

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

Present

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

Apologies

Cathy Shimmin (whom Telkom failed to connect), Rookoen Podesta

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 5 February 2009

1.1 Corrections

Item 1.1.5 should read: "Melanie will investigate ..."

1.2 Matters arising

1.2.1 Subscriptions for 2008

Carl reported that Cathy had sent out a notice.

1.2.2 Use of the Wagon Road

Julie has repaired the fence.

1.2.3 Jurisdiction over the beach

Julie has established that the Knysna Municipality (KM) has jurisdiction; she has obtained a copy of the policy document, which precludes trading on the beach. However, the problem remains that KM is not enforcing the policy.

1.2.4 Bins in the car park

Julie reported that KM is investigating providing monkey-proof bins for the car park, and that Hennie is also looking into the matter.

1.2.5 Meeting with the Municipal Manager

This has been rescheduled to 19 March. Carl, Eion (if available), Santie and Julie will attend. It was suggested that the NCOA team take minutes.

1.2.6 Beach driving

Julie announced that Jean and Allan have resigned as managers of Don Lindsay's castle and will be leaving soon. Under the circumstances it was decided not to write to Don about violations of the beach driving permit pertaining to his property.

1.2.7 Newsletter

Penny is thinking about the next edition, and all committee members were requested to think about content. The matter of the rogue male monkey (and 2 henchmen) was discussed: Julie agreed to raise this at the Outeniqua Conservancy Forum on 14 March.

1.2.8 Pezula Environmental Liaison Committee

Julie has requested the minutes and will attend the PELC meeting in April. (A letter was subsequently obtained from the Dept of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, via Elbie Burger, stating that the NCOA remains a member of the PELC).

1.2.9 Powerboats on the Noetzie river

Eion reported that new legislation requires management plans to be drawn up for all estuaries, and that KM will need to formulate by-laws in this regard. It was agreed to raise the matter with KM at the meeting of 19 March, and make clear to KM our opposition to powerboats on the river.

2 Long term planning

The 2009 AGM was provisionally set for Wednesday 30 December.

3 Water

Julie noted the presence of traces of phosphates in the river; she will continue to take samples and send them to Prof Allanson.

4 Urban Edge

There is still no clarity on whether Noetzie falls within the Urban Edge, and it was agreed to raise the matter with KM on 19 March.

5 Municipal rates

Although the committee is somewhat divided on the issue, there is a majority view that the NCOA should formally object to the new rates. However, it was decided to wait for the meeting on 19 March, where the matter will be discussed with KM.

6 Next meeting

17h15 Thursday 2 April 2009