

## THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

### GOOD HOPE BRANCH / GOEIE HOOP TAK

MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S 76<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE WESKUS SCHOOL, SALDANHA BAY ON THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 09:00.

NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP-TAK SE 76<sup>DE</sup> ALGEMENE VERGADERING WAT OP DONDERDAG, 12 NOVEMBER 2015 OM 09:00 BY DIE WESKUS SKOOL, SALDANHABAAI GEHOUS 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 10:30 and lunch at 13:00. A supper has been arranged for 18:00 at the Hoedjiesbaai Hotel.

### **1.3 Acknowledgements / Bedankings**

The Chairperson thanked Gareth Smit, the Saldanha Bay Municipality the Weskus School and staff for the venue arrangements and catering, 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**

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4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SARPA GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S 75<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORIA HALL, IAN TOERIEN WAY, CALEDON ON THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 2015.**

**BEKRAGTIGING VAN NOTULE VAN DIE SARPA GOEIE HOOP TAK SE 75<sup>DE</sup> ALGEMENE VERGADERING GEHOU OP DONDERDAG 13 AUGUSTUS 2015 BY DIE VICTORIA SAAL, IAN TOERIENWEG CALEDON.**

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**

The chairman mentioned that an X-ray machine is being used at the harbour to scan containers coming into the country, but it is not being used to scan the containers going out!!

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

None

7. **CORRESPONDENCE / KORRESPONDENSIE**

None

## 8. **REPORTS / VERSLAE**

### 8.1 **Executive Committee Report (Paul de Vries – Rens Bindeman being overseas)**

- Criminal Law Amendment Bill (see attached document - 3)
- Paul highlighted the various issues in the Bill
  - Granting of bail to suspects is very limited
  - Imprisonment of up to 30 years for infrastructure theft:
    - 1st time offender – 3 years
    - 2nd time offender – 7 years
    - 3rd time offender – 7 to 30 years
- People in positions of trust will receive longer sentences
- The Bill deals with infrastructure theft and instances of tampering therewith.

Discussion:

- By-laws need to be brought in line if new Act is promulgated – especially the definitions
- Sentences are much higher than the tamper fees in municipalities
- It is better to deal with meter tampering in the current manner in terms of the current municipal miscellaneous tariff schedules than taking such matter to court due to the staff resource taken up by going to court
- Large/serious cases could be taken to court in terms of the new Act
- Paul described several cases of infrastructure theft that this Act could deal with
- It is necessary to open a case with SARS to gain benefit from the provisions of the Act
- Police need to be trained on the implications of this Amendment Act.

## 9. **PRESENTATIONS**

### 9.1 **"Sub metering options for landlord tenant relationships" – Iain Clarke - Citiq**

- Massive urbanization is driving the need for accommodation
- Sub-letting of property is on the increase
- This system can help landlords collect payments for services provided
- There is a limit to the number of municipal meters that can be installed
- Options to recover costs was discussed
- Prepaid options are better than post paid
- Video shown to describe system
- A discussion on tampering followed:
  - Tampering is not a large problem because landlords usually monitor the meters
  - Tariff issues were explained
  - The system operates under the Tenancy Act
  - The landlord runs the risk if there is any tampering
  - The limits on sub-circuits were discussed
- A discussion followed on the application of block tariffs

## 10. **MEMBERS' FORUM:**

### 10.1 **"Revenue Protection Initiatives and Successes" - Greg Stopford - City of Cape Town (See presentation 4)**

- Update of total loss in the City of Cape Town was given
- Reality – tampering is a socio-economic problem – Or is it!
- Losses elsewhere was mentioned
- Tampering trend is rising – but more staff have been appointed to deal with this.
- Income recoveries were discussed
- Sweeps verses ad hoc inspections looked at from a sales history analysis
- Faulty meters cos the City more than tampered meter do
- More information will be given on this by the STS Association and meter manufacturers
- Statistic on visit to inspect meters was given.

**10.2 Western Cape Non-ferrous metal cases was reported on by Paul de Vries**

**(See presentation 1 & 2)**

Paul report on the cases for July and August 2015

The list of arrests by the Cluster was given

**10.3 Danie Maree** found an Eskom lock on an Overstrand kiosk and the Overstrand key opened the Eskom lock!!

**10.3 The Chairman** called for more presentations from members at future meetings to trigger debate.

**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**

None

**14. GENERAL / ALGEMEEN**

Nothing raised.

**15. SPONSORSHIPS**

The Chairman thanked all the firms who provided sponsorship for the evening function, and to the Saldanha Bay Municipality and the Weskus School for providing the 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 in 2016**

**Datums en plekke van SARPA vergaderings in 2016**

16.1	18 February 2016	- Witsand (subject to confirmation)
16.2	12 May 2016	- Bellville, Cape Town
16.3	11 August 2016	- Lamberts Bay
16.4	10 November 2016	- George

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

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 11:50.

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