



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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## **Port Owen Marina Authority Newsletter.**

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### **POMA 2023 AGM:**

This was held at the Port Owen Yacht Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The meeting confirmed that member organizations had nominated/appointed their representatives as follows

MEMBER ORGANISATION	DIRECTOR	ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
POPOA	Herman Lamprechts	Bob Fordyce
POYC	Gabby de Wet	Alan Reynolds
AI&PB HOA	Angelo Foce	Vacant
POWA	Derek Robinson	John de Meillon
WAG**	Vacant	Vacant
BERGRIVIER Municipality	Johan Moolman	NA

*\*\* WAG has not been able to convene an AGM and has thus not nominated a Director or Alternate Director. This raises concern as originally this member body received support from the property owners on the East Bank of the Loop.*

### **POMA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:**

The AGM was followed by a Special Board meeting at which the Board voted the following people to fill the following positions:

ROLE	NAME
Chairperson (POMA Board)	Derek Robinson
Vice Chairperson (POMA Board)	Gabby de Wet

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Chairperson (POMA EXCOM)	Gabby de Wet
Vice Chairperson (Responsible for Finance)	John de Meillon
Member (Responsible for Operations)	Derek Robinson

### **POMA PUBLIC MEETING:**

The Special Board meeting was followed by a public meeting which was attended by 25 people who signed the register. The following issues were raised and fully discussed:

#### **DIRECTORS**

D Robinson (Chairman); G de Wet; H Lambrechts; A Foce; J Moolman  
J de Meillon (Alt); Alan Reynolds (Alt); B Fordyce (Alt)

- 1) **The Budget and 3 Year Business Plans** (2024/2025/2026). This information is freely available on the POMA website and any queries in this regard should be directed to the POMA office.
- 2) **Fees for 2024:** were presented.
- 3) **Maintenance issues:** The maintenance and irrigation of the Public Open Space at the East Basin was discussed.
- 4) **Alterations to existing jetties:** These, including Afridock Ride-On additions, **MUST** be approved and authorized by POMA prior to installation.
- 5) **Dredging:** An update on the dredging operations in 2023 was given and the requirement and process for permit renewal applications was outlined in detail.
- 6) **Water quality:** The quality of the water in the marina was questioned. From the floor, Gerhard Louw (a Trustee of St Helena Bay Water Quality Trust), indicated that it is currently safe for recreational use.
- 7) **Illegal netting in the marina:** POMA is not a Law Enforcement Agency and has neither the capacity nor the mandate to act in this regard. POMA can only support and where possible facilitate reporting of these activities.
- 8) **Repairs to the retaining walls and public walkways** was discussed.
- 9) **Erosion at the Admiral Island access bridge:** It was pointed out that erosion of the bases of the bridge to the Island was concerning. POMA will raise this with Johan Moolman at the next Board meeting.

The Chairman, on behalf of the POMA Board, wishes everybody a safe and joyous festive season.