



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Malagas Hotel
on Thursday, 6th February 2025 at 11h00**

Present

As per Attendance Register –

Rene White, Marjo Felderhof, Eric van Oppell, Monique Mulder, Ken Wentzel, Izak Theron (Total 6).

As per MS Teams attendance –

Tony (AH) Davison (Total 1)

The following members as proxies held by Rene White and Monique Mulder –

Hilary Smith, Daryl Ann Gower, Donovan McPherson, Madi Nel (Stap), Barbara Johnstone, Andrew Crawford, Pam Penfold, Justin Stanford (Total 8)

The Chairperson confirmed that there were 15 members represented, and these were a valid quorum for a postponed AGM.

1) Welcome

The Chairperson, Monique Mulder, called the meeting to order at 11:10

2) Attendance & Apologies

Apologies received from Stephen Hrabar

3) Confirmation of Previous Minutes,

- a. The AGM meeting set for 22 December 2024 was not quorate with only 6 members present. The meeting was adjourned as a result. The minutes are posted on MRRA the web site and were taken as read.
- b. The AGM meeting held on 29 December 2023 minutes are posted on the web site and had been thus circulated to members. The minutes were taken as read and unanimously approved.

4) AGM Notice Period

Proper notice had been given for the AGM on 22 December 2024 and for the Postponed AGM on 6 February 2025.

5) Amendments to the Constitution.

- a. The Constitution had been circulated to the members.
- b. Two amendments have been proposed.
 - i. The Area for the MRRA starts at Plot 2
 - ii. The number of proxies to be held by a member at a general meeting was proposed as 3, as opposed to 1, in the draft constitution.
- c. The proposed amendments were accepted by the meeting.

- d. The replacement Constitution, as amended above, was unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

6) Chairperson's Report

- a. The Chairperson read the report, which is now posted on the MRRA web site.
- b. The key items presented were:
 - i. Ferry and Launching sites
 - ii. Disaster and Security
 - iii. Refuse Sites and Private Access Roads
 - iv. BREAFA and Breede Estuary Management Plan
- c. There was extensive and constructive discussion on the matters raised

7) Rates Reduction Proposal

- a. The Chairperson indicated that EXCO had consulted with a professional on the motivation to propose to the Swellendam Council that due to the continued lack of Municipal services, covered by rates, a further rates rebate of 20% is requested, to make the total 50%.
- b. EXCO's letter dated 19 December 2024 addressed to the Mayor, the Ward 3 Councilor and the municipal Manager, was acknowledged by Director Financial Services, Elmari Wassermann on 19 December 2024. The letter is to be found on the MRRA web site
- c. MRRA has been advised that the request will be tabled and considered at a Council meeting by the end of March 2025, where the 2025/2026 budget proposals are addressed.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a. The Chairperson noted that the Annual Financial Statements for 2025, in full and as extracts, are posted onto the MRRA web site, and the extracts were circulated to those present at this meeting.
- b. Tony Davison highlighted the meeting that:
 - i. The MRRA had R97 000 of reserves, reduced over the years by funding disaster and security expenditure.
 - ii. The MRRA covers its civic direct administration activities with the subscriptions and interest received with a small surplus, which should accumulate for dealing with civic matters required legal and other expenditure.
 - iii. The exceptional Disaster Management and security activities have been funded by the MRRA reserves, and by donations from the public. The donations have now been fully utilized, and for the year 31 December 2024, the net loss of R18 000, after the last donations had been credited, has come from the MRRA surplus and reserves.
 - iv. Over the last 6 years the Disaster, Fire and Security capital expenditure totals R251 000, and this excludes operational costs.
 - v. SWM has provided a Grant in Aid of R50 00 to improve the camera network in 2024/2025. R41 300 is still available.
- c. The Chairperson advised that:
 - i. A Disaster, Fire and Security Fund raising effort would be launched in February 2025.

- ii. The Disaster teams had already been involved in 2025 in 3 fires – one on the mountain above Bent Head, another at Stoffelsrivier (late 2024) and the latest fire at the Emu farm.
- iii. The facilitation of a paramedic availability from December 2024, has provided very useful to the community with over 22 call outs, including a few with fatalities involved.
- iv. Thanks to Rene White and the team of volunteers for being constantly on duty with radio and WhatsApp communications, available for firefighting etc. and communicating with the local authorities and of fire and disaster threats to all residents.
- v. More Area volunteers, and Donations for equipment, consumables and other expenditure are vitally important.

9) Roads

The Chairperson advised that:

- a. EXCO had discussions and contact with SWM and ODM on which roads were their responsibility in Ward 3.
 - i. ODM are responsible for Provincial Main Road MR268, Divisional Road DR1263, Minor Road OP4455, Minor Road OP4454.
 - ii. SWM are only and from recently now responsible for the Infanta pre-existing tarred roads, where the erven involved had been transferred to SWM, thus enabling SWM to be responsible for the maintenance.
 - iii. Privately owned roads are legally excluded from being the responsibility of and being maintained by ODM and SWM.
- b. SWM had provided a Grant in Aid of R25 000 to improve conditions to roads in 2024/2025, which if not expended by June 2025, will be required to be returned to SWM.
- c. EXCO have participated (mainly through Monique Mulder and Eric von Oppel) in motivating Lemoentuin and Matjieskloof residents to take ownership of their roads, which being on private property, are their responsibility.
 - i. Lemoentuin had set up the Lemoentuin Advisory Board (LAB) to deal with road and other matters of common interest.
 - ii. Lemoentuin LAB are still addressing what they need to do, and hope with their own resident raised funds being raised and the SWM Grant in Aid, to get constructive expenditure and actions before June 2025.
 - iii. Matjieskloof residents have identified their problem area, have sourced donated material and currently are in the process of obtaining quotations for transport of materials and labour. Grant in Aid funds will be allocated once all relevant documentation is received.

10) Nuwedorp Refuse and Water

- a. The Chairperson advised on the current problems with the provision of water to Nuwedorp, and now partially resolved, with Swellendam Municipality maintaining the contract.
- b. The water issues arose due to technicalities arising from the passing of Johan Kemp, who had the contract. SWM are now in the process of renewing the contract, following their internal procedures while ensuring the short-term provision of water.

- c. The Municipal Transit Refuse Site has been closed at the Kemp farm.
- d. SWM are urgently dealing with the Kemp refuse site, currently not licensed, and the disposal of refuse to illegal and environmentally unsafe sites.
- e. MRRA have a meeting with the Swellendam officials on 17 February 2025 at 11:00 in Malagas on the above refuse and water issues.

11) Nominations for Committee

- a. The current EXCO members, Monique Mulder, Tony Davison, Ken Wentzel, and Rene White are available to be re-elected.
- b. Eric von Oppell who was co-opted to the Exco has retired and is available for re-election.
- c. Isak Theron present at the meeting, was asked if he was available, and advised he was not available for election.
- d. All the people available, as noted above, were unanimously elected as Exco members.
- e. It was noted that Oliver Sedgwick would be co-opted as a non-voting Exco Member, representing the eastern aspects of MRRA Area and with contact with IRRA.

12) Any other Matters

- a. There were no other matters raised.

13) Closure

- a. The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:55

Presented by Ms Monique Mulder

A TRUE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

To be proposed for confirmation at the next General Meeting.



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Chairman

10 February 2025