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MINUTES OF KLIPRIVIERSBERG SUSTAINABILITY ASSOCIATION (KLIPSA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2016 at 18:30 HELD AT THE KLIPRIVIERSBERG NATURE RESERVE, ENTRANCE PRECINCT, PEGGY VERA ROAD, KIBLER PARK

1. Welcome and apologies

Andrew Barker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at the 7th AGM of KlipSA.

Apologies and proxies were noted. A quorum was achieved.

Copies of agenda were made available.

A list of attendees, apologies and proxies is attached to these minutes.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 06 August 2015 and matters arising from those minutes

Minutes of previous meeting was corrected to note that Frank Diener was elected as member of the Executive Committee.

Nicky Vakaloudis proposed and Morne Brits seconded the adoption of the minutes. The meeting agreed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's report for year ended February 2016

Apologies were received from the Treasurer, Sandra Andrew. A copy of the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 29 February 2016 was made available for viewing.

The Chairman reported that there was a net loss of R 347. The net income generated from Sustainable Urban Living and Green Business Platform events amounted to R 4,325. The operating expenses included are functions expenditure of R 2,828, computer expenses at R 1,355, postage costs for the Post Office box at R 380 and bank charges of R 150.

The total assets comprising cash and cash equivalents amounted to R 15,451 as at 29 February 2016.

Frank Diener proposed and Morne Brits seconded the adoption of the Treasurer's report and Annual Financial Statement. The meeting agreed unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report for the year ended February 2016

Main attention is towards the Nature Reserve and keeping focus for all concerned. KlipSA's resources remain a challenge. Focus on Klipriviersberg Economic and Ecosystem Development Zone (KEEDZ) has also been driven throughout the year. The Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve is a jewel. We are happy to announce KlipSA partnership with UJ because of resources, research and data opportunities that are contributing. UJ have a successful and proven business/industry model in their research programme for projects.



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KlipSA is disappointed of the lack of delivery with the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) but will continue to apply pressure for its initiatives. KlipSA, through KEEDZ, aims to address food security, unemployment and poverty. The main initiatives and projects include:

- Klipriviersberg Agritropolis – Kliprivier Valley has large areas of land owned by the CoJ with agricultural value for establishing further agricultural initiatives located outside the urban development boundary. Unfortunately Joburg Property Company has earmarked most of these areas for housing development. Smart technology using mobile phones and a new application is being developed to link growers with consumers and which can be used for generating orders, managing logistics and ensuring delivery of fresh produce to local consumers.
Farming initiatives run by CoJ near Eikenhof require support and assistance. KlipSA will work with UJ through the City to provide support. The possibility of engaging a retired farmer to provide practical guidance is to be suggested.
KlipSA is not able to support all the CoJ food resilience initiatives but the farm is located in the Klip River valley and can be incorporated into KEEDZ working with UJ.
KlipSA is also looking at other business funding. Request for members to introduce KlipSA to possible business funding resources. KlipSA is undertaking an analysis of the top 100 businesses on the Joburg Stock Exchange and liaising with UJ regarding project funding.
- Tourism strategy – To identify and promote tourism in the south of Joburg KlipSA is promoting a strategy to highlight and package the tourism industry opportunities
Tourism – Cultural Village with local Jackson's Drift Khoisan community is still being promoted. The Khoisan leadership have been battling for 18 years to get land from the City for their development.
- KlipSec – The project is to establish an multipurpose education research centre with a tourism hub which links to the N12 Treasure Route initiative. The centre would also include social community services with a local church and sports and recreation facilities.
- Klip River Wetland Management Strategy – To address the high levels of pollution in the Klip River a management strategy is required to address the quality and quantity of water. This is especially important if the water is to be used for agricultural purposes.

The Chairman reported on the activities of the portfolios and thanked everyone who participated in the different portfolios.

Sustainable Business – This is undertaken in partnership with SOJO Business and Tourism with Nicky Vakaloudis, CEO of SOJO needing the portfolio. The Chairman thanked the SOJO Chairman Richard Bennet and SOJO assistant Jeannine Treyvellan for their constant support, assistance and contributions.

Green Business Platform is also partnered with SOJO and other role players. This activity is on hold subject to a major review and attempt to find new sponsors and participants.

Urban Management and Regional Interface – is largely handled by SOJO who looks after urban management and service delivery issues with the various CoJ departments and agencies.

City Improvement Districts (CID) – the legislation for these initiatives has been challenged regarding rates collections. Existing CIDs are now operating voluntarily. National Treasury and CoJ are addressing the legal framework with representatives from urban management service providers.

