

LIRA
LEISURE ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting held on
19 December 2014 at the Leisure Island Country Club

1. Present

45 members as per the Attendance Register. Apologies for non-attendance: 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 Housden.

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 19th December 2013 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 31st October 2014

The Chairman referred to the Report of the Committee which had been distributed to all members, and commented on these items.

5.1 Security

- A slide was projected reflecting the total cost for security for the year of R942 000. This represented 89% of the Association's total costs.
- Noted that, of the 428 households on the Island, only 293 pay levies to LIRA. Security cost per household is thus R268 pm. If all households contributed, the monthly cost would reduce to R188 pm.
- Noted further that there had been very few incidents of crime this year and all of a minor, opportunistic nature.
- Provision had been made for the cost of installing camera surveillance at the Green Hole. 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 2014.

5.2 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 (428), the committee had been unable to determine the reason that 38 (9% of total) were not members. Of the balance, 22 households were in the process of disposal, 19 cannot afford the levy, 19 had tenants, 9 were second properties, and 28 refused to join.
- An appeal was made to members to assist the committee in recruiting new members.

5.3 Island Infrastructure

- The chairman advised that declining revenue was impacting on the ability of Municipality to maintain infrastructure. In particular was the deterioration of roads and maintenance of the sea walls.
- He emphasised that the committee maintained continuous liaison with the Municipality on these and other issues.

5.4 Leisure Isle Festival

- It was noted that the Festival had, this year, been sited on and around Kings Park. This had improved the integration of the various facets of the Festival and he paid tribute to the management and organisation that had been excellent.
- The Festival had produced another record funding for the respective charities.

The chairman then called for discussion on the Report.

Membership

- It was suggested that a list of non-members should be issued- name and shame. The chairman advised that legal advice had already been sought on this possibility. However, this was considered actionable but publishing a list of members was acceptable.
- The meeting requested the committee to issue such list on a street-by-street basis.

Green Hole

A member deplored the state of the toilets at the Green Hole, suggesting that a more co-operative stance might be encouraged from day visitors if facilities were improved. Noted that this was a matter for the Municipality but that LIRA would raise this at the appropriate level.

Security

- A suggestion was made that a discount should be given by Allsound to LIRA members because of the reduced cost which LIRA security provided. The chairman advised that this matter had been raised with Allsound on a number of occasions. It was a complicated matter as there were factors which impacted on the provision of security.
- A discount had been introduced some years ago as a reduction on the LIRA levy. However, it had to be discontinued for, *inter alia*, administrative reasons.
- Nevertheless, the committee would pursue this with Allsound.
- A member referred to the potential for members to claim a reduction in their insurance premiums because of the success of LIRA security.

Fundraising

In response to a suggestion, the chairman advised that the committee was considering certain projects which could raise funds.

The chairman then requested adoption of the Committee Report.

The Report was adopted by members present.

6. Audited Financial Statements-Year ended 31st October 2014.

- The chairman presented detail of the Audited Financial Statements. Comment was offered by the chairman on various items.
- Noted that the surplus for the year was R1 827, thus increasing the Accumulated Surplus to R 79 124 at 31 October 2014.

- Noted that this was after making provision for the replacement of cameras and the installation of camera surveillance at the Green Hole at a cost of ±R70 000.

The Annual Financial Statements were then approved by members present.

7. Budget for the year-ended 31 October 2015

The details of the budget were then presented and various items explained. Noted that a surplus of R13 537 was projected for the coming financial year.

The levies for 2015 year were given:

Annual	R3 900
Monthly	R340

The Budget and Levies for the year-ended 31 October 2015 were approved by members present.

8. Election of the Committee

The chairman advised that all members of the committee, (except John Koch, Viv Leach and Sheena Maré) being eligible, had offered themselves for re-election. Noted that Jenny Shields had been co-opted to the committee during the year.

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, Sam 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 the various LIRA activities.

He then individually paid tribute to John Koch, Viv Leach and Sheena Maré for their dedication and hard work over the years that they had served on the committee.

There being no further business and discussion, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Confirmed as correct at a General Meeting of Members held on

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Chairman