



Western Cape Umbrella Fire Protection Association NPC
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WCUFPA DEC REPORT 2017

MEMBERS:

1. Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA)
2. Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association (GCFPA)
3. Cape Peninsula Fire Protection Association (CPFPA)
4. Winelands Fire Protection Association (WFPA)
5. MTO Cape
6. Cape Nature

Transnet Freight Rail update:

After a long and very frustrating vendorship registration process, the WCUFPA have finally been approved as vendors. Each depot has been followed up with and we are now awaiting order numbers so that payment can be made.

WCUFPA Strategic Plan:

Each of the 7 key objectives has been allocated to specific champions. Each Champion will report back on these objectives at the next EXCO meeting in Feb, 2018.

Department of Transport and Public Works:

Philip, Pierre and Sue eventually managed to meet with Melanie Hofmeyr at their offices in Cape Town this month. Despite being led to believe that they were keen on becoming compliant we were met with a complete turnaround in attitude and found Ms Hofmyer to be combative and uncooperative. The meeting achieved little, apart from confirming that we cannot rely on cooperation from Ms Hofmeyr moving forward. We will continue to pursue this, but will need to identify another more reasonable contact within the organisation to continue these discussions with.

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Department of Rural Development and Land Reform

The WCUFPA set up a presentation and meeting with Juanita Van Sitters and various members of the department, to begin the negotiation process with them. The meeting went well and Juanita seems very positive and pro-active and seems committed to ensuring that they work toward all of their properties becoming compliant. A rate of R11 per hectare was agreed upon and we will begin the vendor application process with them shortly. As soon as all of the properties have been calculated we will continue with the invoicing.

DAFF Funding Request:

Due to the fact that there has been no response to the funding request submitted to Mr Cyril Ndou (both via email and registered mail) the WCUFPA gave the returned letter to Mr Trevor Abrahams who has confirmed that he personally hand delivered the letter. We have still received no response from DAFF.

Proposal to Join the NVFFPA:

At this stage it would seem that the NVFFPA Forum has made the decision not to follow their own terms of reference, and an invite to attend the next meeting was duly extended to the GOFPA. The WCUFPA are of the opinion that this negates the purpose of the Forum, which should be to provide a platform for Umbrella FPAs on a Provincial level, and this was communicated to Mr Bobby Hoole. The decision for the WCUFPA to attend NVFFPA Forum meetings has been put on hold at this stage until the fact that individual FPAs are permitted to attend Forum meetings, has been addressed.

State Compliance Letter

As per the minutes of the National Veld and Forest Fire Working Group (NVFFWG) meeting which was held on the 25 of October 2017, it was noted that updated letters has been forwarded to Mr Bobby Hoole who would distribute them accordingly to all FPAs. Due to the fact that we had not received any notification from Bobby Hoole we contacted Mrs Pauline Maledimo who has been our contact in this regard, requesting the updated document. The letters were forwarded accordingly

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and consisted of individual letters addressed each organisation. The list was forwarded to all FPA managers with a request to respond with any organisations which they felt should still be included.

WCUPFA 18a PBO application:

The WCUPFA 18a PBO status application was unsuccessful due to the fact that SARS have recently amended the application requirements. The new requirements have been received and this task is in process.

Directorship Change:

As agreed by unanimous vote, at the last EXCO meeting, the number of directors for the WCUPFA will be changed from a minimum of four (4) to a minimum of (3). The amended constitution, MOI and signed resolutions have been given to AJM Financial Services to ensure that the amendments can be legally recorded.

Wolwekloof Training Centre:

Although the WCUPFA were interested in taking over the Wolwekloof training centre we have been informed that Cape Nature are in negotiations to do the same. According to Shane they will be successful in this regard but it will be suggested that the WCUPFA be included so that we are also able to benefit in this regard.

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