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POMA Newsletter: February 2017

This is our first newsletter for the year, and we wish all our members and clients a year of fulfilled expectations.

Who are our members? They are:

- 1) Port Owen Yacht club (POYC)
- 2) Port Owen Waterway Association (POWA)
- 3) Port Owen Property Owners Association POPOA)
- 4) Admiral Island and Pelican Bay Home Owners Association (AI&PBHOA)
- 5) Berg River Municipality (BRM)
- 6) Waterways Action Group (WAG)

Who are our clients? All the users of the marina facilities, being:

- 1) Private jetty Owners
- 2) Berth Holders
- 3) Candock Jetty Holders
- 4) Slipway users

Our clients pay for the facilities utilised.

Leadership

The issue of the chairperson has not been resolved. A meeting with the BRM Manager, scheduled for 1 February 2017, was postponed at the last minute by them. You will recall from my last newsletter in December 2016 that Sandra Crafford was elected, but wanted to resolve issues in terms of conflict of interest with her employer before accepting the election. This will be resolved before the end of February 2017.

Peter Odell was elected vice-chair at the 18 January 2017 Board meeting. The AI&PBHOA has not yet been able to appoint a representative to the Board. They have given a proxy to the POMA Chairperson in the interim.

King IV

The Nolands accounting company was asked to quote on subjecting the current MOI and MOA to a KING IV scrutiny. This was declined on 17 January 2017, when Nolands also gave notice as accounting consultants. We are now working on alternatives and will keep you informed as we progress.

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Dredging and other Maintenance

- 1) Environmental Authorisation – We have received the latest test reports on samples taken from dredging spoils and the verdict is good. We can dump the spoils at any authorised municipal landfill site, and we are busy negotiating with the BRM to finalise where that site will be.
- 2) Dredging Plan – The Dredging Committee, under chairmanship of Derek Robinson, has recommended that we source funding for a major dredge of between 200 000 cu meters and 400 000 cu meters. The reason for this is that smaller dredges (less than 20 000 cu meters), done piecemeal, is not effective due to sediment filling up the narrow channels almost immediately. We are engaging with BRM to secure capital funding and will include this in our budgeting process. We are asking for quotes, on a turnkey basis, for a big dredge from reputable contractors in order to finalise the funding requirement.
- 3) Embankment maintenance – We view the major works required as capital projects and are engaging BRM in negotiations in order to prioritise the works.
- 4) Walkway Maintenance – As with the embankments, we view this as capital works, but some emergency work will commence soon on the sections that have become a safety risk.
- 5) Clearing of excess water weeds (Ulva or sea lettuce) – Clients will see a barge collecting drifting plants. This is an effort over the next three months to not only enhance the appearance of the waterways, but also determine a way to control excessive growth.

Timing and prioritisation

It is unlikely that a major dredge will take place this dredging season (April – September) due to the funding requirement and authorisation processes at BRM, unless the contractors mentioned above, come forward with a technical solution, obviating the use of separation dams and dry-land disposal of dredging spoils.

The above will enable us to prioritise other, major works, for this year, and a portion of, the next financial years with the money available. This will be dealt with during the budgeting process, which will include consultation with all our stakeholders.

Office Accommodation

POMA will take occupation of the current Timeshare reception office at the slipway on 1 May 2017. Finalisation of a lease agreement is in progress. We are in talks with Cape Nature to share the space and costs, but having the office there will give POMA “a face” and will enable us to better control revenue collection at the slipway. The Marina Manager, soon to be appointed, will also have a desk there.

Having the office there will require full-time staffing and we will approach members and clients for voluntary shifts over week-ends and public holidays.

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Payment of Fees

There are a number of clients defaulting on payment of the required fees. We are busy with a programme to contact each of the defaulters to sort out issues with accounts, etc.

A common reason for not paying is “lack of service delivery”. All the current directors agree that there are a number of overdue projects and as you can see, we are in the process to address the issue and will keep you informed of progress, however, we want to appeal to you for reconsideration, because you are expecting us to be in a boat race with a dragging anchor!

We thank the members who are paying their dues. You keep us going.

The current Board is committed to the principles as advocated by the King Code and, especially, the performance of Board members. You are the judges in this case. Please tell us if you have a contribution to make.

Updating various issues

Your member organisations will circulate documents for comment from time to time . Please give us your positive input. The current document doing the rounds is the “Marina Rules and Regulations”. These are YOUR documents. The Board will give due consideration to all contributions.

Open Door Policy

POMA is an organization “for the people, by the people”. Please feel free to contact any of the Directors, whenever you need answers, and you will receive an honest answer. There will be public meetings, etc, whenever there are major milestones, but do not wait for those if you have a problem.

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Acting Chairman

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