

THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

GOOD HOPE BRANCH / GOEIE HOOP TAK

MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN, BLOEMHOF ELECTRICITY HEAD OFFICE, BELLVILLE ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 14:00.

NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP-TAK SE ALGEMENE VERGADERING WAT OP DONDERDAG, 20 FEBRUARIE 2014 OM 14:00 BY DIE STAD KAAPSTAD SE ELEKTRISITEITS HOOF KANTOOR, BELLVILLE GEHOU IS.

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1. **OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING**

1.1 **Opening / Opening**

The Chairman welcomed those present and the meeting was opened with a prayer.

1.2 **Arrangements / Reëlings**

The Chairman advised that tea/coffee would be served at 15:15 and a supper has been arranged for 19:00.

1.3 **Acknowledgements / Bedankings**

The Chairperson thanked Jacques Visser, Martin van Staden and the City of Cape Town staff for the venue arrangements, and the Affiliates for providing sponsorship for the meeting and the evening function.

1.4 **Announcements / Aankondigings**

None

2. **APOLOGIES / VERSKONINGS**

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3. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS / ADRESVERANDERINGS**

Willie Albertyn has moved to Drakenstein Municipality.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE DIAZ STRAND HOTEL, MOSSEL BAY ON THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2013.** **BEKRAGTIGING VAN DIE NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP-TAK SE ALGEMENE VERGADERING GEHOU OP DONDERDAG, 14 NOVEMBER 2013 BY DIE DIAZ STRAND HOTEL, MOSSELBAAI.**

Correction:

Floris Koegelenberg was incorrectly listed as vice-chairman on the attendance list.

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Kevin Grunewald and seconded by Rens Bindeman.

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 12
BYKOMENDE ITEMS VIR BESPREKING ONDER ITEM 12

1. Paul de Vries:
Difficulty downloading presentations
Water meters
2. Leon Lerm:
Staff taken hostage.

7. CORRESPONDENCE / KORRESPONDENSIE

None

8. REPORTS / VERSLAE

8.1 Executive Committee Report (Rens Bindeman)

(See presentation 1)

- Different presentation from usual
- Report on Workshop held in Gauteng:
Purpose of workshop explained
 - Strategy
 - Financial overview
 - Strong training orientation
 - Several proposals were adapted
 - Interface with AMEU & SALGA
 - Water related issue – training and inclusion of water meter in NRS docs
 - Get Municipal Managers to support SARPA meetings
 - Membership fees to be dependent on size of Municipality
 - Two days of free training to be given to members in their facility. It is just necessary to pay for the facilitator.
 - Affiliate members' list needs to be circulated.
 - Need affiliate members' structure
 - List of affiliate needs to be got from affiliate members.
 - Several suggestions made regarding members and non-members.
 - Date for 2014 SARPA Conference in Brenton on Sea, Knysna is 10/11 July 2014
 - Details of conference content covered
 - Each branch asked to present 2 papers
 - Standardisation
 - Review of NRS documents covered
 - Non-ferrous theft. SAPS training course feedback given
 - National courses to start in March 2014 in Bishop Lavis & Hammenskraal
 - Branch feedback given
 - Next Exco meeting will be held in Johannesburg on 11 March 2014.

9. MEMBERS' FORUM:

Keith Stober – Cape Town Report back

“The tip of the Iceberg”

Keith covered :

- Issue of “fines”
- Good news
 - Number of unbilled supply point – down!
 - Number of pilot core faults – down
 - Number of faulty meters – busiest category
- Bad news
 - No meter in installation – up
 - Number of bypassed meters – up

- Number of tampered meters – up
 - Who tampers?
 - Why do they tamper?
 - Bad news is actually good news!
We have picked up more and more of these cases lately.
 - The value of contravention notices is up 6 fold
 - Increase of revenue protection staff has been approved
- Interesting discussion on facts and issues raised in the presentation followed.
 - Entrapment of tampering syndicates in George mentioned

Paul de Vries – Drakenstein:

