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Poma Newsletter: November 2017

1) Audited Accounts – Possible VAT Issue

We received the report from Webber Wentzel today (5 December 2017) at a meeting held at their offices in Cape Town.

It is with relief that we can report that the report is favourable and that POMA is not liable for any VAT payments on the initial transactions. The basis for this is the fact that the “spike” in revenue, which pushed the revenue over the VAT threshold, was caused by funds collected to replace existing assets (wooden jetties) in the Yacht Basin. Messrs. Reko, our auditors, can now finalise the accounts for the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The re-issued accounts will reflect the Candock jetties as POMA assets on the balance sheet. This change has no effect on the rest of the accounts as presented previously.

2) Personnel

2.1) Appointment of Directors

2.1.1) The election of an alternate director for POWA is still outstanding.

2.1.2) AI&PBHOA received no nominations for representatives on the POMA Board.

At the AGM on 18 November 2017, Mr Jacky van Rensburg volunteered and will be allowed to attend and contribute at Board meetings, receive all information available to directors but will not be allowed to vote on matters.

2.2) In terms of the new Memorandum of Incorporation, Members have to elect the representatives to the POMA Board.

The Board decided at the 22 November 2017 meeting to give Members time until 31 March 2018 to elect representatives, or risk losing representation.

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3) Launching Permits

Since taking over the collection of slipway fees, it has become clear that the situation regarding launching permits is close to chaotic and impossible to administer and control. At the Board Meeting of 22 November 2017, it was decided to convert to a new, uniform, system that will do away with all the historic systems implemented at various stages of POMA's history. The new system will be implemented effective 6 December 2017.

Attached please find a document, titled "Slipway", which contains all the relevant information regarding the new system. The main principles are:

- 3.1) All existing permits are to be withdrawn and new ones issued.
- 3.2) All current rights are retained.
- 3.3) POMA clients in good standing will receive a free permit for up to two boats.
- 3.4) Current lifetime permits will have to be renewed every year. This is because these permits were issued on condition that the holder is a property owner in Port Owen, and this needs to be verified regularly by presentation of a utility account. Only one boat is allowed.
- 3.5) "Lifetime" permits will be phased out and replaced with "annual" permits. These will be available to the general public.
- 3.6) Permits will be checked against I D and boat name before launch is allowed.
- 3.7) Casual launching will still be possible as in the past.

We aim to manage the transition as seamlessly as possible and wish to have it completed by 28 February 2018.

The transition will be handled by POMA staff at the POMA office. New and replacement issues will be done in minimum time.

4) Embankment Repairs

The repairs at Mr van Niekerk's house was completed in November and we have awarded the work to be done at Jolanda Romani's house to a contractor. This work will be completed in December 2017.

With the completion of the above, 95 meters of concrete embankment will have been repaired in the Loop during 2017 calendar year.

5) Dredging

We are currently busy with the "cleaning" phase of this responsibility. This entails using a high pressure water jet to "blow" the sediment away from private jetties to enable owners to use their boats at low tides as well. The

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team is currently working in the Loop. The properties on the Western (outgoing tide) and Eastern (incoming tide) side are done on different tides to ensure that sediment is not just deposited further in the channel, but is actually carried away by tidal flow.

As soon as the Loop has been completed, the team will move to Marina Point.

Contractors will be invited to submit dredging proposals by end January 2018, for the “Big Dredge” planned for next year. The actual scope of the dredge will be determined by the process described below.

6) Dredging Permit

The good news is that the organic matter samples have also tested “clean”! This means that the larger particle spoils can now be disposed of at any official refuse dumping site.

We have now submitted a request for an amendment of the current permit, to allow longer working hours per day, dredging for 12 months of the year and a possible alternative release site in the river. This will enable any dredging operator to be more efficient in terms of utilisation of equipment and, therefore, should produce a lower unit price.

7) Berg River Municipality

We met with the BRM Mayoral Committee in Piketberg on 7 November and the following was confirmed:

- 7.1) The Grants as budgeted for the next three years will be paid on receipt of the audited statements.
- 7.2) Changing the funding from a “grant” to an operational budget item will be investigated.
- 7.3) We have started a motivation process to increase the annual contribution from BRM and this is still work in progress.

8) Fees

- 8.1) The “handed over” list of debtors has now shrunk to eight individuals. Some of them have now formally indicated that they want to defend the issue in court and we have instructed our lawyers to request a court date as soon as possible.

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8.2) We will have a financial year – end at end December 2017, in order to change to a reporting cycle based on a calendar year. Clients will recall that we undertook to retain the fee - escalation cycle at the current July to June. The proposed fees for 2018/19 will be tabled at a General meeting to be held not later than April 2018. We will also table the audited statements for the period July 2017 to December 2017 at this meeting.

The holiday season is upon us and we urge you all to be safe on the water and on the roads. Enjoy the weather and use water sparingly.

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