

L I R A
LEISURE ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER
2013 AT THE LEISURE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB**

1. Present

55 members as per the Attendance Register

Apologies for non-attendance were noted from:

Viv Leach, John and Carol Kennedy, Gordon Stockley, Ann Crockart, Errol Mare, Klaus Eder, Neil and Di Steenkamp, Tony Kay, Andie Immelman, James Botha, Leslie ter Marshuizen, John and Leslie Marr, Janet and Alex Fry, Joan Spencer, Penny Costley-White, Mike and Sharon Lusted, Grant and Clair Lemke.

2. Welcome

The chairman extended a warm welcome to all members present.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was Agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th December 2012 be taken as read and were confirmed as correct.

4. Matters Arising Therefrom

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Report of the Committee – Year ended 31st October 2013

The chairman referred to the Report of the Committee which had been distributed to all members.

He advised that, before calling for discussion and adoption of the Report, he wished to offer comment on certain items.

5.1 Security

Four slides were presented which reflected an analysis of security costs on Leisure Island, of security costs on Thesen Island, of those residents comprising 32% who were not members and a list of the key issues for ensuring security going forward.

Security comprised some 85% of total costs representing a per member cost of R2 975 pa. This compared favorably to Thesen Islands Homeowners Association where the resident per annum cost was R3 313. Noted that all residents of TI had to pay the levy so that total expenditure was more than twice LI.

5.2 Non-Contributing Residents

An analysis of the reason for non-membership was presented. However, it had to be noted that for 58% no reason for non-membership could be elicited. The chairman emphasized that the committee had put in continuing effort to obtain payment from unpaid members and to recruit new members.

5.3 Steenbok Nature Reserve/Park

The chairman referred to the Celtic and Blue Grass Concert that had been held earlier in the year. The Concert had been a success but after careful consideration the Mancom of Steenbok had decided that only events of a limited

size should be held in the Park in view of the conservation threat such large events might pose.

Steve Collins and Martin Green, the organisers of the Concert, expressed their objection to the decision stating inter alia that no opportunity had been afforded them to present their views to the committee. They stated that an independent "post concert" Report indicated only slight and temporary environmental damage.

The chairman then requested Peter Godsell, a member of the Steenbok Mancom, to respond.

Peter outlined the efforts that had been undertaken since 1996 to improve the environmental worth of the Steenbok area and some of the risks that were still present. He stated that although much had been achieved, the goal of permanent legal protection of the reserve was still a few years off. He opined that opening the door to large-scale entertainment events might endanger this quest for permanent nature reserve status.

Given that there are other venue options for such events, the Steenbok Nature Reserve Management Committee had decided not approve the use of the reserve for such events. The meeting expressed a spontaneous approval of this position.

In response to a request that the organisers of the C@BG concert be given an opportunity to meet with the LIRA committee, the chairman emphasized that the Steenbok Mancom was empowered by the Agreement between LIRA and the Knysna Municipality to manage the Reserve in all respects. It should be noted that, in addition, both Sanparks and the Steenbok Trust were represented on the Mancom. The decision of Mancom had been unanimous and he suggested that the organisers should rather meet with them about their desire to hold a further concert.

A member suggested that as a gesture of goodwill, the committee meet with the organisers.

5.4 Proposed Vodacom Mast

The chairman advised that Vodacom had recently applied to the municipality to erect a transmission Mast. The site proposed was Kings Park and the Mast would be ±25 metres tall.

The municipality had referred the request to LIRA for comment. LIRA had had an initial meeting with representatives of Vodacom to obtain clarification on certain technical issues.

The chairman emphasized that the matter was in early process and that at this stage there would be little point in discussing the request. He undertook that the committee would thoroughly investigate the implications, both positive and negative, and convene a general meeting of members for discussion and decision.

5.5 Overcrowding/Breaches of the By-laws

The chairman noted the letter from the municipality detailing the specific control measures to be taken over the peak season. It was noted that a strict "no-alcohol" law would be applied to public amenity areas as well as other measures. Certain members present referred to the busses that were already coming on to the Island very early in the morning. This would be taken up with the Head of

Security of the municipality. Noted that Law Enforcement Officers commenced duty from 05h00.

At the request of the chairman, members approved the Report of the Committee.

6. Audited Financial Statements – Year ended 31st October 2013

The chairman presented (Power Point) the detail of the Audited Financial Statements. Members had been informed that copies of the Financial Statements could be obtained prior to the meeting.

Comment was offered by the chairman on various items.

Noted that the surplus for the year was R5 762 thus increasing the accumulated surplus to R77 297.

The Annual Financial Statements were then approved by the members.

6. Budget for the year ended 31st October 2014

The details of the budget were presented (Power Point) and various items explained. Noted that a deficit of R9 133 was projected for the coming financial year.

The monthly and annual levies for the coming year were then given.

Annual levy – R3 800

Monthly levy – R325

The Budget and Levies for the year ended 31st October 2014 were approved by members.

7. Election of the Committee

The chairman advised that all members of the committee, except Chris Henwood, had offered themselves for re-election.

A nomination had been received for Peter Dieterich.

The chairman announced that the committee for the coming year would consist of:

James Botha, Johan de Bruyn, Peter Dieterich, Keith Hollis, John Koch, Paul Kotze, Viv Leach, Sheena Mare, Ricky Maskew and Brenda Neall.

The chairman advised that Chris Henwood, who had served on the committee virtually since the inception of LIRA would be relocating to Johannesburg. He paid tribute to the enormous contribution that Chris had made to the affairs of LIRA over so many years. He had managed the member database which contained extensive details on all residents enabling efficient communication with members. This had proved invaluable. Chris had also conducted an extensive analysis of property values at the time of the introduction of the new basis of assessing rates.

In addition to LIRA, Chris had been active in community matters in Knysna as well as active involvement in local politics.

He had made a major contribution and would be sorely missed as a committee member.

The chairman then made a presentation to Chris in recognition of his contribution.

Chris expressed his thanks and respect of fellow committee members for the enormous amount of work done.

8. Discussion

The chairman invited discussion.

8.1 A suggestion was made that all items on the agenda be presented and thereafter opened for discussion. Noted.

8.2 Members felt that it was essential that signboards be erected at the public amenity sites reflecting clearly the opening and closing times for public access.

Confirmed as correct at a general meeting of members held on:

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Chairman