

MINUTES OF THE ST FRANCIS BAY RIPARIAN HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007

PRESENT:

B. Morsink  
J. Robson  
B. Buckham  
S. Gallarelli  
B. Robson  
A. Peros  
B. Lahana

APOLOGIES:

B. Firth  
C. Beckley  
S. van Jaarsveldt

1. BUDGET

BB enquired if any work had been done on the budget. BM replied that he was meeting B. Rheeder tomorrow to have the Agreement signed by the Municipal Manager, he would then get the Municipal Budget. He then asked BB if he could handle the Budget for the SFBRHA. **BB** agreed to this. BB said he knew we got levy, licenses moorings but do we get fines. BM replied that this went to the Traffic Dept. **Action B.B.**

2. POLICEING OF CANALS

BB suggested that the no wake zone should be extended, at least, another 100 m towards the river, he also suggested that there be two inspectors at both entrances to the canals stopping the boats to check for licenses and making sure they know and obey the rules. BM said we would then need another boat and said there may be a problem in storing it SG suggested the Municipal Yard. AP said that St Francis Leisure had committed themselves to supply boats and/or jet skis to assist wherever possible. BM suggested the name of Ski Canal should be changed as the name implied that people could ski in the canal. BB also suggested that we try to get some retired people in the village to assist with the policing during the holiday season. BM asked if the following people could write the exam to become a peace officer, J. Robson, B. Buckham, A. Peros, C. Beckley, B. Lahana and B. Firth, **JR** to approach D. Foster and ask him if he would be interested to do it as well. JR said he was prepared to go on the course but was not prepared to act as a policeman during the holidays he felt we should rather employ people to do this job. BB agreed. SG said many complaints had been received this year about people speeding and driving recklessly in the canals this year. BB said he doesn't advocate prosecuting anybody but maybe we should prosecute a repeat offender to set an example. This had been done at Port Alfred with great success. It was decided that we should prosecute boat SF730 as numerous complaints had been received about this boat. **BM** to follow up. BB enquired how many boats were allowed per Erf and what is the maximum length of boats allowed on the canals. **BM** to find out. BB said that St Francis was one of the only places left where jet skis were allowed to operate freely and he was trying to get jet skis restricted. He would like to know how many jet skis are registered. **JR** will come back to the committee on this. **Action BM & JR**

Off shore and river regulations, sea worthy, skipper license and government registration to be looked into by **AP assisted by BM**.

BM said he estimated that we had lost in excess of R100 000 in boat and jet ski licenses this year as the municipality had closed their offices on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec and only opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. SG said AvaMerle were prepared to keep boat licenses at their office. They would ask any person hiring a house if they owned a boat and insisting they buy a license It was also reported to BB that the police officer had parked his boat at the cove and did not seem be active..

**JR** to investigate the cost of licenses for riparian residents, residents of St Francis Bay and non-residents, also day and weekly canal users.

**Action AP, JR, BM**

3 DREDGING

**JR and CB** to take over this portfolio. JR to contact CB on his return from holiday and report back. **Action JR**

4. GENERAL

**BL, SG and BR** to compile database, **BL** to try to create letterhead and logo. **Action BL SG BR**

There being no further business meeting closed at 15h10.