

# **Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association (BBRA) - Proposals for amendments to the constitution for consideration at the AGM in Crassula Hall on Saturday 17 December 2016**

At the AGM of the BBRA on 19 December 2015 the Secretary/Treasurer was tasked to examine the current constitution and put forward various proposals for change thereof by first distributing these to members for comment and then after taking these suggestions into account to put forward the proposals for consideration at the next AGM of the organisation.

The proposals are as follows:

## **Paragraph 4(d) Membership**

Add the following to the existing section:

**4.(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 4. (b) and (c) the executive committee may on consensus agree to increase this number provided that such agreement will not result in a block being formed where the owners/residents of a particular property will be able to exert undue pressure on the executive committee to conform to their will. Should this happen in the opinion of the executive committee at any time they may rescind certain membership/s to restore the status quo;**

We currently have paid up members who exceed the allowable numbers as laid down in paragraphs 4(b) and (c) where they are beneficiaries of trusts etc. This has been the situation for some time without any negative results. We believe that the change will, besides increasing our membership, be adequately controlled by this change.

## **Paragraph 6(d) Privileges of Membership**

The existing paragraph is to be replaced by the following and the spelling of “**privileges**” corrected in the heading:

**All members can access Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association news on the web site i.e. [www.bettysbay.info](http://www.bettysbay.info) . Items requiring urgent dissemination will be distributed to members by E-Mail where E-Mail addresses are on record;**

The Committee has decided to discontinue The Buzz due to the following:

- 1) The current journalist/editor has moved back to Cape Town and is therefore not available and is out of touch with events in the village.
- 2) Despite advertising for someone to take over, an E-Mail to all members did not even obtain an enquiry.
- 3) The current volunteer committee has enough on their plate without taking on additional duties.

## **Paragraph 8(e) Meetings of the Association**

Delete the word “**written**” in the third line between immediate and notice and add the following to the sentence after members in the third line:

**either in writing or by E-Mail and by being placed on the Organisations web site.**

To reduce the work load and cost in sending out numerous letters in this electronic age.

#### **Paragraph 9(b) Committee**

Substitute the wording “**eight (8)**” in the first and second lines with the following:

**“twelve (12)”**

The increase is necessitated due to the number of portfolios under the control of the committee.

#### **Paragraph 9(d) Committee**

Add the word “**preferably**” between must and be received in the first line and add the following to the end of the sentence:

**but should it be deemed necessary nominations may be accepted from the floor provided that the nominee is present, accepts the nomination and the necessary documentation is completed as per clause 9.(e) at the AGM;**

Due to difficulty in obtaining committee members this alteration is deemed necessary to improve the situation.

#### **Paragraph 9(m) Committee**

Add the following between circular and of in the first paragraph:

**or E-mail and placing such notice on the organisations web site**

To simplify the process and save costs in an electronic age.

#### **Paragraph 11(a)viii Powers of the Committee**

Substitute the word “**is**” with “**are**” in the second line.

To correct the grammar.

#### **Paragraph 12(f) Annual General Meeting**

Add the following to the paragraph:

**Should such auditor not be identified a member of the committee not related to the Treasurer may assume this function;**

To cater for the situation where no volunteers are identified.

#### **Paragraph 12(h) Annual General Meeting**

Add paragraph 12(h) as follows:

**12(h) Members wishing to place matters on the agenda must advise the Secretary in writing or by E-Mail of the matter/s to be discussed at least seven days prior to the meeting;**

To cater for relevant matters to be discussed that are not on the agenda.

**Paragraph 14(a) Finance**

Add wording and an additional sentence to this paragraph as follows:

Add “**other than petty cash**” in the first sentence between funds and shall.

Add **Petty cash will be held by the Treasurer and will be limited to an amount of one thousand rand (R1,000-00);**

To cater for and save on bank costs where small amounts have to be disbursed.

**Paragraph 14(b) Finance**

Replace this paragraph with the following:

**All cheques shall be signed by two persons being the Secretary and/or Treasurer and/or any other nominated signatory of the Committee provided that where the posts of Secretary and Treasurer are combined the person filling this post will only constitute one of the signatories.**

**Most transactions will be effected by Internet Banking with the Treasurer being the sole authorised operator. All debit transactions exceeding five hundred rand (R500-00) will be advised to the Chairman via SMS by the organisations bankers;**

**Paragraph 14(d) Finance**

Add the following

**“in terms of paragraph 12(f)”**

To cater for the occasion where an auditor is not appointed at the AGM.

**Paragraph 15(a) Amendments to Constitution**

Substitute the requirement for “**fifty (50)**” members to “**thirty (30)**” members

Due to the fact that in the past difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the requisite numbers.

