



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

HELD AT SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2022 AT 10H00

1. WELCOME: Eric Annegarn took the chair and opened the meeting with: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way. (Dickens)
2. ATTENDANCE: As per Register. EA specifically welcomed the chairs of the other Southbroom organizations who work tirelessly to contribute to our beautiful village:

Chris Ledden of the Golf Club.

Anne Skelton of the Conservancy.

Cleve Walker of the Bowls Club – apologies.

Deanne Purtell of the Tennis Club.

Bennie Kruger of the CPF.

Elaine Harrison of the Library.

Walter Robinson of the SWAT.

As well as all committee members in attendance

EA explained that we have moved the AGMs earlier. The RNM and SPOA year end is 30th June therefore the SRA year end is now in line with the SPOA and the Municipality. It was felt that locals and visitors are not predisposed to attending a meeting in the middle of their December holidays. We had a great attendance at the AGM in January this year and the attendance today attests to the fact that residents are happier with this time.

This may exclude some visitors, but not many non-resident home owners have attended in the past. Depending upon any feedback we receive, we may have a combined SRA, SPOA, CPF town-hall meeting in December where we can focus on issues only rather than boring visitors with procedural matters, important as they are.

THREE separate meetings are scheduled this morning:

- SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
- SOUTHBROOM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION.
- SOUTHBROOM COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM AGM.

3. NOTICE: The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Southbroom Ratepayers Association had been circulated. It was sent out on 17 September 2022, posters were placed throughout Southbroom and it was widely distributed on social media. On Saturday an email shot was sent to everyone including access to the AGM pack that you have in front of you. Apologies to Paul Fleischack who says we must not use so much paper! I agree with you Paul, but I'm stuck with making sense of everything we have to get through today.
4. QUORUM: A quorum of more than 25 people were present, the meeting was duly constituted and open.
5. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from the following:
Brian Dick, Cleve Walker, Julie Walker, Bob O'Callaghan, John & Anne Kinghorn, Hilary Henderson, Felicity Cotton, Paul and Laura Fleischack, Navin Singh, Johan & Jolanda Landsberg, Bill & Francis Burke, Rett & Denis Butler, Charlie Watt, James and Annie Pickering, Derrick Matthew, John Fox, Raefe Dyer, Tony Davis, Petra Klein.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM HELD on 29 January 2022: Copies of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 January 2022 had been circulated. The chairman's report and Annual Financial Statements were also included in the pack. Approved, proposed Duncan Biggar, second Dietmar Klein.
7. MATTERS ARISING: All matters arising from the minutes will be dealt with in the Chairman's report.
8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES

My Committee

Your committee comprises passionate, obsessive people who wake up and work for you and the community and Southbroom every single day. Individuals who are motivated and give of their time and energy freely and reward less. For this, all of us should be thankful.

I am not going to litter the proceedings with too many thank you's so let me get them out of the way right now. It's a pleasure to work with all of you and to be your chairman. And each and every one of you work tirelessly to make Southbroom wonderful.

Brian Dick, Jackie Pratt, Richard Bridgeford, Richard Derman, Allan Woods, Darryn van Aswegen, Laurence Mandy, Deanne Purtell, Dietmar Klein, Duncan Biggar, Paul Longmore, Geoff Evans, Allan Bosch. Thank you!

Thank you to Chris Ledden and Gavin Sole for allowing us to use the SGC. And to Raefe Dyer from Nasua for doing all the printing of the handouts.

How do I isolate the huge effort by some? As all of you work and work and work. But Richard, Richard, Darryn, Brian, Jackie, Deanne and Allan do deserve special mention. THANK YOU.

If you want to join us in the battle to make Southbroom liveable and great I invite you to join us!

Security

For 3 months we had no crime! Listen carefully – not a single reported crime for a full 2 ½ months. Do you remember when crime was all that occupied us? Now thanks to the SPOA and the incredible CPF crime is not an issue. But we continue to support the incredible work done by the SPOA and CPF and they will deal in more detail with crime or lack thereof in their AGMs.

Potholes

Many potholes have been repaired by RNM or their contractors or by the SRA. Occasionally rubble took a while to clear but this has been largely done. And hopefully even the fever tree circle potholes have been resolved or will be shortly.

