



# THE DURBAN SKI-BOAT CLUB

## MINUTES OF THE 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PWC ON 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 18H00

The meeting started at 18H06

1. APOLOGIES – Shaun Earle, Wessel Steffens, B Turk, Nic Nel
2. Minutes of the 69th AGM held on 4th November 2019 were confirmed by Chris Smith and seconded by Andy Brown.
3. SUNSET CALLS – Tom and Marge Corfe, Marion and Fred Roper, Jock Dunwoody, Johan Weilbach, Colin Lavery, Geoff Barnes
4. COMMODORES REPORT

Outside influences of the COVID pandemic has made life difficult. The new PWSC venue is something special, that we fought for and it is up to each member to make it their own and support the PWSC. The Commodore wears two hats – that of DSBC Commodore as well as PWSC Director. The PWSC is a facility that is home to two clubs, DUC & DSBC. The other DSBC appointed director of PWSC is Mark Setterberg and their responsibility is to make sure that the PWSC is a successful joint venture. Lots of hard work goes into making sure the facility serves our members.

At the moment the relationship with DUC is strained and we are working to find a resolution. The DSBC committee is a team and we stick to our fundamental values. We are committed to making the venue and partnership work. We have loaned funds from DUC and have gone the extra mile by extending ourselves to provide a facility that works for the members of both clubs. We are a 50/50 partner in PWSC and it is up to our members to make it the home base you want it to be. The adjacent Lot 5.6 from where we launch our boats is leased by PWSC as an additional cost to that of the main facility and is renewable on an annual basis.

TREASURER'S REPORT – F&B and facility costs have been stripped out of the new year's financials. Our assets are the tractors at R900K and kitchen assets. Member subs were R4.8m as we increased our membership to 3,500 optimum capacity in a combined facility. Both clubs' benefit to the same extent. We have loaned money from DUC and to PWSC to run the temporary site and this venue as well as Lot 5.6.

Questions and discussion followed on the new Tractor Levy. The operational costs of the tractors exceed R800K and there is a shortfall after levies received from both DUC and DSBC. The shortfall balance to meet operational costs is shared proportionally with DUC on the basis of current registered boats. The goal of the levy is to keep it the same for 3 years. The life of a tractor working in sea water is expected to be 3 – 5 years, no longer. We have to constantly re-invest in tractors as they wear, out which is funded via depreciation. For those members who self- launch they will not be liable for a tractor levy if they change to a SR number. All current COF boats with a S or DUC number attract a tractor levy. Ryan Hansen of Durban Yamaha and the DUC safety officer has offered to assist with the number change.

J Baarth asked about Rule 7 of the constitution and why this item was not voted on. In terms of 14/L and 13B of the constitution the tractor levy is not a levy that is applied to all members, as it only applies to ordinary members who have a S number and therefore Rule 7 does not apply in this case.

Neil Barnes tabled his views on the removing the tractor levy and charging the additional costs of the new venue to all members. A member may call a Special General Meeting in terms of the conditions contained in the constitution.

The spouse / partner card now has to be paid for if required.

5. FISHING CAPTAINS REPORT – the fishing captain reported on a very much curtailed competitive fishing year due to COVID-19 restrictions.
6. SOCIAL COMPETITIONS & EVENTS – Alan Gouveia thanked the sponsors for their support – CMH, The Kingfisher, Yamaha. DSBC FESTIVAL – Hilton Kidger reported that the festival is on the calendar for 2021 and will be held from this venue. First prize is a Sea cat with 2 x 60hp Yamaha 4 stroke motors. He said it was becoming more difficult to secure sponsorship under the current economic climate and appealed to any members who would like to contribute.

7. PWSC social challenges – Mark Setterberg presented an overview of some of the challenges the clubs face when interacting with members of the public who are not members and asked members to exercise restraint in the event of provocation due to public perceptions of the club and its’ membership profile.
8. CONSTITUTION CHANGES – The change in constitution amending the trading year dates from 1 Sep/ 31 Aug to 1 Aug/31 July was voted on and agreed unanimously.
9. ELECTION OF AUDITORS – It was proposed that Viljoen and Partners (represented on site by Ian Agg) be replaced by PKF. This was voted on and unanimously adopted.
10. COMMITTEE – Scot Magnus and Ryan Dalton were appointed to the committee. Reiner Meyer and Charlie Wood are no longer on the committee. There were no other nominations received. The balance of the committee remains as it is.
11. GENERAL
  - a. The election of Erwin Bursik as an Honorary Life member after being a member for 59 years, was voted and unanimously accepted.
  - b. The Honours board is in storage following the move of venue and will be updated in due course.
  - c. Derrick Ferreira to review Boating by-laws, item 12 in the constitution.
  - d. A suggestion was made for the PWSC to provide lockers for daily use.

The meeting was closed at 20H04