

Boardsailing club of Durban Committee Meeting Minutes

Venue: Ski Boat Club

Date: 7th January 2007

Committee Members Present: James Thorpe, Justus Naudé, Cliff Owen, Shaun Pretorius

1. Current Membership Report

The club currently has 19 paid-up members for 2007 membership year. There are approximately 4 members that we expect will still pay their subs for 2007.

2. Financial Status Report

Justus presented the current financial status of the club as at January 2007. We are at a point where our funds amount to R3,700. This amount is only enough to allow the club to run (at current expenses) for 3 months. This is the minimum time required to liquidate the club. Therefore, if the club cannot raise further funds, a decision must be taken now to liquidate.

Based on current membership, the outlook is as follows:

1. Expenditure to date	R9,630
2. Expected expenditure (to 31 May 2007)	R5,700

Therefore, as it stands the club needs to raise an additional R5,700 just to continue supplying basic facilities (bay site) until the end of the current membership year. Alternatively, the club can reduce expenditure (eg toilet facility / garden service) but will still require raising funds to cover the shortfall. Options available are:

1. Raise a levy of **R300** per existing member to cover these costs
2. Remove toilet facility during winter (low season) months and raise a levy of **R261** per existing member to cover remaining costs.
3. Remove toilet and garden service facilities during winter (low season) months and raise a levy of **R221** per existing member to cover remaining costs.
4. Remove toilet facilities immediately (low season) months and raise a levy of **R182** per existing member to cover remaining costs.
5. Remove toilet facility and garden service facility immediately and raise a levy of **R63** per existing member to cover remaining costs.

3. Special General Meeting

The committee agreed that due to the financial situation facing the club, a special general meeting should be called in which all members have an opportunity to assist in deciding how the club attends to its financial obligations.

In addition, it was agreed that the committee for 2007 should be determined by a secret ballot election. There have been some expressions of dissatisfaction with the current committee and it was felt that a secret ballot would ensure that the committee makeup was the best possible representation of members' wishes.

Therefore, the Agenda for the Special General Meeting will cover the following points-

1. Financial Status Report with proposed options for meeting financial and membership obligations for 2007
2. Recoding of any additional options proposed by members
3. Voting and adoption of options proposed.
4. Voting and election by secret ballot of 2007 committee.

The Special General Meeting will be convened on Thursday 18th January at 18h30 at a venue yet to be announced.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Proposed club "Split"

Background

It has come to the attention of the committee that some members have suggested a split of the club along the following lines-

- The Boardsailing Club of Durban controls the rubber duck, learner board and racing kit and has the primary function of organising events.
- The Bay Club is formed to control access and sailing at the bay site and incurs expenses and generates income primarily for this purpose.

It is envisaged by proposers that the Boardsailing Club will then be able to increase its membership base due to catering for all sailors (not just bay sailors) and by having a reduced membership fee (by not having to foot the bay bills).

In addition, the Bay Club will then be administered by regular Bay Sailors and will not have to incur the costs of the Rubber Duck and learner board / racing kit.

Outcome

While the committee members aired various views on the proposal, it was agreed that the decision to perform such a split should be **postponed until the end of the current membership year** for the following reasons:

- The club has an obligation to maintain the current facilities for the current members until the end of the year (31 May 2007)
- The club will not incur any expenses on the duck or learner kit for the remaining months of the current membership year in any case.
- When a new committee has been elected, this may satisfy the proposers of the split, in terms of the members who are administering the bay site.
- Such a serious change in club structure will need to be voted on and members must be supplied with a formal, detailed proposal prior to such a vote. The proposal should include details such as
 - o Function and Assets of the two clubs (constitution)
 - o Responsibilities of the various clubs with the authorities (such as the Port)
 - o Relationships with stakeholders such as Zulu Land Yacht Club
 - o Expected number of members
 - o Expected fees, income and expenses
 - o Facilities and services offered to members

Please submit any such proposal to the new committee and they will ensure due process is followed and members are allowed to vote on this issue prior to beginning a new membership year (2008).

4.2 Stricter fee control

It is very difficult to plan club financial matters with the current haphazard method of fee collection.

It is suggested that a deadline for membership renewal is set and if this is not met by existing members, their membership will lapse and they (along with any new members) will be subject to joining fee.

At times of low club funds (such as the current situation) the committee is then in a position to evaluate survivability at the beginning of a membership year based on the fees received (by the start of that year).

It is suggested that the deadline for fees for the following membership year be the end of the current year (eg. 31 May 2007 for the 2008 membership year). If fees are not received by this time, members are deemed to have resigned and will be subject to a joining fee, in addition to their full renewal subs.

Action Issues

Justus

- arrange a venue for the Special General Meeting on 18th January. Venue to be able to cater for around 30 people and to be indoors in case of inclement weather.

James

- print voting forms, membership lists and post agendas and meeting minutes to website.

All

- submit changes to minutes and draft agenda for SGM.

The meeting was adjourned.