AGENDA

1. **Official Notification:**
   
   It is further noted that only Members in good standing may vote. Proxy votes are acceptable on condition that specific agenda points are noted on the Proxy. Blanket proxies will not be considered.

2. Establish the voting rights by means of the attendance register and verify proxy votes.

3. To read and confirm the Minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting held on the 26th of July 2011.

4. To receive the report of the Committee dealing with its activities since the past year. To deal with matters arising from such reports and, if fit adopt same.

5. To receive and consider an audit balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure over the past financial year, and if thought fit adopt same.

6. Fix the remuneration of the Auditor of the past year.

7. To proceed with the election of the President, Officers and Members of the Committee.

8. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.

9. **General – To be established at the commencement of the AGM and pertinent to AGM matters.**

10. **The previous AGM’s Minutes will be distributed at the AGM.**

11. **Balance Sheets will be distributed to all Members prior to the AGM. – trying to bring the AGM in earlier in the year.**

**Proposals:**

- It is hereby proposed that the Secretary Honorarium be increased to R18000 from R12000. This is due to increased cost in electricity, phone calls, fuels and duties carried out beyond that of the Secretary. **Proposed by Tony Wardle / Seconded by Russell Komlosy**

- It is hereby proposed that only the grandparents of Members be allowed to form part of the free family members on a family membership and not the parents of Members. **Proposed by Tony Wardle / Seconded by Russell Komlosy**

**SUBS**

After budgetary consideration and for your approval your Committee has decided the 2013 – 2014 Subs as follows: - (Subject to approval at the AGM)

- Non refundable Entry Fee New Members (No increase) R 500
- Life Member R 725
- Family Kids Under 18 R 1 390
- Single Member R 725
- Pensioners (No increase) R 600
- Non refundable improvement Fee Stand Holders R 5 000
- SOV including Stand R 5 140
- Harrismith Waters (Fly Fishers Only) R 650
- Annual Boat launching R 530
- Extra Keys – Family Members Only (No increase) R 85
The increases have been calculated on an average of 10%. Should any Member experience difficulty with paying their 2013/2014 subs due to financial difficulties, kindly address a letter to the Secretary. Your correspondence be given by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Your correspondence will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Note that should the Member fail to honor the Agreement with the RPA, such a Members membership at the RPA will be withdrawn and the Key and Membership card MUST be returned to the RPA. The only way for this member to re-instate his membership will be if the Member pays his outstanding balance in FULL.

Forward your correspondence to: The Secretary: P.O. Box 1570, Fontainbleau, 2032 OR  lalie.rpa@gmail.com

OFFICE BEARERS:
The current Office Bearers are listed below. Forward any new nominations to:

The Secretary:  lalie.rpa@gmail.com

The nominations must reach the Secretary by 10 May 2012.

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MEMBERSHIP
2012 / 2013

There are still memberships available. Visit the website on www.fishingowl.co.za and click on the RPA logo at the top of the page. New members are welcome to apply. Introduce your friends to the RPA today!

Welcome to the following members that joined in January 2012:
- Rodger McLeod
- Chris and Susan Conradie
- Natasha Kruger
- Chris and Lee-Anne van Bosch
- Jan and Tracy-Lee du Preez
- Gideon and Elizabeth Boshoff
- Godfrey en Rina Francis
- Jacques and Rharina Coetzer
- Dane Lourens
- Shaun Martin
- Johan and Naomi Prinsloo
- Richard and Chantelle van der Westhuizen
- Francois and Bianca Lategan
- Freddie and Hannie Gates
- Tommie and Christa Lock
- George and Bronwen Despotakis
- Gideon van Niekerk
Nominate RPA Members for an Honorary Award at the RPA Centenary Gala that is just around the corner............

- A centenary gala evening will be hosted in 2012. This is a paying function and all proceeds from this evening will be donated to charity;
- SAVFAF and SAVOF Management will be invited to this very special function and honorary colors will be handed to several of the RPA Members;
- Floating trophies as old as 1912 will be handed out to certain members of the RPA;
- The function will be held at a Johannesburg hotel and the food promises to be excellent! We will only be able to accommodate 250 people, so save up for your tickets and join us at this prestigious evening;
- 2012 will as part of the Centenary year, host one of the biggest angling competitions that the RPA has ever arranged. Once again proceeds will be donated to charity.

