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POMA Newsletter: April 2019

1) Governance

- 1.1) At the AGM held on 13 April 2019, your POMA Board of Directors for the next term was confirmed as follows:

Abe Uys (Chairman)

WAG Alternate – Briers van Rensburg

Derek Robinson (Vice-Chairman)

POWA Alternate – John de Meillon

Fanie Joubert

POPOA Alternate – Herman Lambrechts

John Scudder (POYC AGM in June 2019 will elect incumbent for next term)

POYC Alternate – George Breeze (POYC AGM in June 2019 will elect incumbent for next term)

Sandra Crafford – Berg River Municipality

Jacky van Rensburg will continue to represent AI&PBHOA, but not as director and no vote.

- 1.2) The Annual Clients Meeting was held on 13 April 2019 and was well attended by more than 40 interested and affected persons.

A general fee increase of 7 % was announced and a presentation given on the budget and forecast for 2019 as well as the business plans for 2020 and 2021.

The fee structure for 2019/20 remains unchanged.

A Budget and Business Plan document was handed out. If you were unable to attend and is interested, please contact Blommie Koen for a copy.

- 1.3) Our auditors, Messrs ReKo of Vredenburg presented the audited financials for the 2018 financial year at the AGM on 13 April 2019. We confirm that no negative findings were reported.

2) Dredging

We shall meet with senior officials of the Department of Environmental Affairs this week. The outcome of this meeting will determine our dredging future.

Please expect a “Dredging News” by the end of this week, with full detail of the road ahead.

DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; S Joubert; S Crafford; J Scudder
B Van Rensburg(Alt); G Breeze (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); H Lambrechts (Alt)

3) Service Delivery

- 3.1) The seaweed problem is being handled as well as we can. We understand the frustration of clients, but please understand that we are at the absolute height of the seaweed season. Cooler weather and freshwater runoff will slow and kill the growth. We are not allowed to kill the weed and can really just try and remove the loose, drifting, stuff. We have a very enthusiastic marina manager and he is determined to find a practical and cost-effective solution.

In the meantime, skippers have to take extra care in checking engine cooling water tell-tales and also not operate engines with seaweed wrapped around propeller shafts.

- 3.2) Embankments and Walkways. This project is being done by a contractor and is progressing well. This is expensive work and we have spent a total of R120 000,00 during the first quarter.
- 3.3) Our new marina manager has been tasked to give special attention to the open spaces where POMA is responsible for the upkeep. Expect to see an improvement this winter, but remember that we are still restricted in water usage.
- 3.4) We have done an audit on the signage on the water and the walkways. You can expect to see more and improved signs soon.

4) Control on the water

- 4.1) Municipal By-Laws regarding control over boating activities on the river have been finalised, the costs associated have been approved and budgeted for by the Berg River Municipality. We expect these Laws to be promulgated in September 2019. Cape Nature will be the responsible agency and we expect that a full complement of three full-time uniformed Marine Rangers will be responsible for enforcement.
- 4.2) As previously reported, the POMA slipway, for unknown reasons, was never registered as required by law. We have started the process of registration of a Public Slipway. This should not affect POMA clients at all, but will assist the new Marine Rangers with control.

5) General

The POMA Website (www.poma.co.za) project is running late, but we expect it to be completed by the first week of May 2019.

Please note that the POMA email addresses have changed. Going forward for general and account purposes the email address will be poma@poma.co.za and for queries to the Marina Manager the email address will be manager@poma.co.za . This is due to the fact that the previous email accounts are being filtered out by the servers and not being delivered when bulk emails are sent out. Please save the two new email addresses to your contacts as this will also help prevent servers incorrectly sending emails to spam.

Enjoy the weather, water and be careful and safe out there!

Abe Uys