

THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS  
(SOUTHERN AFRICA)

DIE VERENIGING VAN MUNISIPALE ELEKTRISITEITSONDERNEMINGS  
(SUIDELIKE AFRIKA)

GOOD HOPE BRANCH / GOEIE HOOP TAK

MINUTES OF THE 172<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF THE AMEU AFFILIATES/GOOD HOPE BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKINGS (SOUTHERN AFRICA) HELD AT THE RIVIERA HOTEL, VELDDRIF ON FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2010.

NOTULE VAN DIE 172<sup>DE</sup> ALGEMENE VERGADERING VAN DIE VMEQ-GEAFFILLIEERDES/GOEIE HOOP-TAK VAN DIE VERENIGING VAN MUNISIPALE ELEKTRISITEITSONDERNEMINGS (SUIDELIKE AFRIKA) BY DIE RIVIERA HOTEL, VELDDRIF GEHOU OP VRYDAG, 20 AUGUSTUS 2010.

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**1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING**

1.1 The Chairman opened with prayer and welcomed all and the Executive Mayor of Bergvriër Municipality, Cllr Liebenberg, who addressed the meeting.

1.2 Arrangements/Reëlings

Mr Robert Els gave details of the arrangements for the tea break at 10:30 and the lunch at ± 13:00.

Acknowledgments/Bedankings

The Chairman thanked the Mayor and staff of the Bergvriër Municipality, and Robert Els for the venue and opportunity to hold the meeting in their area.

1.4 Announcements/Aankondigings

None

**2. APOLOGIES / VERSKONINGS**

Fred Daniel, H Auret, Len Richardson and Johan Nel.

**3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS / ADRESVERANDERING**

Cllr Mervyn Olivier from George Municipality was introduced by Kevin Grunewald

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AMEU AFFILIATES / GOOD HOPE BRANCH'S 171<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HERBERG HOTEL, ARNISTON ON FRIDAY, 21 MAY 2010.**

**BEKRAGTIGING VAN DIE NOTULE VAN DIE VMEO-GEAFFILLIEERDES / GOEIE HOOP TAK, 171<sup>STE</sup> ALGEMENE VERGADERING BY HERBERG HOTEL, ARNISTON GEHOU OP VRYDAG, 21 MEI 2010.**

4.1 Copies of the minutes of meeting have been circulated to all members.

4.2 It was proposed by Mr Kevin Grunewald and duly seconded by Mr Peter Fowles and agreed that the minutes be approved for signature by the Chairman.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND NOT ON THE AGENDA SAKE VOORTSPRUITEND UIT DIE NOTULE EN NIE OP DIE AGENDA NIE**

None

**6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM 15 BYKOMENDE ITEMS VIR BESPREKING UNDER ITEM 15**

Appointment of Good Hope representatives on the AMEU Executive Committee.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE / KORRESPONDENSIE**

None

**8. REPORTS / VERSLAE**

**8.1 Progress of AMEU/Eskom Sub-Working Groups Vordering van die VMEO/Eskom-subwerkgroep**

The representatives of the various Sub-Working groups responded as follows:

**8.1.1 Eden and Klein Karoo (Mr Kevin Grunewald)**

Nothing new to report

**8.1.2 West Coast (Mr Roelof du Toit)**

Mr Roelof du Toit announced that the Swartland Municipality Council resolved not to support the REDs.

**8.1.3 Overberg**

Nothing to report

**8.1.4 Boland**

Nothing to report

**8.1.5 Cape Town Metro/Stad Kaapstad**

Nothing to report

**8.2 Report from the Representatives on the Executive Council  
Verslag van Verteenwoordigers op die Uitvoerende Raad**

(See attached slide presentation)

Peter Fowles highlighted the following :

- Financial position is better than previously
  - But slow payment of subscription fees
  - Encouraged people to attend convention in Stellenbosch
  - External Liaison committee
  - Power Conservation Programme
    - DOE call for Workgroup meeting
    - Matter still with NERSA. Up to Municipalities if they want to participate
  - NERSA D-forms submission compliance to be enforced more strictly for tariff approval
  - Eskom operation in Municipal areas
    - Who has right to supply?
  - Surcharges could be levied on consumption on Eskom customers in Municipal area.
  - Tariffs Committee queried how NERSA arrived at weighted tariff increase figure
  - Encourage all customers to improve their power factor by structuring tariffs
  - Including block tariffs discussed
    - NERSA states this should be revenue neutral. Add Revenue Protection levy!
    - Workshop to be arranged by NERSA if necessary.
    - Who has right to set tariffs – NERSA or Municipalities – must be determined.
    - Education & Training business plan approved
    - Eskom training initiatives going well. Can be used by Municipality staff
    - Problem with Electrician Trade Test. Test now more onerous
    - SALGA supports the EDI restructuring subject to 25 issues that need to be addressed, but some very difficult to achieve
    - 2010 Forum wrap up. There was excellent co-operation between Eskom and Municipalities.