Centenary honors will be presented to a limited number of Members for outstanding / services rendered to the RPA over the past years. Therefore Members are requested to forward nominations along with a motive to the Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Nominations should be submitted no later than the 30th March 2012. If you have any queries please contact the Secretary or Tony Wardle 083 296 5275 (e-mail: tony@intervent.co.za).

To nominate your nominee for the RPA Honorary Member Award, complete the below form and forward the nomination to lalie.rpa@gmail.com.

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The RPA Gala Centenary is taking place on Saturday 28 July 2012 at the famous Birchwood Hotel & Conference Centre on the East Rand.

The dress code for the evening is formal wear. Anglers are requested to wear their step-outs, e.g. Protea, Tri-Nations or Provincial dress.

The cost per person is R320 per person, of which the RPA will subsidize a R160. This means that you and your partner can be part of this prestigious evening at only R360.00. There are only 250 seats available, so book your places early to avoid disappointment.

Ria Viljoen can be contacted for booking on 0824982157 during office hours.
Since the last News Letter got published, the RPA youngsters took part in the National Fly Fishing Trials. The RPA is very proud to report back that our own Craig Richardson has been selected for the Protea Junior 2012 Team!

THE PROTEA JUNIOR TEAM FOR 2012

From left to right: Kieran Siney (Central Gauteng), Francois Malherbe (Boland), Matt Gorlei (Natal), Ronnie Smith (Northern Gauteng), Craig Richardson (Mpumalanga), Aiden de Jager (Boland).

Craig has fished since the age of 3yrs. His parents took him to Footloose Trout Farm and Craig has never looked back. All his birthday parties were held there and his buddies either liked to fish or didn’t come along. This is where he met friends who would later introduce him into the competitive world of fly fishing. Daniel Factor (quite a few years older) who hadn’t seen Craig for a number of years was delighted to see him at 2008 Nationals; immediately recalling Craig’s yellow wellies.

The first Province Craig joined did not have a place in a team for him. He moved across to Limpopo Province under the guidance of Terry and Charl du Preez. That year Limpopo had three teams of juniors. Craig will always be thankful that the RPA took him in.

Through fishing various Nationals, Craig has befriended anglers from other Provinces and keeps in touch, trading tips and parading recent catches. The fishing stories are amazing!

Like most ardent fishermen, Craig is out fishing at every available opportunity. He is fortunate to have both Dullstroom and the Vaal River near enough to fish most weekends. A favorite fishing spot is difficult to define although Utrecht and the Orange River in the Northern Cape have to be high on his list. He has also been lucky enough to fish in Scotland and Canada.

Craig enjoys school sports, rugby in particular and water polo. In view of his Protea selection he has resigned from the first team rugby. It was a tough decision but an injury now would put paid to his fishing. Currently he is part of the school tennis team.

Craig, on behalf of the RPA Members and EXCO, CONGRATULATIONS!!!!! Congratulations and a big thank you to Trina, Norman and everyone else that had a hand in the growth of this fine young man to make him what he is today.....a RPA Champion!!!
Dear Fellow Members

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a prosperous and healthy 2012.

May your problems be small and the fish large and abundant!

I congratulate the RPA on its Centenary year and wish the Association prosperity for the next 100 years to come! Again I thank our predecessors for the insight and effort during the early years.

The year promises to be eventful as numerous functions and promotional events are in the process of being planned and finalized. Check out this Newsletter for more detail.

Congratulations to all our competitive anglers who have achieved Provincial, SAFBAF and Confederation awards during the last season.

A special congratulation to Craig Richardson who earned himself a place in the Junior Protea Fly Fishing Team. Well Done Craig!

Finally, thank you to the Committee and all the Members for your loyal support during 2011. I am looking forward to your continuous support towards the Association during 2012.

Tight Lines and Loops!

Russell Komlosy
RPA CHAIRMAN

Not only as the president of the RPA but also as a committee member I have been asked on several occasions, why do you get involved? Why do you volunteer to serve on the committee? The answer is simple (and I am sure I speak on behalf of all the Committee Members past and present), for the love of the RPA and angling in general; the self satisfaction you get when you see a plan come together no matter how big or small a part you have played; the satisfaction you get from looking into the eyes of a Junior when you present him or her with a trophy knowing from that deed you have secured a life-long member; or when a Member or Visitor congratulates you on an excellent event or how excellent the RPA venues/facilities are. And the list goes on... but I am sure I have given sufficient reason as to why I and the rest of the Committee get involved in this often thankless task.

