

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 CALLIE DE WET SPORT CENTRE, CHURCH STREET, ROBERTSON ON THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2014 AT 14:00.
NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP-TAK SE ALGEMENE VERGADERING WAT OP DONDERDAG, 14 AUGUSTUS 2014 OM 14:00 BY DIE CALLIE DE WET SPORTSENTRUM, KERKSTRAAT, ROBERTSON 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 at the Silwerstrand Golf Estate.

1.3 **Acknowledgements / Bedankings**

The Chairperson thanked Martin van Staden and the Langeberg Municipality 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 / ADRESVERANDERING**

None

4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the SARPA Good Hope Branch's General Meeting held at the Town Hall Wellington on Thursday, 15 May 2014.** **Bekragtiging van notule van die SARPA Goeie Hoop Tak Algemene Vergadering gehou op Donderdag 15 Mei 2014 by die Stadsaal, Wellington.**

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

4.2 The minutes were adopted 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 12** **BYKOMENDE ITEMS VIR BESPREKING ONDER ITEM 12**

None

7. **CORRESPONDENCE / KORRESPONDENSIE**

None

8. **REPORTS / VERSLAE**

8.1 **Executive Committee Report (Rens Bindeman)**

(See presentation 1)

Highlights

- New developments covered
 - President attended IURPA event
 - Louise Muller, IMFO President now on SARPA Executive Committee
 - Drive to develop specification for revenue protection
 - Workshop planned
 - NRS 080 – loss determination - being drafted. Liaison with NERSA taking place
 - Convention to be moved to August – to be in Mbombela in 2015
- New strategy discussed

- Membership drive
- Branch meetings well organised
- Co-operation with IMFO at branch level (emphasis to be on Water as well)
- Advertise training strategy
- Affiliate members
 - Meetings held to establish needs
 - Similar meetings to be held quarterly
 - Need for affiliates to place articles in SARPA newsletter
- Branch developments - explanation of proposals given
 - Branch elections need to take place
 - Election of an affiliate member needed to co-ordinate with AMEU Branch co-ordinator. Makes sense to have same person for both SARPA and AMEU.
- Standardisation : Feedback on progress on NRS specifications given.
- Project reports given. Details to be given at members' forum item.
 - Non-ferrous theft. Prosecutions in only 3% of arrest cases!
 - New service provider formed to give NFMCCC guidance.
 - Now training security companies that assist parastatals.
 - Letter will be sent to Municipalities to find out what the value of theft is in Municipalities.
- Branch feedback given.

Questions were raised:

Q: Floris Kogelenberg asked for information regarding the training offered in Municipalities.

A: Municipalities can book dates with Rens for training. Each municipality qualifies for 2 days free training. The only payment required is to cover subsistence and transport for attendance by Rens.

Q: Members asked for invoices for costs to be given for easy payment by Municipalities .

Q: Greg Stopford asked for a course prospectus to be circulated to members.

A: Rens said he will do this and post it onto the SARPA website.

9. **MEMBERS' FORUM:**

Mossel Bay – William Olivier discussed the unrest that happened in Mossel Bay and showed photographs of the damage done to municipal facilities.

- Disconnections were carried out on 26 May for illegal connections.
- After a week all were connected again.
- A second operation was carried out by ten teams. Arrests were effected.
- 120 houses that were illegally connected were disconnected.
- Reconnections again occurred.
- Warning letters sent out, arrests promised for perpetrators.
- Vandalism then occurred and offices burnt down and shops were looted. 20 people were arrested.
- After a meeting with Communities they asked for formal connections. Squatters are mostly on private land, so these areas cannot be electrified.
- Another operation will be planned for the future following strict legal steps.

Drakenstein – Dup Du Plessis

- They have problem with funds for electrification of informal areas.
- Problems with theft of copper conductor
- Stores in local depot has had break-ins and cable theft has occurred.

Knysna – Len Richardson

- Have similar problems are being experienced to that in Mossel Bay.
- Availability of land is a problem.
- There are unsafe connection leads, but consumption is metered.
- This matter will be taken to Council, but no solution to problem has been found yet.
- Forestry housing / office supply conductor stolen in the forest area.

- Also overhead live conductors were stolen in the Sedgefield area – 1120m of 16mm² copper cable conductors were stolen.
- Need guidance from SARPA to address the problem.

Comment by Joe Renney

Radio reports issued on the Mossel Bay incidents did not reflecting the true facts.

Johan Nel

- Political statements being made due to bye-elections that took place at that time.
- He suggested the need to disconnect formal supplies where illegal supplies are sourced.

William Olivier

- Fines given by Mossel Bay Municipality for this.
- Disconnected supplies will not be reconnected.
- Supplies are switched off until the fine is paid. Need a procedure to effect this.

Rens Bindeman will circulate a list of all Police DSO's in the various areas.

Report back on NF meeting : Paul de Vries

- Municipalities are classed as “parastetal” (??)
- Municipalities need to be tracked separately as a category.
- Only case >R1000 are recorded.
- Raids made on metal dealer in Montague Gardens. R1,5m stolen copper recovered.

Report back on SARPA Convention given

- All papers are on SARPA website
- Fines vs miscellaneous fees were discussed

Drakenstein is having major problems with metal theft. All cases must be reported by the Municipality and not the owner.

Keith Stober mentioned that SAPS has a pre-drafted form for report of theft of wheelie bins, for example.

Schedule of meetings with SAPS and contact details will be distributed to all.

10. **PRESENTATIONS**

10.1 **“Synthetic DNA” – Hermann Böhmer - SelectaDNA**

(See presentation 2)

Enhancement tools for asset protection and recovery

- SelectaDNA obtained rights for application of synthetic DNA.
- Aim to stimulate thinking
- Synthetic DNA marks materials and is unique in each case.
- Solution is applied and is shown-up under ultraviolet light.
- Codes are “hidden” in solution applied.
- Gel or grease form available – is transferred to thief and marks them. Can then prove where grease came from through code left on offender.
- Case studies given.
- The criminals need to be made aware of this technology to reduce crime.
- The gel and grease can also be sniffed out by sniffer dogs.
- Spray systems (mist) coupled to alarm systems is possible. Mist then marks offenders.
- Many arrests and convictions obtained in many countries.
- Add-on technologies - covert tracking by hidden technology – GPRS linked.
 - Tracing of stolen goods possible.
 - Tracking module can be added to any article.

- Theft is reduced by up to 85% using this technology.
- DNA marking can withstand fire.
- Marking stays on skin for a month and on clothing for 6 months.
- Warning signs are effective to deter criminals.

**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

None

13. MATTERS FROM OTHER PROVINCES

- Eastern Cape Branch is having trouble getting Municipal members to attend their meetings. Affiliates are paying accommodation cost for Municipal members to attend.
- Interaction with IMFO discussed to involve water and rates services into SARPA structures.
- Joe Renney suggested that contact is made from the top ie. Dept of Energy to get involvement in SARPA structures.
- William Olivier – need revenue loss forum to be established to track all losses in the municipalities.
- Meter audits are needed regularly to ensure accuracy of metering to ensure income stream.

14. GENERAL / ALGEMEEN

Election of Affiliate Representative for SARPA Good Hope Branch
Martin van Staden was elected.

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

16.1 13 November 2014 - Knysna Municipality (Knysna)

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 16:40.

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