MINUTES OF THE SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2025

AT

SOUTHBROOM GOLF CLUB

COMMITTEE: ANNE SKELTON (AIS)

JOHN POLE

 ALF HAYTER

 ANNIE PICKERING

 HILARY HENDERSON

 TARYN BURNS

 SUE ARMITAGE

 BOB KEMPTHORNE

APOLOGIES: PAUL FLEISCHACK

 ANDREW WILMOT

 EMIL HIERHOLDT`

GENERAL ATTENDANCE REGISTER:

Please see register attached. A total number of 45 attended the meeting with 3 apologies recorded.

WELCOME

John Pole opens the meeting and welcomes all attendees to the AGM.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES 2024

Minutes were accepted by Dawne Murray and Sue Armitage.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

CONSTITUTION

As we now have a quorum the proposed amendments will be made to the Constitution. The number of members to be present to form a quorum will be altered to 20. The date for the year end will now be brought into line with both SRA and SPOA.

PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bob Kempthorne presents the Financial Statements for the year ended September 2024. He explains that the income was not sufficient to cover the expenses and explains that the shortfall was due to unpaid subscriptions. Dick Plaistowe queries the “Other” expenses in the amount of R33 477.00 Bob explains (See explanation attached)

The Income from the Golf Day is the biggest and best fund raiser. Musical Bingo is extremely popular.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Attached and presented by John Pole

Southbroom Conservancy is 21 years old. John says his greatest wish is to be able to buy up enough land to form a corridor for our wild animals. He asks that if there are any residents who have a spare R100 000 to please consider donating this to the Conservancy

GENERAL.

Dassies and Monkeys continue to be a contentious subject. Anne and Bob are in touch with UKZN and it is hoped that a study will be undertaken during the year to determine what the Dassie population is and what measures can be taken to keep them under control. In the case of Monkeys, please stop feeding them. Do not make any food available at all. Speeding in the village is also killing and injuring the Monkeys. Bob feels that patience is running out and complaints fall on deaf ears.

Bob Clarke has done wonders with recycling; however, the strike has all but destroyed all the hard work done to get the system going. Residents are urged to continue separating waste. Bob suggests that each street work together and encourage each resident to recycle.

The Trails are not being managed properly. Paul Longmoor suggests appointing a dedicated individual to deal with the trails. The trails need to be sign posted properly and clear signs to be erected. Consider using bar coding, geo mapping. Please look at what Ramsgate have done. Security must be visible. The trail from Grannies to main Beach needs to be opened and made more user friendly. The Frederika is not clear enough. John explains that the Frederika is privately owned land and in fact should not be overrun by residents. Paul Fleischack has several signs that will be erected shortly.

George Bishop asks what is required to keep the Conservancy financially afloat. What is the shortfall. Eric explains that the new UIP will cover the expenses such as salaries and certain fixed expenses. Donations must continue and sponsors must be sought and acknowledged by offering them a Section 18A Tax Invoice.

 Leon Labuschagne is a new resident and suggests that a welcome package be put together for new residents. This welcome pack is to be given to the Estate Agents. He also needs to know what will be done with his levy. Eric explains that all information is on the Websites, both SRA and Conservancy

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

There is one resignation, Paul Heighton and all the existing committee are happy to be re-elected.

Anne Skelton – Chairperson;

John Pole – Vice Chairperson;

Alf Hayter – Committee Member;

Paul Fleischack – Committee Member;

Sue Armitage – Committee Member;

Annie Pickering – Committee Member;

Hilary Henderson – Secretary;

Bob Kempthorne – Treasurer

Taryn Burns – Media Consultant

As there is one place available Allan Woods proposes Dick Plaistowe who comes with a helpful CV and is a founder member of the Conservancy. With a show of hands, he is elected to the Committee for the following year.

THE MEETING IS CLOSED AT 11.30.

Next meeting to take place on 15 Jan 2025 at 10am. Venue Annies Place, Mendip Road.