As you are all aware we have entered or centenary year and as you can see elsewhere in the newsletter we have quite a few events planned for your enjoyment. My own personal pet project that I am trying to implement for the centenary is DONATE OR ADOPT A TREE. I am asking Members to donate certain types of
indigenous trees or make a donation towards the purchase of trees. These trees are to be planted at SOV later this year. More details on this will be in the next newsletter.

I am quite surprised at the very few incidents we had over the December / January period. The main problems that we experienced was speeding and Members bringing in Visitors without permits. Due to the diligent work of Lalie & Co we managed to collect all monies due. Thank you Team! As for the speeding – some of us turn into maniacs as soon as we hit the sand roads with no respect or care for the children and animals on the Farm. To those persons, and you know who I am referring to, take this as a warning…. next time you will be in front of the committee.

Enjoy 2012... I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Gala Centenary............

**BANK SECTION REPORT**

Well here we are in the Centenary year of the RPA; a momentous year in the Associations history. Hopefully we can find out during the course of this year from some of our RPA “historians” details of the RPA past as far as competitive Bank angling is concerned, and we will print these details in future newsletters.

For the large amount of new bank section Members who have recently joined - we are glad to have you and welcome you to the RPA. Many of our existing Members and particularly our newer Members will not know that many of the Associations current top officials and long standing executive committee Members was top Provincial Anglers, both in the distant and near past.

To give you an idea of the Association you have joined and its bank angling history:

- Our current Chairman Russell Komlosy was a Central North West Provincial Bank Angler;
- Our Honorary Life President Mr. Trevor Babich, his wife Sue, Terry and Tim Babich who have since gone on to PROTEA fly angling colors were also Central North West Anglers. In fact I personally had “Tiger Tim” as my RPA league team peg mate for two very interesting years;
- Tony Wardle our current President and LTB Chairman was a Provincial Angler too not so many years ago before he became the captain of the RPA fleet.
- Our highly efficient secretary Lalie De Blom is also a top Protea, Tri-Nations, SAVOF and Provincial Angler but wearing the colors of another province. Her husband Arno de Blom is also a top Protea, Tri-nations and Provincial Angler as well as a Provincial Team Manager and Provincial Selector but wearing the colors of another Province.
- Eric Kichenbrand who is now Vice Chairman of Central North West has been a Potea Team Manager in years gone by and his wife Babette also has Protea colors.

And so we can carry on..... The point is that the RPA understands bank angling in general and competitive angling in particular and this is why we flourish as a bank angling section in this Association. Of the Associations other facets the FLY angling section has no equal in South Africa and has a new PROTEA Junior who I am sure will be mentioned in another article in this publication. This is no surprise as he has the very best teachers of this sport available to him. We the Bank Section congratulate him and wish him well in the World Championships.

Our specimen section has top specimen Anglers, and our LTB Anglers have deep understanding of angling from a boat as opposed to the shore.

There can be no other Association in South Africa with the in depth knowledge of angling that lies within the RPA. In fact you would struggle to find an Association that cuts across so many facets of angling as the RPA
anywhere in the world. Obviously with such a rich and illustrious history, the RPA has a code of conduct that it expects its Anglers to adhere to at all events and with the surge in Membership we will be issuing all the regular and new bank section Members both competitive and social, the detailed rules and code of conduct the RPA insists on.

HERE IS OUR COMPETITION CALENDAR FOR 2012 (All competitions takes place on Sundays):

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The principle for RPA club comps are to fish home waters in winter months and nearer to home in the colder shorter days. To win the RPA club championship as a bank Angler is one of the most difficult mountains to climb as we have so many good Anglers as members who do not always fish that when they do turn up at a club comp, the results can be vastly different month to month. Our competitive year runs from July in one year to June of the next to match the financial year. Although the section has very competitive Anglers, our club comps have great attendance from RPA Members who just want a once a month social Sunday angling session.

