

Minutes of a teleconference meeting of the Noetzie Conservancy Owners' Association 5 February 2009

Present

Carl Metelerkamp (chair), Penny Suckling, Rookan Podesta, Julie Gosling, Cathy Shimmin, Eion Brown, Santie den Boestert and Nick Taylor.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30 December 2008

1.1 Matters arising

1.1.1 Subscriptions for 2008

Need to follow up on 30% of members not paid up: those who have not paid by end February will be informed that their arrears have been written off.

1.1.2 Light pollution

An article on the problem of light pollution will be placed in the next Newsletter.

1.1.3 Use of the Wagon Road

It may help to regulate traffic on the Wagon Rd to publish a set of guidelines on its use in the Newsletter. Some poles are missing from the fence next to the boom: Julie will repair.

1.1.4 Jurisdiction over the beach

Julie will enquire as to who has jurisdiction over the beach.

1.1.5 Sinclair Nature Reserve

Melanie will investigate the issue of height restrictions over the reserve.

1.1.6 Bins in the car park

Julie will enquire from Knysna Municipality about the possibility of KM providing monkey-proof bins for the car park.

1.1.7 Trading from Noetzie properties

There was a very clear consensus at the AGM that members do not want commercial activity of any kind at Noetzie. Photos are available of the septic tank at Loewen castle overflowing following the recent wedding there. The problem is that KM is not enforcing the by-laws regarding trading from properties. Julie mentioned that Neil Metelerkamp has asked for copies of any letters from the NCOA which have not been answered.

1.1.8 Meeting with the Municipal Manager

Carl will be at Noetzie on 23 February and requested Julie to set up a meeting with the MM, and for Julie and Santie to accompany him to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 6 November 2008

2.1 Matters arising

2.1.1 Boardwalk

Apparently Pezula is to commence building the boardwalk early in 2009

2.1.2 Beach driving

It was agreed that the bricks at the bottom of the road seem to be keeping casual vehicles off the beach. Further agreed that Nick would write to Don L informing him that the NCOA will approach Marine and Coastal to withdraw permits if their terms are not adhered to; Nick will also inform Mary-Lou that we are writing to Don about this

matter.

2.1.3 Newsletter

Carl reported that the latest edition is complete and distributed.

2.1.4 Pezula Environmental Committee

It was confirmed that Julie should continue to attend meetings.

3 Letter from Michelle Barnes

Most of the issues raised in the letter are specifically directed to the Home Services Group, who will respond to Michelle. In addition, some river dwellers have responded to the letter. One matter that does concern the NCOA is the use of a power boat on the river, albeit a very quiet one. Eion will follow up with SANPARKS on this matter. A second issue concerns dogs at Noetzie and the need to keep them under control at all times.

4 Next meeting

17h15 Thursday 5 March 2009