



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
VAALOEWER COMMUNITY WATCH ASSOCIATION

October 2014

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The following is a report on the activities of the Association over the past financial year.

1) Matters from the previous General Meeting:-

- 1.1) Following the acceptance of the VCW five-year plan at our initial General Meeting, a committee was formed and this committee has endeavoured to promote and expedite the five-year plan and to deliver services and a more secure environment for the members of VCW.
- 1.2) At this meeting we set ourselves certain targets for the year which we managed through phases:
- 1.3) Phase 1 – we set ourselves the goal of enrolling most Vaaloewer residents onto our membership.
 - We currently have 133 members, approximately one-third of the residents
 - During the year we had 14 resignations from the Association
- 1.4) Phase 2 – We set ourselves the goal of implementing an Armed response structure capable of offering immediate armed-response and assistance in emergencies.
 - We have entered into a Service Level Agreement with Bataleur who are delivering the service to VCW and its members.
- 1.5) Phase 3 – The committee was tasked with looking at alternative forms of access control at the entrance to Vaaloewer.

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- I am pleased to report that booms have been set-up at the entrance which record every vehicle entering and leaving Vaaloewer
- 1.6) Your committee has also been involved in a number of other interventions during the year:
- Community Police forum – Lynne Temlett has been very active in developing and managing the CPF relationship with our neighbouring suburbs and barrage Police. Lynne is currently the secretary for the regional CPF. I believe that this has proved extremely beneficial in allowing us to understand the challenges that the municipal and national structures face and aligning us with them in such a way as to achieve the best possible result for our members.
 - Medical Assistance – Working with Bataleur to try and have a medical presence within our town so that medical emergencies can be addressed immediately.
 - Paying for the trench on the western boundary to be re-dug and lengthened to stop vehicle access.
 - Setting up a database of members and continuing to try and promote VCW and increase the membership and contributions. This is very difficult and time-consuming work and my special thanks to Marianne Bilsland and Anne Wilson who have stuck doggedly to this task and produced a detailed database and map of our Village.

2) Committee Members

There have been a number of members who have served the association with distinction during the year and my heartfelt thanks goes out to all of them who gave so generously of their time.

The following members have resigned from the Committee during the year for various reasons but mainly due to work and home commitments as well as responsibilities within other structures in our village:

- Diane Stevens
- Liz Charles
- Chantel de Beer
- Carl Scholtz
- Carol van der Merwe

My thanks to all of them for their generous contribution during the year.

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Your current committee members are:

- Carl Malcomess (Chairman)
- Salomie Pienaar (Treasurer)
- Anne Wilson (Secretary)
- Lynne Temlett (CPF)
- Marianne Bilsland (PR and Marketing)
- Peter Hovell (Bataleur Guards liaison)
- Alf Roberts

My personal thanks to all the committee members for their support and time in ensuring that the Association functioned smoothly through the year.

The current committee have made themselves available to serve the members for the forthcoming year and would appreciate from any member who would like to get involved.

3) Finances

- 3.1) My thanks to Salomie Pienaar for her work in sorting out the bank account, liaising with Bataleur administration and looking after the financial aspects of the Association.
- 3.2) As can be seen from the Finance Report, the Association is at best breaking even and we really need to increase our membership if we are to meet our 5-year aspirations.
- 3.3) The annual subscriptions are extremely well priced and we will need to look at increasing these subscriptions in the New Year.

5) General

In General our Association is finding its feet and I have no doubt that it will go from strength to strength in the New Year, a special thanks to all of our members who contribute to making our Village a safer place.

My very special thanks to Diane Stevens and the Vaaloewer Garden Club, who donated R30,000 towards the cost of the entrance booms, thank-you and well done on a stunning event.

Carl Malcomess
Chairman
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