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THE BANK SECTION AND CNW PROVINCE REALLY APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT WE GET FROM THE RPA WHILE LEAGUES AND PROVINCIAL TRIALS ARE TAKING PLACE ON THE FARM.

Please note that ANY of our RPA Anglers can fish league for the RPA. It is a great way to improve your angling. Obviously we the section have to pick teams to get FULL teams for each of the 3 leagues so we need commitment from the Anglers and we do all in our power to get all of our Members who want to fish league into a team. We are currently putting our league teams for 2012 together at the time of this report. Fishing league however requires the Anglers to be affiliated via our province CNW to SAFBAF and we normally pay for the affiliation of our Anglers from the monies raised at our club comps. Fishing league also gives you points towards trials and is the way forward to get into a provincial team.

FEEDER FISHING AND PROTEA COLORS FOR BANK ANGLING

Obtaining PROTEA bank angling colors is the dream of every South African bank Angler. The Green and Gold blazer is an icon to South Africa Anglers. For many years South African PROTEA Bank angling teams had to travel to Europe and fish against the rest of the world with pole fishing and waggler float fishing equipment not suited to our waters and style of fishing here in SA. The geography and style of our dams here in South Africa being large and shallow differs vastly from Europe which is the hotbed of world angling, recently the introduction of the WORLD CARP CHAMPIONSHIPS has given an avenue for South African Anglers to show off their skills as this style is more suited to our style of angling here. This has resulted in South Africa winning 4 world titles in a row; however this style of fishing involves 72 hours of continuous angling which is not everyone’s cup of tea.

Also the pole / waggler match angling becoming a separate facet has resulted in vastly improved results in world championships for South African teams. Two years ago SAFBAF the federation which represents South African Bank Angling put forward to FIPSED the world angling governing body a proposal for a FEEDER ANGLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. This was unanimously accepted and 2011 saw the first ever FEEDER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. In 2012 the second FEEDER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held in Belgium and in 2013 the 3rd will be held here in South Africa at BAMBOESPRIUIT in BLOEMHOF. As with all things new the rules take time to settle down with all nations having input, however the GOOD NEWS is that from 2013 the rules look like they will allow RIETVELEI type traces with one hook not two. This means that our style of bank angling here in South Africa is now something with a few very small changes that we can fish against the rest of the World. The RPA has 2 Anglers in SAFBAF teams and has several Anglers already practicing FEEDER ANGLING. Recently the PROTEA and SAFBAF teams had a workshop weekend for the FEEDER teams at SOV. Any RPA Anglers wanting more information on FEEDER ANGLING can contact the Bank Section Chairman as we enter the second century of the RPA. Bank angling at the RPA is where it is today at the forefront of angling in South Africa because of those who have blazed the path before us. We hope they would be proud of what bank angling in the RPA has become and we look forward to seeing you at future bank section events. Anyone interested please do not hesitate to call me on 0823248845.

Mike Kirby
Bank Section Chairman

Log on to www.fishingowl.co.za to view the RPA Regalia which is now ready to be ordered!
FLY SECTION REPORT

What a great way to kick off the RPA Centenary year!!! Young Craig Richardson has done the RPA proud by fishing himself right into the Junior Fly Fishing Protea Team.

The EXCO has decided not to renew our contract with Trevor van Heerden of Leppies, the reasons being that the facility hardly ever gets used by our members. Most of the riverfront has also been sold to private owners who are destroying the bankside vegetation to build their houses and replace it with lawn. This has drastically changed the character of the venue and more anglers pressure the water. With line pollution and so on this venue is no longer what we've loved and cherished. I am sad to report that as from the 1st of January 2012 this venue is no longer available to RPA members. If anyone is aware of a possible alternative river venue, please contact me so that we can try and secure it.

On a more positive note, we have renewed our agreement with Oom Louwtjie for the next year. Although this is a difficult venue to fish, some good sized yellowfish have been caught, this is a pristine venue and on most days you will not see another angler on the water, the bankside vegetation is lush and provides excellent shelter and food to the fish below it. Every time I visit this venue I am reminded how fortunate we are that not all farmers are driven by money and still preserve their pieces of paradise for the next generation.

