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Poma Newsletter: September 2017

1) Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at the Port Owen Yacht Club on 20 September 2017. The following decisions were taken:

- 1.1) The audited financial statements for the financial year 2016/17 was presented and accepted. The signed document will be available at the POMA office by the end of next week.
- 1.2) The new, proposed, Memorandum of Incorporation was unanimously accepted.
- 1.3) The Board of Directors for the new year was proposed and accepted as follows:
 - 1.3.1) Port Owen Yacht Club – Peter Odell with John Scudder as alternate.
 - 1.3.2) Port Owen Waterway Association – Derek Robinson with Bill O'Reilly as alternate. This is an interim appointment, pending the outcome of a POWA meeting to be held.
 - 1.3.3) Port Owen Property Owners Association – Dennis Roberts with Fanie Joubert as alternate.
 - 1.3.4) Admiral Island & Pelican Bay Home Owners Association – William Laing with no alternate. This is an interim appointment, pending the outcome of a AIPBHOA meeting to be held.
 - 1.3.5) Waterway Action Group – Abe Uys with Briers van Rensburg as alternate. This is an interim appointment, pending the outcome of the WAG AGM scheduled for 7 October 2017.
 - 1.3.6) Berg River Municipality – Sandra Crafford with no alternate.
- 1.4) REKO was re-appointed as auditors.

2) Your New Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI)

This document now conforms 100% with the requirements of the Companies Act of 2008, as well as the requirements as prescribed by the KING IV Code of Practice.

DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; S Joubert; P Odell; S Crafford; W Laing; B Van Rensburg(Alt); W O'Reilly (Alt); D Roberts (Alt); J Scudder (Alt)

The major changes compared to the old MOI are:

- 2.1) Berg River Municipality is not a Voting Member. It will, however, have a casting vote in the case of deadlock.
- 2.2) Directors may not benefit financially from any dealings with POMA, except for receiving re-imbursments for pre-approved expenditure on behalf of POMA. This provision means that any person who owns a business, or even relatives with a business with aspirations of doing business with POMA, is effectively prohibited from serving on the POMA Board.
- 2.3) There is a provision for future membership fees payable by the Member Organisations.
- 2.4) To ensure that the very best of available talent is attracted to serve on the POMA Board, member organisations have to vote for the representatives at a General Members Meeting. Representatives cannot simply be appointed by Management Committees.
- 2.5) A mandatory General Members Meeting has to be held during April, for submission and approval of the adjusted fees to clients, effective 1 July every year.
- 2.6) Provision is made for the appointment of Board Committees to provide additional oversight over the actions of Directors. These “committees” may consist of a single person and the appointment of suitable persons for oversight in Ethics, Risk and Audit is envisaged.
- 2.7) The new stated objective of the Company now is:” THE OBJECT OF PORT OWEN MARINA AUTHORITY NPC IS TO MAINTAIN AND CONTROL THE WATERWAYS, BOATING AND ANCILLIARY FACILITIES AT PORT OWEN MARINA AND TO SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHILE OPERATING AS A NON- PROFIT COMPANY.”

I wish to thank every individual and organisation that contributed to this project. I believe POMA now has a MOI to be proud of and which will ensure the appropriate level of integrity required at Board level and also, always, put service to its clients and the community first.

The document is available in electronic format for those clients who may want a copy.

3) Personnel

On Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, the POMA office will be staffed by temporary staff from our community. The main function is to control activities at the slipway and to collect launching fees from clients. They will work in close contact with the Marina Manager, who will be available to assist whenever necessary.

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These individuals offer their time when most people want to relax and be with their families and are paid a small daily fee. I wish to thank each and every one willing to help us out.

4) Negotiations with the Department of Environmental Affairs

The saga continues with the good news that the latest samples of the dredging spoils now indicate values of contamination well below the thresholds, and we are confident that we will get the required reclassification of the spoils. This will then pave the way for negotiations to get the current permit amended, which, once done, will enable us to finalise the technology to be used for the “Big Dredge”. Only then can we go out to tender and arrange the appropriate funding.

5) Dredging

We are approaching the end of the “dredging season” and are grateful to be able to report that we have achieved what we set out to do in April this year. Derek Robinson and his dredging committee did a masterful job under difficult circumstances.

A final stakeholder feedback session will be held during October and I urge stakeholders to attend. Details of the date and venue will be distributed timeously.

6) Embankment Maintenance

Work is in progress at Greg Lehey’s property and the vacant stands immediate to the south. This will be completed by end September.

The next planned project is the property adjoining Greg’s on the northern side.

It has been a busy winter for POMA, but looking back, we are satisfied that a lot of work was completed successfully, however, the work continues and we are not going to rest until the “Big Dredge” is done!

Be safe on the water!

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