



**Southern Cape Fire Protection Association NPC
Special General Meeting
Brenton on Sea Community Hall, 8 February 2019, 09:00
Agenda**

1. Opening & Welcome

- Mr Deon van Zyl, Chairperson of the SCFPA, opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He explained that at the recent AGM meeting, 25 January 2019, there were no quorum and that a special general meeting have to be held to ratify the proposed membership increase. He gave over to Mr Paul Gerber, Fire Advisor, to give an overview of the purpose of the increase.

- Paul Gerber:

When the SCFPA were registered in 2007, with only 1 manager, the fees for becoming a member were extremely low as the organisation did not have much to offer in terms of benefits. As the company grew the member benefits increased and for 6 years, there were no fee increase. Currently, the income from membership fees do not even cover the cost of the FPA's personnel salaries. The SCFPA cannot afford to lose any personnel as we are already struggling to service all the members.

The company receives a salary contribution from the Working on Fire program and this program comes to an end in 2021, there are no guarantee that this contribution will continue.

The SCFPA are constantly searching and applying for funding, but the membership fees are the only source of income that the company can depend on. This increase is necessary to become financially sustainable and to provide a better service to its members.

2. Proposed increase of membership fees:

- All members falling within the agricultural, small holding, lifestyle farms, conservation areas and private nature reserves category, will pay an annual fixed amount of R500.00 as well as a rate per hectare. Currently, the per hectare rate is R0.83c.

- It was also proposed that the municipalities pay the fixed annual R500.00 fee on top of the current annual membership fee.

- There will be no increase for the gated estates, developments, resorts and industrial categories.

- Mr van Zyl asked if there are any objection to the fee increase:
 - No objections were received at the meeting and all present voted in favour of the increase.

- Mr van Zyl thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 09:45.