

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

MPUMALANGA BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE SARPA MPUMALANGA BRANCH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MBOMBELA LOCAL COUNCIL, NELSPRUIT ON Friday 27 May 2011 AT 10:00

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1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

1.1 Opening

Mr. Bindeman explained that this was only the second meeting of the branch since it was revived and it was clear that it would need a lot of hard work to get everyone from the area together again to attend meetings.

1.2 Arrangements

The Chairman advised that tea/coffee would be served and that a finger lunch is arranged for 13:00

1.3 Acknowledgements

The Chairperson thanked Mbombela Municipality for making the facilities available to SARPA.

1.4 Announcements

None

2. APOLOGIES

MF Lelaka –Eskom
T Mkhonza – Mbombela
R Meyer –Optron
T Coetzer - ICS

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND NOT ON THE AGENDA

The minutes was accepted by Rens and seconded by Dewald. No matters was noted from the previous minutes

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM 8

SARPA Revenue Recovery Project Pilot sites

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Received

None

5.2 Sent

5.2.1 Agenda for Meeting to be held 27/03/2011

5.2.2 Invitation to attend the SARPA Mpumalanga Branch Meeting

6 REPORTS

6.1 Exco Report by Rens Bindeman (Technical Advisor)

- Feedback and presentation shared by Rens from the Executive Council Workshop
- The finance statements were discussed
- Feedback and presentation shared by Rens from the Executive Council meeting
- Feedback from other Branches and their next meeting dates were communicated
- Feedback regarding projects e.g. Non Ferrous Theft – new law to be implemented in January 2012
- Expansion into the rest of Africa – PIESA Loss Reduction Workgroup used as the method to interact with utilities in the rest of Africa
- Training - Branch workshop still to be organized in Mapumalanga area as soon as possible. Any Munic requiring training for their members to contact Rens.
- The next Executive Council Meeting will be held on the 20 July 2011 at Polokwane club (the day before the Convention)

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Presentation by Dewald Smit (UMS) regarding revenue loss management services provided by the company. He explained the magnitude of the revenue protection problem in all utilities and the amount of hard work it takes to put the right processes in place to effectively minimize the losses. He explained how to monitor read rate, how to prevent estimation of meter readings and the importance of been able to draw reports from the system that is reliable enough to utilize in the process of managing losses

- 7.2 Presentation shared by Claudia Coetzer regarding the sealing of meters and all the products available. She also highlighted the new lock they have available as well.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Rens gave feedback regarding the SARPA Revenue Recovery project and its strategy. He also highlighted the “dry run exercise” which was successfully completed in Drakenstein Municipality in Paarl in March of this year. A further discussion was held regarding the planned pilot site at Kouga Municipality to take place in Jeffrey’s bay early in June.
- 8.2 A lengthy discussion was also held regarding copper theft and the training of staff members e.g. meter readers and technical staff

9. MATTERS FROM OTHER PROVINCES

Meeting dates as given above

10. GENERAL

Nil

12. SPONSORSHIPS

The Chairman thanked Mbombela Municipality who had provided sponsorship and to those who assisted making the meeting possible.

13. DATES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS

- 13.1 Next date to be on the 24 August 2011– venue to be announced

14. CLOSING/ SLUITING

The Chairman closed the meeting

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CHAIRMAN
Njabulo Zwane

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ACTING SECRETARY
Rens Bindeman