Street Numbers

Re-energize the initiative to have street numbers on properties as suggested by Nora Hill in the last AGM. The idea is that all properties have a street number in green on a white background on a white oval 18 cm by 10 cm. These are available for order from the Broom to

the right specifications. And we urge you to adopt the standard. For couriers, deliveries and emergencies. If you are unsure about your number, please speak to Duncan Biggar who is resolving street number issues throughout Southbroom.

Clubs

Our sports clubs are all in great condition. I attended the Bowls AGM just last week – what an incredible lively turnout. And the tennis club and of course the golf club are pumping. The library thrives. And all of them have money available for projects. How wonderful is this? How fantasti does this make our village?

Relationship with RNM

We work hard to extract the most we can out of RNM. We attend monthly cluster meetings with all the RNM heads of department and progress is reported. But as always things happen slowly. What these meetings do do is show the problems that some of our fellow villages have. In particular, their beaches and ablutions are a major problem, in some cases completely derelict and beyond repair. We spend considerable effort t in ensuring that our public ablutions are maintained. And we need to keep n doing this. Signage in our villages remains an ugly problem. Our efforts here definitely keep Southbroom beautiful

IT WAS THE AGE OF WISDOM

• SWAT

As announced in the AGM in January the Southbroom Water action Team has been formed and is meeting regularly. Under the able chairmanship of Walter Robinson. Progress is slow, but options are being investigated and evaluated to alleviate at least some of our water problems. Watch this space.

• RECYCLING COMMITTEE – Not Waste

In conjunction with the Southbroom Conservancy we have formed the Recycling Committee. I know this is a recurring and recurrent exercise that seems to require renewed energy each time. Ah well! We have to march forward. But we really need to get recycling properly sorted and publicised and the SRA and the Conservancy are committed thereto. The committee consists of Paull Fleischack, Paul Longmoor, Deanne Purtell, Allan Woods, Tarryn Burns, Meggan Flinders and Neville Crompton.

What is of major concern is the demise of the Oatlands waste sight which apparently is at the end of its life: either capacity or licencing conditions or both. RNM are deeply aware of the issue after the Ramsgate residents Association went public on the matter. The problem is that resolution is major and expensive and ir appears that no proper planning has been done or if it has it is no public. This is of real concern but not much we can do about it as Southbroom residents. But it does add an edge of importance to our recycling efforts.

IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES

There are several areas where we have not done so well and I will mention them all now.

• Floods and Berea Road repair

Still not fixed

• Main Road water burst

Still not fixed

- Garden Refuse and Monkey Cages

I do not intend to belabour this point again. But – please install monkey-proof cages. Do not put out garden refuse. This is NOT collected by RNM.

- Building and Development

We continue to struggle with lots 41 Imbezane Drive and Lot 94, 4 Southridge Road and Lot 109, 34 Southridge Road remain unresolved. We liaise closely with RNM where there has been a recent change in personnel. So we are hopeful there will be progress in the legal processes.

IT WAS THE WINTER OF DESPAIR

- Dogs

As you will all know by now a dog was attacked and killed in front of her owner recently.

Will it not be a miserable world where we cannot take a walk in our village because of vicious and uncontrolled dogs? From what pain and anger will we suffer when one of our grandchildren is (yours or yours or yours) attacked?

This simply cannot be allowed to occur. I ask you to report immediately any infringement to law enforcement. We absolutely need to work together to halt this scourge upon our village! And this can happen if you report incidents or potential incidents, or dogs off their leashes that pose a threat to us and our pets and our grandchildren!

Call Protection Services. Their number has been publicized in our newsletter, is on the web site and has been distributed via social media.

- College Road

Promises broken year in year out. And now not unsurprisingly other roads are worse!

- Lack of support by residents

Can you believe there are still some residents who ask WHAT DO WE DO?

What do we do? How is that possible that as your property values increase and Southbroom remains one of the nicest villages in South Africa, people can still be so blind. Have they not looked anywhere else in South Africa? Anywhere? So little money achieves so much under the guidance of your committee.

I will give you some examples: look at the ablutions at some of our neighbouring villages! In some cases they are beyond redemption! Brian Dick does an extraordinary job with the beaches and their facilities. Look at the appalling signage in some of our neighbouring villages: Duncan Biggar and Deanne Purtell are on this all the time. Look at our regular communication to a well-maintained database: Jackie and Richard. And a great website – go look at it if you haven't: designed and maintained by Deanne. Look at our relative lack of potholes and verge maintenance: if you think this happens without the constant haranguing and management by RB you would be mistaken.

