

ST. FRANCIS BAY RIPARIAN HOC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

DATE: 14th March 2011.

Venue: Farols Village Square.

PRESENT:

B. Morsink (BM)

R. Foulds (RF)

J. Robson (JR)

J Stevens (JS)

P Grobbelaar (PG)

C. Beckley (CB)

T. Butler (TB)

B. Buckham (BB)

M. Lahana (ML)

Local Council:

R. Prinsloo (RP)

E. Baartman (EB)

Louis (law enforcement)

APOLOGIES

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1. **Previous minutes confirmed**
2. **CANAL MANAGERS REPORT:** (per attached)

The slipway at the small boat harbour is under repair, alternative slipway to be used in Shore Road.

BM: Asked if there is any recourse if anything goes wrong with the slipway construction

CB: An engineer should look at the design of the slipway, oversee or project manage the repairs, also take legal responsibility for it and give us guarantees. JR: Will arrange this with an engineer.

T deGroot of local Council taken around canals and shown problem areas, i.e. overhanging decks and protruding walls. BM: Ask T deGroot to send us a copy of problem areas.

BM: Order foam blocks to repair walkways.

3. **DREDGER PURCHASE:**

The Committee has agreed that we need to purchase our own dredger, JR explained to RP of local council that although the company that completed the last dredging work was very efficient, it was not viable for them to do the smaller canals, and owning our own dredger will enable all canals to be maintained in our own time, and at a very reasonable price of around R 30.00 per square metre.

TB: Reiterated that we need a program to dredge on an ongoing basis.

RP: Is new to the situation as he has taken over from S Baartman, he requires specs of the dredger that we want to purchase, and suggested that we follow tender process.

All committee members are anxious to finalise the purchase of the dredger, as the dredger selected is up for sale and we could lose it if we do not act promptly, JR has spent many hours getting various quotes.

BM: Asked that RP goes back to Council and tells them that all is done, and we need to go forward now without delay.

Mr de Lange of Council has the authority to OK the dredger purchase.

We will be financing the dredger with our own funds.

FINANCE & ADMIN:

BB: Monies collected have to be used on maintaining the canals. BB spoke to RP about monies outstanding from Kouga and asked him to come back to him ASAP.

BB: Explained to RP that the monies still outstanding are for the months November/December 2010 and January/February 2011

TB: Spoke to a representative from West Bank with regards to loaning the Association part of the money needed to finance to purchase a dredger.

Next year's budget will be sent to Council by BB and RF.

BM asked TB to obtain final figures from Frank Silberbauer and Werner Illenberger for the cost of the first and final stage of the application for Rock Revetments. TB: Will obtain briefing from Frank S re time frame. TB: When we obtain the approval, we will start looking for funds.

JS: Will speak to our previous benefactor with regards to financial assistance as it was a result of his original agreement to finance the revetments that we went ahead with the Environmental assessment application.

CORRESPONDENCE:

E.I.A:

CB: Has obtained a legal opinion from Lexicon Attorneys in Port Elizabeth, they are of the opinion that an E.I.A is **NOT** necessary on the canals, copies of the letters were handed to RP from Council

T deGroot has also been notified by Lexicon Attorneys, we await a response from him.

MATTERS ARISING:

BM: Asked council to please attend every meeting.

RP: Council do not foresee any problems with Bay Estates selling licences after hours and weekends when the council offices are closed.

JR: What can be done about the perlemoen poachers, this was discussed at length.

BM: approached the SAP but still nothing happens.

COMMITTEE ACTION POINTS:

Prepare cash flow / Budget BB and RF

GENERAL:

TB: Explained that E Clack had declined the invitation to join our committee as he is already the Chairman of the Marina Village HOA and simply does not have the time.

RP: Asked if there was anything else to discuss with relevance, BM: asked him to please attend to the dredger purchase and monies owing to the Association.

JR: Asked if PG could write a "Peace Officer" exam, unfortunately he will not be allowed to, he would have to be employed by Council.

BM: We need our own budget for dredging: i.e. Removal of sand, Diesel, maintenance on dredger and salaries.

BM: Will ask K Donaldson of the Fire Department whether PG should go on a fire fighting course.

TB: Pointed out that the windbreaks that were planted on the Spit are working, and that we should continue.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5.15pm. The next meeting will be on the 11th March 2011, at Farols at 3pm.