

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



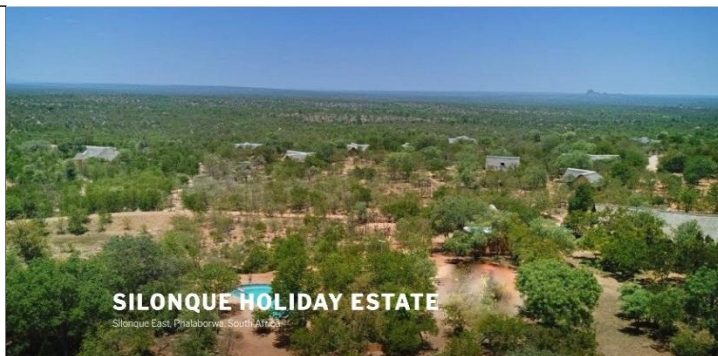
As most members know, **Tjeerd Adema**, being present on the estate most of the times, has been a valued maintenance trustee since end 2021. All those years he has taken care of the small and big challenges that an estate in the bush throws as us. However, being a pensioner and now wanting to really profit from his well-deserved time off, he has decided to resign as trustee per March 1st. We thank Tjeerd for his valued input, hard work and commitment all those years.

Upon his resignation, the board of trustees invited **Matt Geri (#1)** and **Natasha van Dijk-Slegers (#5)** to join the board, as it believes that a balanced representation in the board is needed. They accepted the invitation and a consequent trustee resolution was signed. Matt will take on the role of Maintenance Trustee, Natasja is general trustee.

Members noticing matters on the estate that they feel may need attention or have improvement ideas; you are welcome to send them to: silonqueholidayestate@outlook.com

MINUTES

For those that are perhaps not aware of it, all minutes of the trustee meetings, as well as general (contact) information and rules and regulations, can be found on the website of Silonque Holiday Estate : www.silonqueholidayestate.com



SERVICE PROVIDER

Beginning of February, we received the sad news of the sudden passing of our trusted service provider and Silonque East neighbour **Dewald**.

Gertruida, Chantal Settels' house manager, temporarily stepped in with Nelson (Dewald's worker) and Chantal's staff member Maria.



Dewald's funeral last week was attended by family Adema, Jackson and Gertruida. Several home owners contributed towards a donation to his wife **Marina**. She was incredibly touched and grateful and thanks everybody for this show of support and respect for Dewald.

Marina will take over Dewald's work and a board resolution was passed to add some hours as well as an extra worker for the service provider.



From March 1st, their team will consist of **Nelson** (Dewald's staff) and **Royal** (former staff of Gwen who did some extra hands-on jobs at the estate lately); both men are very trustworthy workers where Royal also brings some electricity

knowledge to the table. They will be working **2 full days per week**, start the pump, dispose garbage and Marina and Jackson will work closely together on water management. Marina will also be assisted by **Gertruida**, in a more managerial role where Gertruida takes on more complex matters where needed.

SECURITY

After the recent survey, we would like to inform you all that Guido Bos is working on a proposal towards security and safety plans, to be continued.

Meanwhile, Jackson has been asked to restart the afternoon rounds before the end of his shift. He will check empty standing homes for running water meters (leaks or open taps), and for security purposes switch on lights on the stoeps of empty standing houses where necessary.

We also recommend all members to install an alarm as well as cameras around their house and for rental properties: also look at a panic button.



FINANCIAL STATUS

Finances are stable with a total balance per March 1st on the maintenance and regular fund of some +/- R 310.000. This enables us to finally start some backlog maintenance on the main buildings. Income of levies and interest cover expenses without issues so maintenance and regular expenses continue as planned in the AGM.

FLOODINGS

We're all aware of the devastation of the floodings in January as our area, in the eye of the storm, was severely hit (a year's rainfall in just a few days).

The estate was cut off from Phalaborwa and family Adema and Jackson depended on the available water in the Jojo tanks whilst catching rain water to cook with.



Once Spekboomstreet became accessible, owners at Silonque East and SHE contributed towards hiring a TLB. Unfortunately, with the grounds oversaturated, any driving was risky and with water from town still unavailable, it was decided to close access to the estate. Per February 14th the estate was reopened again.

As per today, the road to the gate is not as we would like it to be so we are seeing on hiring the TLB again. However, with March usually still giving heavy rain showers, we are investigating what the best time will be to do this. We will have to see if a one-time contribution of members is needed; to be continued.

SILONQUE HOLIDAY ESTATE

MAINTENANCE – ON THE AGENDA

With a stronger financial situation, we have started to tackle the list of backlog maintenance. Find here the update so to inform you on ongoing matters:

ESTATE MAINTENANCE



End of January Gertruida and Maria did a deep clean on the bopa and kitchen so they now look squeaky clean again.

When temporarily taking over the job from Dewald, Gertruida and the team started on the grass cutting around the common areas. They made quite a progress. The high grass is being cut and this job will be on the agenda the coming weeks for Marina and her team.



The focus during the coming month, with the grass high after all the rains, will be that on Mondays, after switching on the pump, they will do the grass cutting along the roads and common properties and on Thursdays they will tackle the cutting of the grass over the pipe areas so that we can quickly notice leakages.

Jackson and Gertruida will meanwhile start making an inventory on where all pipes, cables and septic tanks on the estate are located. They will see who is attached to what septic tank, etc. This has been a long standing matter as we have never been handed this important information.

It is imperative that we know this so that we can act swiftly when looking for leaks in pipes as well as it is a need to know what pipes/cables are is common property or privately owned and where the pipes run under exclusive use areas. Also, for newer members especially, it is good to know where to dig in the ground and where not to.

So, if you notice them walking around your house on the cameras in the coming time... this is the reason why.

THATCHING

With the legal and financial challenge of the last years, thatching of the reception and Bopa area had been put on hold. However, with the current financial situation, it is finally financially possible to take on longstanding backlog in maintenance projects, starting with the repairs on thatching the reception area. The board got 3 quotes and a resolution with unanimous agreement of all members was signed for the amount to be spent, +/- ZAR 155.000. The job was given to Andrew, King of Thatch and renovations on thatching the entrance/reception are already showing progress.



DIESEL PUMP – BATELEUR STREET



Although still functioning, the pump in Bateleur Street currently requires serious repairs. We have started requesting quotations and will take a decision and inform all members as soon as we have a better insight on the situation.

Jack (#5) has kindly offered his assistance, given his expertise as electrical and mechanical engineer and he will have a closer look next month when on the estate.

We are also looking at ways to improve the system so that switching the pump on and off can be done more efficiently. Furthermore, we have been given permission by Koos Bekker that Jackson will not always have to be present to switch on/off the pump, a huge time saver. The coming month Jackson will go and teach the others how to switch on the pump and we are looking towards this being a once per month trip for him; thereby saving time.



FIRE PROTOCOLS

Fire Protocol

Our insurance company informed us they want to perform a fire safety check on the estate in April. To make sure we pass the inspection, Gertruida will check the status of the fire breaker lanes and when needed we will do our yearly maintenance before they come. She will also take inventory where all fire beaters, hoses, etc can be found on the estate. For those not participating with the annual fire extinguisher's maintenance, kindly check that you are in line of annual servicing and have the tags attached. We will also have CPF come over to give us some pointers.

Furthermore, we are investigating the option of additional firefighting equipment but will revert if applicable.

POOL NR 2



With the rains, we could almost swim in the pool... As the still water forms an elevated risk of malaria and other diseases, Jackson and Gertruida started pumping the water out.

We are requested to see if, when and how the pool could possibly be restored to its former condition. We will keep you informed.