



SUIDERSTRAND ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the committee meeting of 2 June 2025
at 11 Vleilaan, Suiderstrand

1. Opening

The chairperson welcomed all present, especially Manon and Johan McDonald, who responded to the invitation extended to all Suiderstrand residents to attend committee meetings.

Attendance

Committee members:

Danie Schutte (Chairperson)
Gerrit Posthumus (Firefighting officer)
Matilda Bester (Marketing and communication; assistant secretary)
Gawie du Toit (Vice-chairperson)

Guests:

Manon McDonald
Johan McDonald

Apologies:

Tina du Plessis (Fire prevention officer)
Geoff Nichols (Conservation)
Johan Pienaar (Secretary)
Willem Nel (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2025

Unanimously approved.

3. Fire trailer

Gerrit was able to repair the fire trailer's jockey wheel, saving the cost of buying a new one.

There is still no permanent home for the fire trailer. The house where it is currently stationed is being sold, making this issue critical.

4. Entrance sign and street-name signs

The top board of the entrance sign, with "Welcome in" instead of "Welcome to", will be replaced. Gerrit will remove the board, mark the positions of the bolt holes on a new board, and have the correct text added.

Three street-name signs have been made, and Gerrit will install them. A poll with photos of the signs will be shared on the Praat Saam WhatsApp group and sent via email to gauge public opinion.

If all the streets in Suiderstrand are to receive name signs, approximately 22 signs will be required, with an estimated cost of around R5 000. If residents want the signs, they will likely be willing to fund them.

Danie suggested waiting on the correction of the welcome sign until the poll about the street-name signs is completed.

5. Pond and indigenous garden at the entrance

Danie approached the municipality for approval to proceed with this project. He mentioned that Geoff has experience with such projects and included photos of similar previous projects completed by Geoff. No response has been received yet.

Danie also wrote to Councillor Eksteen about the matter, who promised to raise it with the relevant officials. No response has been received so far.

Danie will follow up.

6. Finances

Willem stated that he does not have the capacity to fulfill the treasurer's duties. It was suggested that Carin (his spouse) take over as treasurer, and that Willem will then do the audit.

7. Welcoming letter

The letter was originally written by Anita; Gawie worked on it; and Geoff also provided input. Gawie translated the letter into Afrikaans. A number of copies will be printed and included in the package to be presented to new property owners.

Geoff's booklet on indigenous plants that thrive by the sea will be reprinted and also included.

8. Poles

Danie requested permission from the relevant authorities to remove telephone poles, stating that the Association would handle it free of charge. Klaas pointed out that some poles along the R319 should preferably be retained, as birds perch on them.

In the meantime, Gerrit will proceed with the removal of some poles.

9. Membership

Schalk sent a letter to the committee regarding membership and voting rights. Klaas and Gawie also commented on the matter. This issue will be properly addressed when Schalk and Klaas are present at a meeting.

10. Next Meeting

4 August 2025