Johannes Lee with his barbel caught at oom Loutjie during the last fly competition in January 2012

Please note that this venue is unfortunately due to the dense bankside vegetation only accessible to Fly anglers, anyone interested in experiencing this exhilarating form of fishing is welcome to contact me or Lyle Smith for more information. You can read a bit more about oom Louwtjie Jansen van Rensburg later on in this News Letter. Be sure to buy one of his books and get to know a bit more about this fascinating gentleman.

Keep your eyes open for some more info on the Fly Fishing Expo coming up in April 2012. Some more information on the expo can be found later in the news letter.

Greetings and tight lines
Andre du Plessis & Lyle Smith
Fly Fishing Chairs
Greetings once again from the Specimen Hunters and we wish the whole of the RPA a happy, prosperous and healthy year. This year is a particularly special one because it is the year in which our beloved Rand Piscatorial Association turns One Hundred Years Old.

A Hundred years ago our founding fathers were acclimatizing rainbow and brown trout in the Transvaal, indigenous fish species such as the large mouth yellowfish and canary kurper were not yet known to science, black bass were not to be found outside of North America and the carp that existed in South Africa were few and far between. A hundred years later trout are well acclimatized as are carp and bass thanks to the RPA, and thanks to our efforts to protect it, the large mouth yellowfish might yet avoid being lost to science. These are just a few of the many contributions that our Association has made to the sport of angling in South Africa and something of which we should all be justly proud.

Our specimen hunters don’t have much to be justly proud about recently but we have managed to get in among some of the less frequent visitors to our mats such as vlei kurper, small scale yellowfish, small mouth yellowfish and perch (another exotic fish species introduced to the country by the RPA).

Our Open Weekend in December was a resounding success, more from a Youth perspective than by fish on the bank. Most of the kids had never touched a fishing rod before but by the end of the weekend all of them had caught muddies, grassies and yellowfish and some had caught carp as well. All of those youngsters are now hooked and conservation aware and hopefully they will become worthy to be among the generation of anglers that carries the RPA forth into its next century.

We will be hosting another Open Weekend from the 9th to 11th March at Slaughter on Vaal and three very attractive young ladies have already offered their services to host the junior clinic. They guarantee that every junior present will catch at least one fish. Please let us know in good time if you intend to join us over that weekend as we are expecting a good turnout. One angler who joined us at our Open Weekend in May is young Reiner Gundlach who not only got a good haul of carp during that session but went on to achieve some impressive results over the following months, both in conventional angling competition and on specimen hunts.
A week after the Open Weekend Reiner went on to win the monthly RPA SA-style competition by a big margin from the same swim and in the Winter months that followed he got in some specimen carp fishing at Bass o Mania and Murray Park. In three sessions at Bass o Mania he got out twenty seven commons and mirrors from 12 lbs to just under 30 lbs and in three sessions at Murray Park he banked four upper twenties, a lower twenty and an upper double. In a recent session at Donaldson dam the new wunderkind managed a five-fish haul of mid to upper doubles while those around him blanked.

We have however continued to get good results with carp at Emmarentia dam, which was also stocked with carp, perch and bass by the RPA and has grown to become a top specimen carp water although not an easy one. Our smallest carp from there so far weighed nearly 10 lbs in the sack and our biggest weighed over 20 lbs in the sack but our most noteworthy fish was a stunning silver and gold ghost carp landed by the Viking.

Well that’s about it from the specimen hunters until we meet again, please join our facebook page Angling Clubs RPA or phone Stan 0827726855 or Dave 0828550447.

Dave Favel & Stan Tabacowitz
Specimen Chairman

RANGERS REPORT

The life of a Head Ranger in the RPA is no easy one!

While ranging we have come across a couple of issues. Members are not signing the register at the gate and not locking the gate. I appeal to all members of the RPA to adhere to the basic rules of the Club. If you do not know what they are or need a reminder, kindly contact me and I will send you a copy of the rules.

Members are reminded to pay their visitors fees and obtain their permits before visiting the farm. The receipt must be faxed or mailed to the Secretary who will in return issue a permit to you. Remember to bring the receipt and permit to the Farm with you. You may be asked to leave the Farm without it.

Any member willing to help with ranging can forward their contact details and dates available for ranging to braven@vodamail.co.za or sms me on 0828242814.

Tight lines...
Benno Raven
Head Ranger
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
(From the desk of George and Ria)

With 17 new Memberships issued in January, the year is surely off to a good start.

