



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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### 1) Governance

#### 1.1) Berg Estuarine Management Plan

- At the meeting held on 19 December 2019, DEA&DP conceded that the maintenance requirements of the Port Owen Marina should be recognised in the Berg Estuarine Management Plan and provided a first draft of the text to be inserted. POMA has submitted an altered version, which we believe is more appropriate.
- DEA&DP agreed that the changes under review will be included in the draft BEMP which will “very soon” be advertised for public participation.

#### 1.2) Admiral Island and Pelican Bay Home Owners Association representation on the POMA Board

- Since the resignation of William Laing as Director, AI&PBHOA has not been able/willing to provide a Director for a position on the Board. Jacky van Rensburg was allowed to attend meetings without the power of a vote.
- On 29 January 2020, the POMA Board unanimously decided that only Directors will be allowed to attend Board meetings in future. If AI&PBHOA fails to get a representative elected who is also willing to take the full responsibility of a directorship, they will not be allowed representation.

#### 1.3) CapeNature River Rangers

- We have been advised that the appointment of the new rangers has been delayed due to a failed recruitment process and employment of the 3 River Rangers is therefore indefinitely delayed.

#### 1.4) Bergrivier Municipality contribution to POMA revenue

- Approximately 40% of the POMA revenue is received from BRM in the form of an annual grant, payable in July of every year.
- POMA and BRM enters into a formal agreement that this money will be spent on the maintenance of the Marina. If the funds are not appropriately spent BRM may ask POMA to return it to BRM. Due to

### DIRECTORS

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

the low expenditure of funds on dredging, due to the permit issues, POMA is accumulating funds with the permission of BRM, to be able to spend it once the permits have been approved.

- Currently the financial model and planning of POMA attempts to ring fence the grant income for expenditure of “projects”, these being dredging, repair of canal embankments, repair of public walkways in the marina and also the repair of the jetty infrastructure in the yacht basin.
- The remaining 60% of the POMA revenue comes from POMA clients for Jetty, Berthing and Launching fees. This revenue is utilised to cover all the other expenses necessary to run the business.

- 1.5) The representative of POPOA on the POMA Board, Mr Fanie Joubert, has decided to take a rest from a very long continuous term as POMA Director. Fanie has served for more than ten years and we wish to thank him for his contribution as well as wish him a healthy retirement. Bob Fordyce will take up the responsibility for representing POPOA. Fanie will provide backup as Alternate Director for the time being.

## **2) Dredging**

- 2.1) We were served with a Pre-Compliance Notice by the DEA: O&C law enforcement Directorate on 22 November 2019, requesting us to provide reasons for them not to stop dredging operations.

Our submissions, in answer to their specific queries, were submitted on 13 December 2019, with the agreement that the process is halted, pending the receipt of results of 15 sediment samples which will be processed during January/February 2020.

- 2.2) Dredging operations for 2019 was suspended on 13 December 2019, to allow staff to take their annual leave. We were planning to resume dredging on 6 January 2020, but agreed at the 19 December 2019 meeting not to resume dredging until the required Operational Environmental and Maintenance Plan has been submitted and approved. We have been hard at work preparing this plan and will deliver it to DEA&DP on 5 February 2020. We should be able to start dredging from the middle of February, hoping for expeditious approval of the Plan.

## **3) Maintenance**

All the planned maintenance to embankments and walkways for 2020 has been documented and work has already started with embankment repairs. Walkway repairs will start early in February 2020.

4) **Security in the Marina** (This section is carried over from the December newsletter, because some of our clients may have missed this during the holiday season.)

4.1) At the 11 December 2019 POMA Board Meeting, it was confirmed that general security is not part of the POMA job description. The Board believes that security is the responsibility of the South African Police Service and individual property owners. CapeNature River Rangers are responsible for law enforcement on the water, in terms of the new Municipal By-Laws.

4.2) Due to the escalating crime rate and the seeming inability of private owners to organise themselves in a collective body for combatting theft in parts of the Marina, the POMA Board has decided to appoint a committee with the aim of putting a comprehensive security proposal or proposals for the whole Marina on the table at the March 2020 Strategy Meeting. Ultimately, we will table a proposal at the next POMA AGM in April 2020. Members and Clients will be required to vote for implementation and financial contributions will have to be mandatory.

4.3) Requests through POPOA for security lighting in the Eastern Basin of the Loop has been turned down. Clients with private jetties can install lighting on their jetties. This area, obviously, will also be covered in terms of 4.2 above.

## 5) **General**

Enjoy the beautiful weather and please be safe on the water!

**Abe Uys**