



Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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POMA Newsletter: February 2020

1) GOVERNANCE

1.1) POMA Annual General Meeting: 18 April 2020

- Please save the date for this important meeting. This is the meeting for the POMA Member Organisations nominated representatives, plus one nominated observer per Member Organisation.
- Nominations to the POMA Board as elected by the Member Organisations will be received.
- The newly elected Board will elect the Chairperson, and the Vice Chairperson at this meeting.

1.2) POMA Annual General meeting for Clients: 18 April 2020

- This meeting follows directly after the AGM and is open to all POMA clients and interested parties.
- Invitations will be sent out and look out for newspaper adverts as well as the Port Owen Notice Board at the entrance to Port Owen.
- At this meeting the 2020/21/22 Budget and Business Plans will be presented, as well as the fees for the 2020/21 fee cycle.

1.3) CapeNature River Rangers

- The latest news as conveyed at the last Berg Estuary Advisory Forum is that CapeNature is hoping to interview candidates during March 2020 and appointments should then follow. We think you can expect to see trained rangers on the river by June 2020.

1.4) The appointment of Mr Bob Fordyce as POPOA Director in the place of Mr Fanie Joubert has been rejected by the POMA Board after a complaint regarding the procedure followed was received from two of the Member Organisations. The POPOA Board has agreed and will follow the correct procedure at their AGM in March 2020.

1.5) With the appointment of a full-time Marina Manager a year ago, backed by a full-time Admin and Finance Administrator, it was envisaged that the involvement of the Board in day-to-day operational issues should be reduced substantially, allowing the Board to play the oversight role it is intended to do.

DIRECTORS

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

The Board has now decided to form an Executive Committee, consisting of two Directors and the two full-time managers. This Exco will manage the affairs as per the Board strategy, policies, procedures and budgets and meet formally on a monthly basis for a Management meeting. The Board will only meet quarterly, but will be informed by receiving the minutes of the management meetings.

The newly elected Board will have to ratify this in April if they want to continue with this structure.

The two directors on Exco for the interim period will be Derek Robinson (Operations) and John de Meillon (Finance). Derek will chair the Exco meetings.

Exco reports to the Board and the POMA Chairperson is not allowed to serve on Exco.

2) DREDGING

- 2.1) We are battling on two fronts. One is the National – (DEA:O&C) and the other, the Provincial Department (DEA&DP).
- 2.2) We have submitted all the required information and documentation required by both departments by 25 February 2020.
- 2.3) As far as the DEA:O&C is concerned the last sample results were delivered, completing our representations, and we now await their response.
- 2.4) On strong advice, we have decided to officially apply for a dumping permit from the DEA:O&C and Werksmans Attorneys will be doing this on our behalf.
- 2.5) As far as the DEA&DP is concerned, the OEMP and all other compliance queries were delivered on 5 February 2020, with final submission of the external audit report on the 25th February. We now await their responses. As soon as the OEMP is approved, we can commence with dredging operations.

3) MAINTENANCE

- 3.1) All the planned maintenance to embankments and walkways for 2020 has been documented and work has already started with embankment repair. Walkway repairs started early in February 2020 on a 39-meter stretch between the houses of Mike Little and Rob Fonto.

- 3.2) A safe working and operating procedure has been written and introduced for the removal of dead, floating marine weed in the waterways.
- 3.3) It has come to our attention that some property owners are paying the barge operators for preferential treatment. Please refrain from this. If the staff is caught doing this, they will face severe disciplinary action.

4) SECURITY IN THE MARINA

Your Board has decided to abandon this project and confirms that it believes that this is not a POMA responsibility.

5) GENERAL

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

Abe Uys