Joburg Business Forum (JBF) – the JBF plenary committee meets monthly as to the subcommittees for Rates and Taxes, Trade and Investment, Transportation, Tourism and Sustainability. KlipSA and SOJO are active participants in this important interface between business and the CoJ.



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Sustainable Development Team (SDT) – the SDT has been active throughout the year addressing and participating in urban and environmental strategies, policies and plans for local and provincial authorities. This has resulted in a Special Control Zone for the KlipSA area being included in the Gauteng Environment Management Framework. Submissions have also been made to the municipal Integrated Development Plans, Joburg Spatial Development framework. In addition there has been ongoing participation, reviewing and commenting on town planning and environmental authorisation applications and processes. Members of the SDT are also active participants in various wetland and catchment forums. The Kliprivier Nature Reserve Forum was also established with Joburg City Parks & Zoo and various community organisations and residents and is chaired by Frank Diener. Through this form, a careful watch is being kept on the management and development of the Reserve.

Sustainable Urban Living – the activities of this initiative had been put on hold subject to the review of its activities and introducing new members.

The Executive Committee consisted of Andrew Barker (Chairman), Nicky Vakaloudis (Vice Chairman) Sandra Andrew (Treasurer), Morne Brits, Lea Brash, Reuben Louw/Malcolm Vermuelen and Frank Diener. For a short while the Committee had a secretary who left for personal reasons. The Chairman acknowledged all the Committee members for their contributions and participation with grateful thanks for the ongoing support.

KlipSA has 266 registered members. The KlipSA NPO registration has been confirmed.

KlipSA has ongoing support from the local press and a series of articles have been published in the SA Landscape Journal with a special feature included in Sunday Times magazine insert.

With regard to the year ahead, KlipSA is looking to strengthen its position. KlipSA has limited resources and is not able to address everything therefore will be focusing on more important issues. The Chairman acknowledged the involvement and participation of community members in the various portfolios who have provided valuable input. However, there is a need involve the younger generation and to a greater extent.

Frank Diener proposed and Sharon Ramborosa seconded the adoption of the Chairman's report. The meeting agreed unanimously.

6. Election of Executive Committee Members

The existing Executive Committee members, namely, Andrew Barker, Nicky Vakaloudis, Sandra Andrew, Morne Brits, Lea Brash, Reuben Louw and Frank Diener confirmed their availability to be re-elected. Dennis Jane volunteered his availability to be elected.

Alan Bentley proposed and Malcolm Vermeulen seconded the re-election of the existing Executive Committee Members with the addition of Dennis Jane. The meeting agreed unanimously.

7. Appointment of auditors for the year ending February 2018

Auditors BRF&Co were thanked for donating their auditing services for the past year. Unfortunately they have indicated that they would not be available to continue as KlipSA's auditors. Due to the late notice of the non-availability of BRF&Co, a new auditing firm had not been confirmed. However KlipSA has been referred to Eugene Symonds who had been approached but not yet indicated his availability..

The Chairman proposed that, with the approval of the meeting, KlipSA approaches and confirms with Eugene Symonds his availability to be the Association's auditors for the coming year which would be



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ratified by the Executive Committee. Should he not be available, the Executive Committee would then identify and secure the services of another auditor.

Nicky Vakaloudis proposed and Alan Bently seconded the adoption of the Chairman's proposal. The meeting agreed unanimously.

8. General and any other business

Notice was given that the KNRA AGM would be held on 18 August 2016 at 19:00, Lea Brash could be approached for details.

In addition, the SOJO AGM would be held on 31 August 2016 and Nicky Vakaloudis could be contacted for details

9. Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The guest speaker, Wendy Collinson from the Endangered Wildlife Trust presented and most interesting and enlightening talk on "Addressing biodiversity conservation on roads in South Africa".

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Chairman: Executive Committee

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Date

ATTENDANCE RECORD

It is noted that a total of 21 people attended the AGM, all of whom were registered members of KlipSA. 4 proxies were received. A quorum was present.

Attendees	Attendees	Apologies
Nicky Vakaloudis	Magaretha Barrows	Sandra Andrew
Andrew Barker	Johannes Ralph Goliath	Reuben Louw
Sharon Ramborosa	Magdalene Freeks	Hendrik Schutte
Malcolm Vermeulen	Natalie Bonty	Garth Barnes
Rene De Villiers	Gars van Lieshuit	Delia Barker
Geoff Slark	Janet Burdi	Rory Sheahan
Calum Burton	Morne Brits	
Tholohelo Mokgere	Lea Brash	
Frank Diener	Wendy Haline	
Dennis Jane	Lerato Mophuthing	
Wendy Collinson		