Attendance at monthly RNM meetings: RB and Allan Woods. Street light and electricity: we have a highly qualified hi current electrician managing Eskom and now RNM, Laurence Mandy. Town planning issues: RB and Allan Woods. The list goes on and on and on: health issues, emergencies, fallen trees, litter, sewerage issues, pink buoys, dustbins, jungle gyms, SANRAL liaison, staff, paving, NYE Parties, speed humps, gardens, trees.

I am incredulous and I know everyone here is too. So PLEASE promote membership of the SRA. Tell your friends and family what they cannot see and what they need to know. Please!

We intend with your permission to raise this to R500 or R550 for 2023. Even then it is a paltry amount, and we encourage and would be grateful if you can add a little more to your R450 subscription.

Thank you to all of you who faithfully support your SRA year in and year out.

IT WAS THE SPRING OF HOPE

Ah water! Finally

In the last AGM in January this year I outlined 9 things I believe we should be doing to resolve or alleviate the water problem. I am not going to repeat them now. They are all in the AGM pack in front of you.

We continue to operate on 3 fronts: Locally, strategically, and practically.

Locally Richard Derman and Darryn van Aswegen operate at a local level trying the best they can every day to get the most water we can.

Strategically, we are aligned with the legal efforts with the KZN LSC RRA, the DA and the South Coast Water Action Group led by the enormously energetic Hilton O'Dwyer.

Practically the SWAT is up and running examining various options. The most important one is to completely redo the water reticulation in Southbroom. As you know we live on a sieve and it's not a matter of if but when this job gets done. We envisage a private/public partnership with UGU, government and Southbroom to fund this exercise.

Dickens quote for earlier ends *We had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.*

I certainly hope that is NOT true and together we can protect your piece of paradise.

Thank you.

Eric Annegarn

Chairman

Southbroom Ratepayers Association

9. TREASURERS REPORT: EA thanked Richard Derman for his management of the SRA finances as well as the thankless task of dealing with Ugu water issues.

9.1. The financial statements and treasurers' report were distributed as part of the AGM pack during the week and available in your pack today.

9.2. Richard Derman gave a brief explanation of the financial statements.

9.3. Subscriptions are due again in January 2023 and your committee will be examining an appropriate increase later this year. There were no questions; the report and proposed increase were approved. Proposed Allan Woods, second Duncan Biggar

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

10.1. EA said that Brad Verwey resigned during the year and thanked him for his contribution to the committee and to Southbroom.

10.2. All committee members offer themselves for re-election:

Richard Derman, Jackie Pratt, Duncan Biggar, Darren van Aswegen, Brian Dick, Richard Bridgeford, Allan Woods, Laurence Mandy, Dietmar Klein, Deanne Purtell, Geoff Evans and Eric Annegarn.

Alf Hayter attended SRA committee meetings on behalf of the Southbroom conservancy. EA thanked Alf for his contribution, he has been replaced by Paul Fleischack and we look forward to even better communication between the SC and the SRA.

Paul Longmoor has volunteered to join the SRA committee and EA proposed he also be elected to join the committee.

EA thanked Alan Bosch our ward councillor who also attends the meetings.

The incumbent members of the SRA committee plus Paul Longmoor were appointed unanimously – proposed Bob Clarke, second Walter Robinson.

11. EA said his committee are committed and passionate and it is a pleasure to work with them. EA specifically thanked Chris Ledden and Gavin Sole for use of the Golf club, Raefe from Nashua for the printing, Richard Bridgford, Richard Derman and Darryn van Aswegan for going the extra mile. EA also pointed out that Southbroom had been crime free for four months and the pothole project has gone quite well, we are getting a reasonable response from RNM. EA thanked all the committee for agreeing to continue.

12. MANDATES:

12.1. The committee is mandated to uphold the town planning regulations of Southbroom, EA asked for approval to continue with this mandate. Approved : proposed Joy Crutchfield, second Walter Robinson

12.2. EA said he is once again requesting a mandate to resist commercialization of the beaches, but would like to rephrase that to “resistance of inappropriate commercialization of our beaches”. EA believed a more nuanced policy is required and proposed to develop one in committee going forward. In the meantime EA requested a mandate to resist inappropriate commercialization, pending development of a proper policy. Approved: proposed Dietmar Klein, seconder Joy Crutchfield.

13. GENERAL:

There were no questions.

The AGM of the SRA closed at 10.40

The AGM of the SPOA followed immediately.