- Attends Western Cape Province Non-ferrous metal meetings
Crime Combatting Committee
- Feedback given: SAPS asked “Why don’t you mark your material?”
- Data dot technology can be used
- Kraaifontein to Klapmuts is hot spot in CT area
- Vandalism in schools during school holidays is a problem
- Decrease in crime over festive season !!
- De Doorns and Hex River – is a hot spot
- How is scrap cable disposed of in Municipality – cable needs to be marked

Willie Olivier – mentioned the vandalism being experienced in Mossel Bay

Paul de Vries mentioned damage done to 66kV cables and costs to repair this

Dup du Plessis (Overstrand) – commented on the need to have only one scrap dealer through which all municipalities can dispose of their scrap metal

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 "Copper theft in Cape Town" – Neil Adrendse - Metal Theft Unit – City of Cape Town (See presentation 2)

- Breakdown given of cost of metal theft to the country – R7bn
 - This was compared to safety and security budget in the country
 - What this loss means to the country – it’s negative impact
 - Copper theft is more serious than gold smuggling
 - Need to concentrate on theft, vandalism and tampering
 - Metal Theft Unit deals with first two
 - Legal and illegal copper is smelted together and sold
 - Jail sentences need to be increased as a deterrent
 - Agencies dealing with theft was covered, plus other institutions
 - The problem with unregulated bucket shop was explained
 - Levels of copper theft is coupled to copper price
 - Overview given of prevention strategies
 - Second Hand Goods Act. Training is needed for law enforcers
 - Need support of communities to combat theft
 - Need to look at engineering solutions to protect assets
 - Key – need to work together to achieve success – We need “Us”
 - There must be consequences for those who steal
 - Need collaboration internally in municipal departments
 - Need a standard for marking cable nationally – standard expected by July
- Discussion followed presentation
 - need statistics for municipal copper theft cases

10.2 “Introduction to system to protect assets” - Tom Roos – Cobham Mesh Security Technologies

(See presentations 3 & 4)

- TCS markets and customers reviewed
- Focus on safe cities – Safe City Solutions
- IP Mesh radio network used
- Monitored by Command Centres
- Explanation given of how a mesh network works
- Robotic devices are used in dangerous situations
- Counter terrorism and public safety
- Tools of the trade – equipment used displayed
- Audio surveillance equipment used
- Cameras and sensors that are available discussed
- All work through IP mesh network
- Video systems used in court cases
- Tagging, tracking and locating equipment shown
- Case studies presented

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

None

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / BEPREKING VAN BYKOMENDE ITEMS

1. Paul de Vries:
 - Difficulty being experienced in downloading presentations from SARPA website
 - Water meters
 - Need to track theft of these
 - Who is the owner? Municipality or owner. Owners pay for replacement. He will take this up in his municipality
 - Staff suspended for suspected theft
 - Not enough evidence presented and suspension lifted. Can staff member then make a case against Municipality?
 - William Olivier states this happened in Polokwane where he was taken to court in his personal capacity and had to pay to defend himself because the Municipality did not back him
 - Statements used for evidence have to be taken properly
 - City of Cape Town don't take issues to court. Reinstatement fees are issued
2. Leon Lerm:
 - Complex in Parklands, Cape Town. Staff taken hostage. Water was being stolen and action was taken to prevent this. Watch out for these situations!

13. MATTERS FROM OTHER PROVINCES

None

14. GENERAL / ALGEMEEN

None

15. SPONSORSHIPS

The Chairman thanked all the firms who had provided sponsorship for the evening function and venue and to those who assisted making the meeting possible.

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

Dates and places of SARPA meetings for 2014
Datums en plekke van SARPA vergaderings vir 2014

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| 16.1 | 15 May 2014 | - Drakenstein Municipality (Wellington) |
| 16.2 | 14 August 2014 | - Langeberg Municipality (Robertson) |
| 16.3 | 13 November 2014 | - Knysna Municipality (Knysna) |

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 16:50.

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