

MINUTES OF THE SFBRHA MEETING
HELD ON THE 20TH AUGUST 2007

PRESENT: B. Morsink
C. Beckley
A. Peros
S. Gallarelli
H. Kleinhans
B. Firth
J. Robson
P. Grobelaar

APOLOGIES: B Robson

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd August were not read, as B. Robson was not present.

1. DIRECTORS.

B.Lahana tendered his resignation as director of the St Francis Bay Riparian Homeowners association due to work commitments.

2. CANAL MANAGER

BM introduced Pieter Grobelaar to the Committee. JR reported that PG has almost completed the second jetty. This one is being built with balau as agreed at the last meeting. PG queried if this was to be untreated. CB confirmed that the balau need not be treated but the rest of the jetty must be treated prior to assembly. BM asked if stainless screws were being used, this was confirmed. JR to give committee PG's cel number. 073 180 5529. PG informed the committee that the floats and strapping was being purchased through BF. JR reported that he has asked for 3 quotes for the cove and to date only Waterways had handed theirs in. BM asked if the quotes were within 5% of each other should we reserve the right to select our preferred tenderer. CB said if this was the case all tenderers should be advised beforehand. It was decided that the 24th would be the closing date for tenders. JR said that one finger was missing on the old section of the small boat harbour and could repairing this be out next project. If this were done it would bring in more revenue in December. It was decided to build this in pine.

3. FINANCE

Marge Lahana is still prepared to assist at this time. BM reported that he had approached A. Cuff who said he would have to see how involved it was. B. Firth to approach Mr. Pizarro. BM has still not been paid the money he is owed; JR said he would look into it.

4. SPIT

HK informed the committee that only R500 000 was available for work to be done on the spit. This amount could be much more were it not for somebody in St Francis phoning the Development Bank telling them this is the wrong thing to do. BM said that at the press conference Robbie Dennis had said that 3.5m had already been set aside for the spit and it now seems that this is not the case. HK said he felt the only option was that we use the 500 000 to start revetment and while the contractors were on site, we try and raise funds amongst ourselves. Originally we were going to call a special general meeting and then to levy the canal owners R5000. JR said that if you take 3 100 000 and divide it by 450 it comes to nearly R7000. It was decided to send out a newsletter to inform the owners what was happening. We need a consensus of 50% plus 1 to enforce this. CB said many of the replies had said they were willing to pay but only if everyone paid. It was decided to wait until after the tenders closed before we sent out a newsletter. AP advised that somebody had told him that it had been reported on (Focus) that St Francis had been allocated 3.6m rand to repair the beach. SG stated that Gert Vorster and Louis van der Merwe were at Rand Merchant bank and should we not ask them what options are open to us. HK said we should let the municipality use the 500 000 to fix the hot spots and hope the Development bank comes through with the rest. As things stand at the moment the Development Bank require a specialist to tell them that revetment is the right thing to do.

5. GENERAL

CB asked what was happening regarding the registration, licencing and Seaworthy for all boats as required by the Government. BF said that although some boats had been registered it is not in force as yet in the St Francis area. This would need to be looked into in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45
Next meeting will be on the 27th August at BM house.