



## **LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE CARAVAN OWNERS MEETING** **HELD AT LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB ON** **16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 AT 11h00**

Members present as per attached attendance register.

Meeting declared open by the Vice Commodore, Stephen Bester, who welcomed and thanked all present.

All members were asked to have a look at the members file located in the foyer and update their details.

Stephen thanked all the members that responded to the e-mail circulated regarding proposals for new development and upgrading projects. These suggestions have been handed to the Development Committee for approval and implementation once funds become available.

No boats (power or keel) are allowed on the green areas. Stephen stated that in future the ground staff would move any boats found on green areas to the allocated storage area. Any boats kept on site must be stored in the enclosed area, ie under the carport with no part of the boat extending beyond the overhang.

It was agreed that member's guests are allowed to camp on the green area adjacent to their site, provided they do not encroach onto their neighbour's site. Members were reminded that your neighbour also has a right to use this green area. After much discussion Arnold Spies proposed that any party above 5 guests must obtain permission from the management committee beforehand. Johnny Smit also suggested that we limit the amount of tents to 2 per site. These suggestions were agreed to by a majority vote. Vicky suggested that an area be allocated for visitor's to park their boats in, in order to alleviate the congestion amongst the sites. This suggestion was noted.

The issue of some members having a continual stream of visitors was brought up and discussed. Rodney Beresford suggested (in a bid to reduce the amount of visitors per member), that members purchase a booklet of visitor's entry tickets for use during the year. When these tickets are finished, further tickets can be obtained from the office at a higher price. Tielman Burger mentioned that a similar scheme had already been agreed to in the past but just needed to be implemented.

All members were asked to ensure they sign in at the gate and clearly list their site number on the register. Stephen mentioned that the committee would enforce the thirty day rule more stringently this year. Suggestions were made that the worst offenders and non – payers would be addressed first.

An in depth discussion was held with regard to the legality of wendy houses / zozo huts on the sites. It was agreed that the development committee be tasked to find out what the municipal by-laws allow as far as a caravan site goes. A decision would then be made as to whether wooden huts would be allowed or not. In the meantime Stephen reminded everyone that they must submit plans for approval, prior to doing any alterations to their site.

Stephen warned the members that a number of illegal power connections were found during the last site inspection. Those site owners have until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 to restore their circuit breakers back to the original state (6 amp) or the club would do so on their behalf and the site owners would be billed accordingly. It was agreed that any future tampering with the electricity would result in the confiscation of the caravan site. There were no objections to this decision.

Stephen mentioned that the club was currently checking and certifying all the electrical connections between the main connection box and the caravan sites. Once approved, the maintenance and repairs to the connection between the local box and the caravan sites would become the site owner's responsibility. The connection between the main box and the local box will remain the club's responsibility.

Stephen reminded all members that all water connections to caravan sites must be approved by the management committee. The members were asked to check their water connections for leakages as this is causing problems with the pressure and wasting water. A stop-cock must also be installed on each connection.

Stephen stated that the issue of dogs on the premises has been dealt with on many occasions, but the rules have not been adhered to. These rules would now be enforced and the disciplinary committee would handle the offenders. No dogs are allowed in the bar, clubhouse or ablutions and they must be on a leash at all times.

It was discussed and agreed that no quad bikes will be allowed on the property unless it is registered at the office and been issued with a licence number that must be displayed at all times. The following rules have been put in place: no member without a valid driver's licence may ride a quad bike on the club grounds, you may only ride from point A to point B and no joy riding. The committee has the right to revoke any licence if the quad bike owner does not adhere to these rules. No visitors may bring quad bikes onto the property.

Stephen reiterated that the member's are responsible for their visitors and will be held liable for their behaviour.

Stephen requested that in future all complaints must be put in writing to be addressed by the committee.

A Certificate of Competency and Certificate of Fitness disclaimer will be handed out at the gate to all persons entering our property with boats that are not registered with LDYC, in order to enforce the rules.

Arnold Spies requested that the security at the main gate be more diligent after hours. He suggested that the gate should not be opened until the security guard has verified the presence of keys in the ignition for cars leaving the premises. Cars entering should also not be allowed to simply drive through the gate without first verifying membership. Stephen agreed that instructions to this effect would be sent out.

A suggestion came from the floor that all the caravan sites and boundaries be re-measured and re-marked. Stephen thought this was a good idea and agreed to follow up on it.

Robin du Plessis from site 148 complained about the speeding on the roads and mentioned that the dust then became an issue. Stephen asked all the members to police this issue, by taking down the car registration number and reporting it to the office. Tielman Burger suggested that the main roads be paved with cobblestones or bricks. Stephen agreed to hand the suggestion over to the development committee as a project to be considered.

A request was made to implement ways in which to protect our trees planted at the campsite that are being ruined by weed eaters. Stephen offered to donate PVC pipe to be placed around the base of the trees and agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

A request to re-instate Arbor Day was made. Stephen agreed to forward this request to the entertainment committee.

Christine Durrant requested that all the proposals to rules and regulations that have been passed be distributed to all the members. Stephen agreed to this.

Eleanor Spies offered positive feed back with regards to the kitchen staff and meals, and thanked them for their efforts.

Christine Durrant complimented John Williams on the appearance of the club grounds and mentioned that "It never looked so good!"

Stephen mentioned that Abram Mqathi and John Mosia would be awarded merit awards for 30 years of loyal service and John Khanya, our gate security guard will be given a performance award for his dedicated service, at the Annual General Meeting to be held the following day. He extended an invitation to the members to make cash contributions towards these awards, if they so wished to.

Stephen extended a special thank you to John and Marian Williams and our ground staff for their hard work during the year.

The Vice Commodore, Stephen Bester, closed the meeting at 12h30.  
Per secretary