are responsible for policing public areas on LI.

5.2 Island Safety and Security

Total cost for security for the year was R887 819. This represented 87% of the Association's total costs.

Noted that, of the 430 households on the Island, only 292 pay levies to LIRA. Security cost per household is thus R253 pm. If all households contributed, the monthly cost would reduce to R172 pm.

The Chairman said that many non-members believed that since they contracted AllSound privately, they did not need to be LIRA members. He reiterated that AllSound is reactive, and that LIRA Security with Allsound management is proactive. This is essential to ensure the ongoing lifestyle benefits of living on Leisure Isle.

It was noted further that there had been very few incidents of crime this year and all of a minor, opportunistic nature.

Lighting and camera upgrades have been installed at the entry to Leisure Isle. It was intended that thermal imaging, essential for nighttime surveillance, would be introduced at selected weak spots when funds became available.

The focus was to stay ahead of increasing crime and maintain the excellent results obtained in 2015.

The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks to the team of guards for their efforts and dedication during the year.

5.3 Membership

The Chairman stated that the key challenge for the Committee was to increase the number of households paying levies.

Of the total number of households (430), the Committee had been unable to determine the reason for 48 (11% of total) not being members. Of the balance, 17 households were in the process of disposal, 18 cannot afford the levy, 17 had tenants, 11 were second properties, and 12 refused to join.

An appeal was made to members to assist the Committee in recruiting new members.

5.4 Island Infrastructure

The Chairman advised that SANParks and the Municipality are currently in conflict over responsibility for the maintenance of the Sea Walls, thus impacting on the ability of Municipality to maintain infrastructure.

He emphasised that the committee maintained continuous liaison with the Municipality on these and other issues, such as roads and potholes.

A member made the point that deteriorating infrastructure means decreasing property values and lower rates and taxes and that the Municipality should be cognisant of this.

The Chairman then requested adoption of the Committee Report.

The Report was adopted by members present.

6. Audited Financial Statements-Year ended 31st October 2015

The Chairman presented the detail of the Audited Financial Statements, and provided comment on various items.

Noted that the surplus for the year was R129 318, thus increasing the Accumulated Surplus to R208 442 at 31st October 2015.

The Annual Financial Statements were then approved by the meeting.

7. Budget for the year ended 31st October 2016

The details of the budget were then presented and various items explained. Noted that a modest surplus had been budgeted.

The levies for 2016 year were proposed:

Annual	R4 000
Monthly	R350

The Budget and Levies for the year ending 31st October 2016 were approved by members

8. Election of the Committee

The Chairman advised that all members of the Committee, being eligible, had offered themselves for re-election.

The Chairman announced that the Committee for the coming year would consist of :
James Botha, Johan de Bruyn, Peter Dieterich, Keith Hollis, Paul Kotze, Ricky Maskew, Brenda Neall, Jenny Shields, Samantha Conyers.

A request was made for volunteers to join the Committee to assist with the work of LIRA.

The Chairman then paid tribute to the enormous amount of work that each member of the Committee had put into LIRA's various activities.

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Confirmed as correct at a General Meeting of members held on 20 December 2016.....

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Chairman