**8.3 Sub-Committee: Wiring Code Revisions and Standard Electricity Supply By-Law  
Subkomitee: Bedradingskodehersienings en standaardelektrisiteitsvoorsieningsverordening**

Examples of latest By-laws promulgated by Municipalities have been put onto AMEU website.

**9. FEEDBACK FROM SARPA / TERUGVOERING VAN SARPA**

Rens Bindeman reported:

- SARPA Revenue Recovery Programme – aid to ailing Municipalities
- Report tack on SARPA convention
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Goods Act – date for Regulations (Jan – then can be implemented)

## **10. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT / TERUFVOERING VAN DEPARTMENT VAN PLAASLIKE OWERHEDE**

Joe Renney reported:

- Electrical Training
  - Working with DBSA for fundings
  - DOL will be contributing funding
  - Needs to be obtained from Municipalities
- MIG Projects
  - Guideline cost have been increased
  - Pilot project in Beaufort West LED street lighting undertaken
  - RSM project in Oudtshoorn – High Mast lighting at Sports track (international status)
  - Tusong Centre Building finding and dangers (?) to bring social services to communities in various towns

## **11. COMPLIANCE / LEGISLATION**

Nil

## **12. INCIDENTS / ACCIDENTS**

- Michael Rhode reported on two accidents on an overhead line - spiked on 66kV and a substation oil filled cable where person was electrocuted.  
Moral – understanding of messages given to staff vitally important
- Safety issues to be taken very seriously.
- The Chairman DOL looking very critically at accidents and capability

## **13. REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORM**

**Deon Louw conducted the Regional Engagement Forum**

EDI Restructuring matters discussed

(Presentation attached to minutes)

## **AMEU GENERAL MEETING -Session Two (Dick Naidoo in the Chair)**

### **14. PRESENTATIONS/ AANBIEDINGE**

#### **14.1 Mr Isaac Kruger – Schinder**

- SMART Grid – Dream or nightmare
- Explanation of the concept of Smart grids given
- Description of smart grids by different commercial companies – widely differing definitions
- Concern definition seems impossible
- Characteristics for a successful grid
- Goals of grid
- Focalise of grid
- Technologies used
- Success factors
- Reliability of grid
- Security of grid
- Economic operation of grid
- Environmentally friendly
- Safe operation, resists attacks
- Emergency response
- Restoration after faults
- Routine operations
- Optimization for efficiency
- System planning
- Self healing, reliability
- Accommodate all generation and storage options eg. Electric cars
- Enables market trading

- Integrated communications
- Sensing & measurements
- Advanced control measures
- Summary

A lot of effort will be needed to create future smart grids but this will be possible as it was with advanced cell phone networks and their functionality.

**14.2 Power Tech - Ivan Bekker**

Overview given of Outage Management / Operational Management System in San Diego based on Google Earth background

**15. ITEMS HELD OVER FOR DISCUSSION FROM 171<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL MEETING  
ITEMS WAT OORSTAAN VIR BESPREKING VAN 171<sup>STE</sup> ALGEMENE VERGADERING**

None

**16. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / BESPREKING VAN BYKOMENDE ITEMS**

- Appointment of Good Hope representatives on the AMEU Executive Committee.  
The following names were put forward for nomination:  
Michael Rhode as President Elect will be on Executive  
Kevin Grunewald – George  
Dick Naidoo – Mossel Bay  
Lady member:  
Phumla Ngqumshe – Plettenberg Bay

**17. MATTERS FROM OTHER BRANCHES / AANGELEENTHEDE VAN ANDER TAK**

None

**18. GENERAL / ALGEMEEN**

Louis Steyn from Affiliates in Gauteng announced that the minimum fees for Affiliates attending Branch meetings, as determined by the AMEU executive meeting held on the 21-22 July 2010, are as follows:

- Affiliates members can attend free of charge
- Attendance by non-members - R500
- For Presentations - Members - R1 000
- Non-Members - R3 000

**19. SPONSORSHIP**

Mr Robert Els announced that 93 people attend the meeting. He thanked all the firms and EDI who had provided sponsorship for the meeting, and thanked Neels Rossouw and the Bergrivier Municipality for all the facilities that were provided.

Mr Els advised that the November meeting would be the last meeting that he would arrange as Chairman of the Good Hope Affiliates. An election of a new chairman of the Good Hope Affiliates would take place at the November meeting.

**20. DATES AND PLACES OF AMEU MEETINGS  
DATUMS EN PLEKKE VAN VMEO VERGADERINGS**

Stellenbosch Convention – 27 to 29 September 2010

Pine Lake Marina or Mossel Bay – 11 & 12 November 2010

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 12:50.

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