

ST FRANCIS BAY RIPARIAN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2009

PRESENT:

B. Morsink
D. Nell
J. Robson
P. Grobblaar
S. Gallarelli
B. Robson
C. Beckley

APOLOGIES:

B. Buckhan

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Daniel Nell to the Committee.

1. Matters arising from Meeting 26/11/2008

W. Illenberger has been paid.

Jetties and Gazebo meeting – The Building Inspector said all who had infringed will be asked to show the approved building plans and engineering reports. **BM** to ask Trevor de Groot if letters have gone out.

Dangerous angle iron under bridge. **BM** has tried to get hold of S. Baartman but with no success. He will keep trying.

Time ran out for trip around the canals for the Councillors, we will do it this year. **CB**, **BM** and **DN**. will arrange this.

2. Matters arising from A.G.M 18/12/2008

A sub-committee has been formed to investigate all matters concerning the spit.

“Wake speed only” signs to be repaired and replaced. **PG**

Skipper’s licences and boat surveys to be investigated by **PG** It was suggested that **PG** go on a course so that he can issue these licences in St. Francis.

Mr. R. Simpson regarding advertising. **DN** is to speak to the owner of The Big Time Taverna and asked if he has received approval from the Advertising Council.

3. Finance

BM reported that there is approximately R400 000 in the current account and R220 000 to come in. He has asked **ML** to transfer some of this money into our Savings Account.

BB is busy with the auditors and attorneys to sort out our accounting system and to clarify the matter as to whether we are allowed to have assets being a Section 21 Company. **DN** confirmed that Section 21 Companies can have assets. **BB** is also trying to get the Council to split the income between Levies, Licences and Rental from Jetties.

BR said that at the AGM it was queried as to which money was used to build the new jetties, as only rental money should be used to repair jetties. If we have a split it will be easy to do this.

JR said at the AGM we told the members that we would get back to them with clarification on the accounts. Tony Butler and Carmen Stevens have very kindly offered to assist on the accounting side.

4. Pieter Grobbelaar's Report

PG enquired what our intensions were regarding fire protection on the canals. **BM** said that he would be seeing Mike Stark (who has been co-opted on to the Residents Assoc.) is busy with a survey in connection with this matter. **JR** suggested that we need a fibreglass boat with an area where a pump could be installed.

Pieter also asked if we could build a strong room where he would be able to store our tools and equipment. **DN** suggested a container but we would then have to ask Council where we could keep it. **PG** asked if we should repair the braais. It was decided that we should and to also build new ones at the Small Boat Harbour as well.

PG said S. Baartman's daughter had done an excellent job over December at the Small Boat Harbour and that we should thank her and Karine from the Municipality for all their help. It was decided that we should invite them on the canal tour as thanks. **BR** suggested we give them a small gift as well.

5. General

CB said that the sub-committee felt that rock revetments along the spit should still be done and **BM** said we should wait for the Danish report, as it is only one month to go and that we should putting branches along the spit to retain the sand. **CB** felt that this could take years and we should ask to Danes if they could guarantee us that the spit would not breach during the winter storms. **BM** to talk to the Danes. **JR** said that the dredging pipe over the spit was now buried under the sand, which looks promising as sand is being deposited in certain places.

Brett Firth has asked that if he supplies dustbins at the Cove would he be able to advertise his business on them. **PG** to ask him to apply in writing and to let us know the size of the advertisement.

CB reported that there was a jetty broken at the cove he also suggested that we purchase a decent sprinkler to water the grass at the cove and small boat harbour. All agreed. **PG** to inspect and repair where necessary. **BM** said that check and repair under all bridges **PG** to check.

BM said he had received a letter from Mrs. L. Egan. She had received an application for a passenger carrying barge to be used on the canals. The length of this barge exceeded 7m and the width exceeded 2.4m. It was decided that this was too large as the maximum allowed is 6.6m. **BM** enquired if we should not be charging the existing larger passenger carrying commercial craft a higher licence fee. This would be considered.

There have been queries from Royal Wharf, Sandpiper, Marina Village and Admirals Cove as to how many free licences are issued each year. **PG** to get clarification from the Council.

CB said that he has sent a quote regarding our web site as his brother is finding it more and more difficult to do this work. He will resend the quote as no one has seen it. A decision will be taken at the next meeting.

DN said that he had been asked by Joe Oosthuizen to sign a letter regarding an EIA application to the Council on the Danish system. The spit sub committee had not signed the letter but said that they would support them wherever possible.

BM handed in a list of suggestions from Mr Peter Hayter (whose house was burned down in December) See Attached. Should anyone wish to see this list please contact B. Robson at 042 294 0769.

JR asked if we could start preparing to build a walkway over the spit. It was decided that this was a good idea.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.45p.m.