

THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

GOOD HOPE BRANCH / GOEIE HOOP TAK

MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S 80TH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MOUNT VIEW RESORT, YORK STREET, GEORGE ON THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 09:00.

NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP-TAK SE 80^{STE} ALGEMENE VERGADERING WAT OP DONDERDAG, 10 NOVEMBER 2016 OM 09:00 BY DIE MOUNT VIEW OORD, YORKSTRAAT, GEORGE GEHOU IS.

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1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING

1.1 Opening / Opening

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and the meeting was opened with a prayer. The Executive Mayor of George, Melvyn Naik, welcomed all the delegates to George and addressed the meeting.

1.2 Arrangements / Reëlings

The Chairman advised that tea/coffee would be served at 10:30 and a supper has been arranged for 19:30.

1.3 Acknowledgements / Bedankings

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked the George Municipality and staff, and Gareth Smit for all the arrangements for the meeting, and the Mount View Resort for the use of their facilities for the meeting, He also thanked all the Affiliates for their generous sponsorship which makes these meetings possible.

1.4 Announcements / Aankondigings

None

2. APOLOGIES / VERSKONINGS

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3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS / ADRESVERANDERING

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4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S 79TH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SIR LAMBERT CELLARS, LAMBERTS BAY ON THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2016.**

BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP TAK SE 79^{STE} ALGEMENE VERGADERING GEHOU OP DONDERDAG, 11 AUGUSTUS 2016 BY DIE SIR LAMBERT KELDERS, LAMBERTSBAAL.

4.1 Copies of the minutes of meeting had been circulated to all members.

4.2 The adoption of the minutes was accepted by the meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND NOT ON THE AGENDA
SAKE VOORTSPRUITEND UIT DIE NOTULE EN NIE OP DIE AGENDA NIE**

None

6. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM 10 –MEMBERS' FORUM
BYKOMENDE ITEMS VIR BESPREKING ONDER ITEM 10 – LEDE SE BESPREKINGS FORUM**

Section 118 (1) of the Municipal Systems Act – Paul de Vries

7. **CORRESPONDENCE / KORRESPONDENSIE**

None

8. **REPORTS / VERSLAE**

8.1 **Infrastructure Theft**

Paul de Vries reported on the successes with arrests of individuals for infrastructure theft in the Winelands – Worcester area.

The August theft statistics were presented by Paul de Vries (see presentation 8-1). Paul reiterated all that theft cases must be reported to the Police otherwise accurate statistics are not possible. Monetary losses, the number of cases and the successful arrests were presented. Commodity losses were listed.

W/O Spies from SAPS Conville reported on the Second Hand Goods Act and the positive liaison they are experiencing with scrap and second hand dealers. There is however a challenge with the NPA prosecuting cases. Aberdare are looking into adding a marker tape into cables during manufacture to aid identification of stolen cables.

8.2 **Executive Committee Report (Paul de Vries for Rens Bindeman)**

(See presentation 8-2)

- Greg Stopford from City of Cape Town was elected as President Elect at the recent National Convention.
- Branch development was covered
- There is a problem with some municipalities not paying their SARPA membership fees
- There is a welcome increase in membership
- The financial statement was discussed
- A tender specification for revenue protection services is being worked on
- There is a need to concentrate on other service than electricity – ie. Water especially
- Legal issues – SAPS training on new Acts and Regulations is being addressed
- Specifications – NRS 055 could be changed to a SABS specification – cable marking was discussed
- Operational issues were covered

- Branch developments
 - Eastern Cape Branch is doing well
 - We need to follow up on their lead – by getting other services involved and attending meetings
 - Rens is operating in Nigeria with their police force
- Stakeholder reports
 - Eskom is installing smart meters
 - Eskom could take over the electricity distribution in small towns where no payment is being received by municipalities
- New suggestion – solar panels in small communities
 - 2% levy on sales for revenue protection operations – details of mechanism still needs to be worked out
- Events calendar was covered.

9. **PRESENTATIONS**

9.1 “A Water Revenue Protection use case for Municipalities ...”

- Johan Janse van Rensburg – T-Systems

(See presentation 9-1)

- Pilot scheme is running for both electricity and water in George
- Municipality challenge is on water – Water management is essential in a water scarce country
- Where does water saving start?
- Need a plan in municipalities for water saving
- Need to address water leaks
- Smart metering key messages were listed
 - Market trends
 - Business pain points
 - IT pain points
 - ICT solutions
 - Portfolio – data management
- Old world water management model shown – a manual system
- Transformation to a new system is needed to resolve the old world problems
- New delivery network was shown and explained
 - Uses two way communication from the meter
 - Faster billing is possible
 - Time of use tariffs is possible
 - Benefits for consumers – accurate bills, usage reports possible
 - Benefits to the municipality was listed
- Description of the system installed in George was explained
- Through constant monitoring leaks can be reduced – a saving of 25% has been achieved in George.