We are looking forward to welcome many more new Members to the RPA in 2012 and wish each and every one of the new “family” a welcome stay.

In the meantime we are preparing for the subs-days later this year. We are going to do everything in our power to make these days as smooth an experience for you as possible.

Kindly assist us and quote your membership number on any correspondence or membership related queries. Any changes to cell numbers and e-mail addresses can be e-mailed to the secretary Lalie de Blom on lalie.rpa@gmail.com or fax the new detail to 086 537 1361.

Thank you for your co-operation & Stywe Lyne

Ria & George
Membership Record Officers

SLAUGHTER ON VAAL REPORT

Life at Slaughter started the year with a big bang! We had a lot of Members and Visitors over the festive season and season passed without any incidents. Thank you to each and every Member and Visitor that contributed to making the festive season on the Farm a incident free one.

Our Christmas function was a blast…..over a hundred Members attended the Party. All the photographs that were taken are available on disc. If anyone is interested in obtaining these, you can contact Lalie on 0829011453 for a copy. Thank you Ronel for taking the pics!

By the way Benno, dragging your wife behind you WHEN SHE FALLS IS ILLEGAL!!!!

A big thank you to Santa and the Ladies Committee and several of the men that assisted to make this day a memorable one. Also to Santa’s taxi for the lift across the bay on the boat…..Let’s fill the Club House and the porch with Members this year!
A SOV meeting will take place on 25 February 2012. The meeting starts at 10h00 and we plan to keep it short and sweet. For those of you that have not attended the meeting in the last year, please attend the meeting. For those of you who are on the Farm while the meetings take place, but do not attend the meetings…please attend this one.

The New Year has also brought some changes on the Farm. Ampie Viljoen has resigned. We wish him well in his new endeavors. The upgrade of the Club House and other Projects will go ahead as planned. We are going to call on you for your assistance in getting all of these done this year. Enjoy your time at Slaughter. Remember to take your rubbish home, leave only your foot prints and keep your stands clean.

You are requested to report any incidents of vandalism to the Club Secretary in writing. Please don’t waste water and KEEP THE GATE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES!

If you have any problems, suggestions or if you are able to lend a helping hand at Slaughter, contact Hennie Fourie at 0823293136.

Hennie Fourie
SOV Chairman
LTB REPORT

With the first competition of the year already behind us, we are looking forward to having a number of new faces / boats joining the monthly competitions.

Just a friendly reminder to all the new Members that have joined - arrange for your boats to be inspected by myself. Make sure that you bring your skippers license along. You are welcome to call me on cell phone number listed below to arrange for the inspection.

The LTB is extending their invitation to any member that wants to get involved in boat angling. We will gladly show you the ropes, where to feed and show you how to anchor. Give me a ring on 0832965275 and we will gladly get you going.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next LTB competition.

Tony Wardle
LTB Chairman

VACANT STANDS

The following EMPTY STANDS @ R5000 each:

- Stand 13
- Stand 21
- Stand 51
- Stand 52
- Stand 45
- Stand 58B

Stand 45 is half -built and the price on the stand is negotiable.

Contact the Secretary, Lalie de Blom on 0829011453 for more information on the stands.

Contact the RPA Chairman, Russell Komlosy on 0827792006 for more information on the stand.

Forward you application to become a stand owner to the RPA Secretary on lalie.rpa@gmail.com by close of business on 29 February 2012 when the applications will close.
The RPA would like to congratulate Eric Kitchenbrand on his election as the Vice President of CNW

“Eric, you have the full support of the RPA. We know that you are going to do big things in the Province”

“RPA mEmBer uPdAtEs...........................................

Andre du Plessis is recovering from heart surgery and we all want to wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in the streams soon!

Andrew Hayward’s Mum passed away. “Andrew, on behalf of the RPA we would like to pass our most sincere condolences. Our prayers and best wishes are with you and your Family during this difficult time”

Paddy Byrne became a great grand-parent. Congratulations great-grandpa!!!!!!!
RPA will exhibit at the Fly Fishing Expo in April 2012. During this EXPO the RPA will promote the Fly Fishing Section to the Public and also touch on the RPA and its other Fishing Facets. Trevor Babich has graciously donated some rare fishing flies to the day and these will be sold to the Public on this day. Thank you Trevor!

