

ST FRANCIS BAY RIPARIAN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE LINKS GOLF COURSE ON 17 DECEMBER 2009

PRESENT: B. Morsink, J. Robson, B. Buckham, B. Robson.
Plus 17 others as per the attendance Register

APOLOGIES: D. Nell, C. Beckley, P. Hayter, G. Kern, K. Barker, J. Thorpe, J. Cook. P & B Hauff, A & M Yoell, D. Pape, M. Woods

The Chairman stated that as we do not have a quorum, we would need to reconvene the meeting in not less than 7 days. He then suggested that we hold the meeting and, if at the reconvened meeting, there was again no quorum this meeting would constitute the Annual General Meeting.

The members present accepted this.

The Chairman then welcomed all and asked if they had read his report. He then thanked the following people.

Garden Gallery for their kind donation of plants for Bird Island.
Calibre Security for installing and monitoring the security system in our workshop.
Jeff Stevens for kindly donating the Canal Name Signs.

FINANCE

A financial statement compiled by M. Lahana, B. Buckham and D. Nell, was handed out to those present. B. Buckham explained that these were not a complete year as our financial yearend is June to be in line with the Council.

B. Buckham also explained that there was an amount of R900 000 that was not reflected in our books as the Council paid this directly to the Dredging Contractor. This was money that had accumulated over past years. R. Friederickson asked if there was a breakdown of the income and expenditure between levies, mooring and boat licences. B. Buckham said that there was and it would be available at the yearend.

The Financial Reports were adopted by I. Watt and seconded by H. Thorpe.

SPIT

B. Morsink said that we have been busy planting branches at the end of the spit. This had been a great success in collecting wind blown sand. H. Thorpe stated that the community was asked to please assist with planting of more branches on the sea side of the spit. Please meet at Neville Road a 9 a.m the following day.

DREDGING

B. Morsink said that 12 000 cubic meters had been dredged from the canals over the past year. A new tender has been awarded to T & T Marine from Durban at a much cheaper rate. Mr. Friederickson enquired if we knew who the directors of this company were. I. Watt suggested that we publish this information on our web when we find out. J. Robson said that they had given references stating that they were busy dredging both Richards Bay and Durban Harbour. C. Barratt asked where the sand would be pumped. J. Robson replied that most of it would be pumped to the beach but, where the distance was too great, it would have to be pumped into a coffer dam and carted away.

ANYTHING THAT FLOATS

B. Morsink said that last year "Anything that Floats" had been a success and that this year more should attend as there were great prizes.

GENERAL

C. Barratt asked what the Canal Wardens duties were. B. Morsink explained that all they could do was take a boat number and report it to Pieter Grobbelaar. At this stage they have no authority to impose fines but we are busy negotiating with the Council to rectify this.

I. Watt asked that a set of rules be given to holidaymakers. B. Morsink explained that the rules were printed at the back of the canal sticker.

R. Friederickson asked if the numbers on jet skis could not be made more visible.

A. Davidson said the P. Grobbelaar should be on the water later in the day as this is when most of the problems occurred.

M. Simms said we did not have enough signs and that the signs should be more specific. They should say "Idle Speed" and not "No Wake".

D. Spence complained that there was a house on the canals that was not white and that this should not be allowed. C. Barratt said that they were attending to this complaint. B. Robson said that she had heard that the Esthetics Committee had looked into this and that they said the paint tins had "white" written on them, therefore they could not do anything about this. All agreed that this should not be allowed.

M. Simms said that Jet skis and Jet boats have not been banned on the canals, but that jet skis had been banned on the river.

C. Webb enquired as to why jet skis could not use both exits to the river, as, at the moment, they all came past her house causing congestion. H. Thorpe stated that the Kromme River Property owners were adamant that jet skis should not be allowed on the river. C. Webb replied that boats were just as bad as jet skis.

M. Simms asked if the R.H.O.A. only had jurisdiction over the canals. B. Morsink said that Mr. H. Corneilson patrols the river.

H. Thorpe explained that jet skis were allowed from the river mouth 400 meters to the pole south of the mouth.

A long discussion was then held regarding the problems with jet skis and how best to resolve them. It was finally decided that all jet ski owners must make an effort to police other owners who were infringing the rules.

C. Barratt said that a survey had been done regarding jet skis and that of all the people approached only one was for jet skis being allowed. Nobody knew anything about this survey. He also said that the Riparian Homeowners Association had approved boats over the official length allowed on the canals. J. Robson replied that this was definitely not the case and we are against this. The Council approved the boats that are over the length allowed on the canals.

R. Friederickson asked if we could put the "Jet ski Constitution" on our web page. He suggested that maybe the committee were biased towards jet skis.

D. Truter said we could lose a lot of income if jet skis were banned.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following people were elected on to the Committee, Colin Beckley, Daniel Nell, Brian Buckham, John Robson and we welcome three new committee members, Tony Butler, Dudley Foster and Jeff Stevens.

Bennie Morsink had agreed to stay on to assist where needed but not as Chairman. The Chairman will have to be elected at our first committee meeting and an arrangement will have to be made to get a secretary as Bev Robson is standing down after four years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

The reconvened AGM will be held on the 29th of December. This information will be sent out to all members.