10. **MEMBERS' FORUM:**

Paul de Vries raised the issue of Section 118 of the Municipal Systems Act. “Municipalities cannot hold people liable for old property debt”. There is an agreement with municipalities for consumers to pay for debt outstanding for up to 2 years.

Section 118 of the Municipal Systems Act was ruled unconstitutional by Judge Dawie Fourie. This ruling is now to go to the Constitutional Court for a decision.

In the City of Cape Town rates clearance will only be given if all municipal debt is paid before the property transfer is allowed.

The Owner is always responsible for debt owing, not the tenant. Owners and letting agents need to sort this matter out.

Properties bought on auction are bought with all debts as a condition of sale.

But do these large debts accumulate? Who is responsible for detecting a tampered meter?
Outstanding debts follow the owner in the City of Cape Town.

In George the owner can ask the Municipality to check if the meter is in order when tenants change.

City of Cape Town consumers will soon be able to register on a portal to check water and electricity consumption.

Keith Stober showed photographs of internal bypasses in electricity prepayment meters. This was not visible from outside the meter. (See photos 10)

Floris Koegelenberg – Tamper fee payments; Tamper fee is payable according to the tariff applicable for the year in which the tamper was detected.

Francois du Toit: Poles are being cut down to seal light fittings and cabling!

Floris Koegelenberg – Tiger ring main units are being opened at the test block cover to seal copper. One perpetrator was burnt in the attempt and escape from the hospital where he was being treated. Police would not arrest him because he was in a serious state and they did not want to be held responsible for his possible death.

11. ITEMS HELD OVER FOR DISCUSSION FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING
ITEMS WAT OORSTAAN VIR BESPREKING VAN DIE VORIGE ALGEMENE VERGADERING

None

12. MATTERS FROM OTHER PROVINCES

None

13. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2017/2018 / VERKIESING VAN AMPSDRAERS VIR 2017/2018

13.1 Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary
Verkiesing van Voorsitter, Ondervoorsitter en Eresekretaris

The following people were elected:

Chairman – Paul de Vries (Drakenstein)

Vice Chairperson – Belinda Marias (Swartland)

Hon. Secretary – Neil Ballantyne – Retired Honorary Member

13.2 Election of Good Hope Affiliate Chairman (one vote per affiliate company)
Verkiesing van Goeie Hoop Geaffilieerde Voorsitter

This will be dealt with at the AMEU meeting.

14. GENERAL / ALGEMEEN

Dawie Maree enquired about test certificates for electricity meters installed. City of Cape Town advised that they test all meters prior to installation. Drakenstein get tests and the certificates from KoKos.

Manufacturers test all meters prior to dispatching them and test certificates can be requested if required by municipalities. It was requested if these can be supplied in a “soft” version. It was confirmed that is possible.

It was mentioned that in Stellenbosch and in Paarl electrical contractors are installing private sub-meters on the supply side of the municipality’s meter. After discussion it was stated that the sub-metering company and the consumer are responsible for the correct installation and billing from the sub-meter, and not the municipality.

Guidelines are in place with the Resellers Association and this can be addressed with them.

SARPA needs to address this and take the problem to the Department of Labour. This will be raised by the Chairman at the SARPA Executive Council meeting. It was stated that the Harmful Business Practice Act can be used to address this. The solution to this problem is to move the municipal meter off the property and into a street kiosk.

15. SPONSORSHIPS

Gareth Smit thanked all the firms who had provided generous sponsorship for the meetings and evening function, and also thanked the George Municipality and their staff for the arrangements for the meetings and the Mount View Resort for the use of their facilities.

**16. DATES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS
DATUMS EN PLEKKE VAN VERGADERINGS**

**Dates and places of SARPA meetings in 2017
Datums en plekke van SARPA vergaderings in 2017**

16.1	16 February 2017	Franschhoek
16.2	11 May 2017	Swellendam
16.3	10 August 2017	Paarl
16.4	9 November 2017	Knysna

**17. Closing of meeting by Chairman.
Sluiting van vergadering deur die Voorsitter.**

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 11:25.

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