Here is what the Organisers have to say about the EXPO:

“The Fly fishing expo is a 2 day exhibition on Fly fishing that will be held at the Heartfelt Arena in Pretoria on the 14th and 15th April 2012 and will give you first hand access to all the information you will need about the industry, how to start out or just to come and see new products on the market and try them out. It is also a great networking opportunity to meet organizations and interested business people.

The expo will attract 110 exhibitors with products ranging from fly fishing equipment, fly fishing getaways, venues, writers and the faces that makes this industry so special. The main event attraction is a large indoor dam that will be stocked with 300kg of trout for visitors to not only try out equipment but to give them the opportunity to catch some fish. We will make this an event to remember and give this industry a great opportunity to attract more people to this sport.

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Should you want to learn more about the EXPO, log onto www.flyfishin-expo.co.za
Oom Louwtjie Jansen van Rensburg is the Farm Owner of the popular “Oom Louwtjie” that the RPA so fondly refer to when going fly fishing.

This fascinating man is one of the Farmers still concentrating on preserving the country side for the benefit of the coming generations.

Oom Louwtjie van Rensburg was born on the farm “Helena” which is situated on the Freestate side of the Vaal River in 1929 and has lived on the farm his whole life. Having lived there for more than 80 years, there is no one that knows the countryside better than oom Louwtjie. He knows the history of every farm and family along the Vaal river and has seen many farmers/families come and go.

Oom Louwtjie is a collector – not only has he collected over a thousand old sparkplugs for which he has a member number in the Guinness Book Of Records.; he has collected many other antic memorabilia that you and I can only dream of. Oom Louwtjie is also a collector of “stories” and has three published books written on his tales.

The books concentrate on the transmission from plowing with oxen, planting and harvesting by hand to the modern comforts of tractors, the telephone, the motor cars and many other modern day devices.

You can contact oom Louwtjie on 056-8181351 to order his books and read more about this fascinating gentleman south of the Vaal River............
MINUTES OF THE 97TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RAND PISCATORIAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT WOODLANDS COLLEGE ON 26 JULY 2011

PRESENT:
Refer to the Attendance Register

APOLOGIES:
Refer to the Attendance Register

DISTRIBUTION:
Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting:

