



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

The confidence is expressed that conditions for our members to conduct business in the midst of the Covid-19 restrictions have improved to some extent and would like to bring the following to your attention.

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Circumstances necessitate that an Annual General Meeting be held with the aid of, for example, "Zoom". Documentation and information relating to the Annual General Meeting are attached for your attention. We are happy to await suggestions on how you see it to be handled as well as your input regarding the attached information and documents.

1. MINUTES of 2019 Annual General Meeting for approval.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Income and Expenditure Account as at 29 February 2020

Balance sheet as at 29 February 2020

Petty cash 2019 as on 29 February 2020

2.1 Current State of Affairs: Bank statements as on 18 July 2020

Funds required until end of financial year ending 28 February 2021.

- Office rent	R 10 176	
- Mobile	R 4 240	
- Bookkeeper	R 4 850	
- Administrative Officer	R 86 544	
- E-mail and website hosting	R 400	
- Petty cash	<u>R 470</u>	(Current balance R1 134)
Total	<u>R106 680</u>	

There are members who settle their membership fees already in December. So, as in the past, it is possible to keep our Savings Account balance at least R100 000 constant. Some of our members who have not yet paid their membership fees have undertaken to do so as soon as possible. They do not want their membership to expire.

2.2. Membership: 30 Bona vide members 10 Associate members

Membership fee received: R153 400 Membership fee outstanding:

Instalments	R 5 200
3 Members	R15 900
2 Associate members	<u>R 5 200</u>
	<u>R26 300</u>

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Will be circulated as soon as it is finalized.

5. AGENDA: The above represents what the meeting will consist of.
Please notify the office if you would like to place anything else on the Agenda.

INSTALLATION OF STEEL CHIMNEYS: SANS 10400-V:2017

Following last month's Newsletter 5/2020, the following comment from Mr. Kobus Strydom from Firelab receives your attention.

"You have published an extract from the V-section but it cannot be done independently. This is the case with all Regulations because it only reflects a specific aspect and not necessarily the most important information. Looking at the rest of the section, the most important aspect is any flammable roof or a roof that contains flammable components.

No flammable material may be closer than 200 mm from the inner wall of a flue. Furthermore, the Regulation refers to a chimney that is built at least 190 mm thick. Alternatively it may be 90 mm (single brick on its side) but then it must be provided with a "flue" or a draw shaft.

The requirement for such a traction shaft is that it must firstly be seamless and secondly that any combustible material must still be 200 mm from the inside of the traction shaft. This 200 mm also applies to all brick chimneys. Although the minimum required thickness is 190 mm, all combustible material should still not be closer than 200 mm from the inside of the chimney. By implication, this means that flammable materials, such as thatch or poles, do not even touch the chimney. Then you also have to look at any waterproofing and joints that lie from a chimney and / or flue shaft inside and on top of the thatch. The standard waterproofing at a traction shaft is steel, which exacerbates the danger even further."

Please let us know if there is any uncertainty and if you require more information.

THE THATCHERS ASSOCIATION'S ARTICLE AND ADVERTISEMENT IN THE JUNE / JULY ISSUE OF THE "LEADING ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN" MAGAZINE

The magazine is available through this link and our article and advertisement can be seen on pages 34 and 35.
https://issuu.com/newmediab2b/docs/lad_junejuly20?fr=sY2RjMTE1MTI1OTU

UNINVITED GUESTS IN THATCH ROOFS

Inquiries have been received as far as from Finland regarding the treatment of bugs in thatched roofs. Mr. John Smith of Biggarsberg Thatchers recommended the following which we would also like to pass on to our members.

If your roof has been thatched by a well-qualified professional, chances are that it will not require frequent maintenance at all, but it can be home to a variety of uninvited guests.

NUPRO is an excellent product and birds can eat the dead insects without consequences. It is extremely important to work out the right cubic meters of air space in the building and newspaper or plastic should also be placed under every can. It is effective in the treatment of geckoes, mosquitoes, booklice, beetles, cockroaches, springtails, etc.



WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Biblical hope is an assurance and not a wish.
Hope is a virtue and not a weakness.
Faith is trust in what God has already done.
Hope is trust in God's promises for the future.

Psalm 31:25 "Be strong and of good courage, all you who put your trust in the Lord."

Kind regards

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