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| 1  | Opening and welcome                       | • The meeting commences at 07:00;  
• The current Chairman, Wayne Bosman opens the meeting and welcomes the Members of the RPA to the Meeting; The Chairman hands the floor to the current President, Russell Komlosy;  
• The President announces to the floor that due to the growth of the Bank Section and the plans to develop the RPA, Mike Kirby will be stepping down as Vice-Chairman of the RPA and concentrate on the works of the Bank Chairman;  
• Wayne Bosman will be moving to the position of Vice-Chairman of the RPA. Russell Komlosy will be moving back into the position of the Chairman of the RPA and Tony Wardle will be taking over the position of the President of the RPA;  
• The decision was anonymously accepted by the Meeting;  
• The Chairman, Russell Komlosy thanked Wayne Bosman and Mike Kirby for their representation in the Province – without them the CNW Province would have closed down;  
• The Chairman establishes the voting rights by means of the attendance register. Proxy votes are acceptable on condition that specific agenda points are noted on the Proxy. Blanket proxies will not be considered;  
• All Members present are declared Members in good standing and the Chairman reads the Notice convening the Meeting and declares the Meeting open;  
• All new Members are welcomed to the RPA by the Chairman. |
| 2  | Apologies                                 | Apologies noted as per the Attendance Register.                                                                                           |
| 3  | Previous minutes                          | • The Minutes of the previous Meeting was included in the handouts of the Meeting;  
• Acceptance of the minutes proposed by T Babich and T Wardle seconded;  
• The Chairman will sign the previous Minutes off as being correct.                                                                                   |
| 4  | To receive the report of the Committee dealing with its activities since the past year. To deal with matters arising from such reports and, if fit | • Bank Angling Report given by M Kirby;  
• LTB Angling Report given by T Wardle;  
• Fly Fishing Section given by A du Plessis;  
• Specimen Section Report given by S Tobacowitz;  
• Social Section Report given by A Hayward; |
# | Item | Description |
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| 1 | adopt same | • Membership Section Report by L Mulder on behalf of G Viljoen;  
• Chairman’s Report by R Komlosy;  
• R Komlosy thanked Committee and Trevor and Sue Babich for their efforts put into the RPA. |
| 5 | To receive and consider an audit balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure over the past financial year, and if thought fit adopt same | • Copies of the Financial Statements were distributed;  
• Sue Babich were asked to answer questions after the Meeting;  
• Margie Rigby proposed acceptance of the Financial Statements and accepted by Mike Kirby |
| 6 | To appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year and fix the remuneration of the Auditor of the past year | • Trevor Babich proposes Mr Pretorius, the current Auditor and George Viljoen seconds the proposal.  
• The amount of R9000.00 is fixed as remuneration for the next audit year. |
| 7 | Approval of the subs for the ensuing year | • The Fees for the 2012 / 2013 year was presented to the Meeting from the Newsletter. The fees were based on a 10% increase;  
• Visitors Fees were not addressed in the Newsletter;  
• As the visitor fees were not increased in the last two years, Trevor Babich proposed that the fees be increased to R70.00;  
• The increase was accepted by the Meeting;  
• Sue Babich will however use her discretion with Visiting Clubs and charge between R40 and R45 rand depending on the number of Anglers attending. |
| 8 | Honorary Life President | Russell Komlosy proposed Trevor Babich as Honorary Life President. Meeting accepted. |
| 9 | Office Bearers | The Committee elected are as follow:  
President: Tony Wardle  
Chairman: Russell Komlosy  
Vice-Chairman: Wayne Bosman  
Secretary: Lalie Mulder  
Treasurer: Russell Komlosy (Acting Treasurer)  
LTB Chairman: Tony Wardle  
Fly Fishing Chairman: Lyle Smith  
Specimen Section: Dave Favel & Stan Tabacowitz  
Bank Chairman: Mike Kirby  
Club Bookings: Mike Kirby  
Social Angling Chairman: A Hayward  
Provincial Representative: Eric Kichenbrand  
Leppies & Oom Louwtjies Rep: Andre du Plessis  
Club Safety Officer: A de Blom  
Conservation Officer: A de Blom  
Club Records Office: Mike Kirby  
SOV Manager: Tinus Brits  
Head Ranger: Benno Raven  
Membership Records: George & Ria Viljoen |
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<td>General - To be established at the commencement of the AGM and pertinent to AGM matters</td>
<td>Eric Kichenbrand remarked that money was donated from the LOTTO for Schools Development. RPA should contact Johan Minnie for information re the process followed.</td>
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<td>• Trevor Babich proposed acceptance; Sue Babich seconded;</td>
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<td>• Jet Ski for Angling purposes ONLY.</td>
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<td>Launching of Jet Ski from SOV Ramp</td>
<td>RPA should contact Johan Minnie for information re the process followed.</td>
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<td>Harrismith Waters</td>
<td>Trevor Babich suggested that the RPA contacts Neels Blom re access and development of dams in Harrismith.</td>
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<td>10.4</td>
<td>Pro-Rate Membership Fees</td>
<td>It is hereby proposed that Pro Rata Membership Fees of 50% be paid for members joining after mid January in a financial year this only applies to membership, the joining fee stays at R500. The purpose being to encourage new members to join at half year and not wait until July of a new financial year and if approved by members present, shall replace or be incorporated into Clause 2.6 of the Constitution.</td>
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<td>• Tony Wardle proposed. Mike Kirby Seconded;</td>
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<td>• Trevor Babich remarked that a change in the Constitution is not required.</td>
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<td>10.5</td>
<td>Honorarium – Secretary and Treasurer</td>
<td>It is hereby proposed that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall receive an annual honorarium of R 12 000.00 each. The purpose being to compensate the Secretary and Treasurer who perform extra services and duties to the benefit of the Association. (See Constitution). Both Secretary and Treasurer are at liberty to donate such honorarium to The Association. Proposed by Mike Kirby / Seconded by Tony Wardle.</td>
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<td>LM’s payment proposed by TB and Meeting Accepted. RK’d money will be used for development purposes.</td>
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<td>Closure</td>
<td>The Chairman declares the Meeting closed at 20:40</td>
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