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New Year's Message from the Chairman

Dear Members of Ingwelala

This past year has flown by with Ingwelala effectively back to normal and offering Members a wonderful wildlife recreational experience. The Staff have continued to deliver us excellent service as borne out by the results of the recent Member Survey, the details of which will provide the Board with much useful feedback for ongoing improvements in the future.

AGM

A very successful AGM was again held in Johannesburg on 14 November 2013. The meeting was well attended and Members had the opportunity of tasting a new range of Ingwelala label wines that can be purchased from the Ingwelala Shop. The Members adopted all Resolutions tabled at the Meeting.

For those Members not present at the AGM, various changes have taken place on the Board with Raymond Bezuidenhout and Hylton Cochrane deciding to retire from the Board at this year's AGM. Four new Directors were elected, namely Gavin George, Andrew Hauptfleisch, Deidre Penfold and Georg Schwaeble. I once again thank Raymond and Hylton for the enormous effort that they have put into Ingwelala over many years and wish them both well in the future. I welcome the new Directors to the Board, which brings the total Directors to twelve, and look forward to their contributions and service to the Members.

Umbabat Federal System – update

Significant developments in landowner representation, Warden and security services have taken place in the Umbabat over the last few months. The negotiations between the various landowner representative associations over the restructuring of the Umbabat into a federal system have progressed well and are expected to be successfully concluded by the end of the first quarter of 2014. Simply, the federal system for the Umbabat envisages landowners governing themselves under their own voluntary Associations (Nkorho Private Nature Reserve Association for share blocks, Motswari and some individual landowners, as well as the Umbabat Wilderness Conservation Association for some individual landowners) with an overarching Secretariat that regulates hunting quotas and provides representation of the Umbabat at a higher level (e.g. at Association of Private Nature Reserves and Kruger National Park level).

The contract with Ntomeni Rangers to provide security and anti-poaching services within the entire Umbabat expired at the end of November 2013. I am pleased to advise that the Nkorho Association (representing the share blocks, Motswari and some individual landowners) moved

swiftly and secured the services of Ntomeni Rangers from 1 December 2013 onwards to provide security and anti-poaching services. Nkorho have also established a Wardens Committee.

Septic Tank Restorations

After the Dando Flood, a specialist study of the septic tanks of the Bungalows was undertaken in order to establish the extent of flood damage. This study categorized the septic tanks of the remaining Bungalows that were not rebuilt or repaired due to the Flood, into five groups, namely:

- Category 1 - No flood damage and fully functional (74 tanks) [no action required]
- Category 2 – No flood damage, some root infestation (56 tanks) [no action required]
- Category 3 – Flood damaged and destroyed (3 tanks) [rebuild]
- Category 4 – 50% flood damage and 50% root (13 tanks) [repair during 2014]
- Category 5 – 50% flood and 50% age (31 tanks) [repair during 2014]

Insurance proceeds for the repair of flood-damaged septic tanks have been received and the Board has approved the sub-contracting of this work to Dukes Construction. Immediate action has been taken on the three Bungalows in Category 3 and their septic tank systems have been completely rebuilt.

Repair work on the 44 Bungalows falling into Categories 4 and 5 will be undertaken commencing in the first quarter of 2014 on a phased basis and Ingwelala Management will liaise directly with the respective share block Administrators regarding this. It will be most helpful if the share block Administrators of the 44 Bungalows inform Ingwelala Reception when they will not be in residence in order to facilitate the scheduling. The Septic Tank Assessment Schedule is attached for your perusal.

Leopard Trophy Hunt

You will all recall that in the earlier part of 2012 the Board successfully intervened and blocked the trophy hunting of a Leopard in the Umbabat. We recently lost a Leopard (the Argyle Male) in a skirmish with Lions. Regrettably, once again, the UPNRA and private landowners that hunt applied for and successfully received a permit to trophy hunt a Leopard in the Umbabat. I find this outrageous and the Board will again oppose this trophy hunt with all the means at its disposal.

Baboon Proofing of Bungalows

Baboon break-ins of Bungalows are continuing unabated despite the gallant attempts of the Ntomeni Rangers who patrol the Camp area to keep them out of Camp. The Board has considered various options in eradicating this problem and has decided that the most appropriate and effective one is to euthanize the entire troop. This is a most regrettable step and it is incumbent on all Members to take responsibility for baboon proofing their Bungalows, closing and locking all doors and windows when the Bungalow is unoccupied and concealing any food items from sight so that the new baboon troop that will eventually fill the void will not learn the same deviant behavior.

Hyenas in Camp

Hyenas, which are top predators and extremely dangerous, continue to sojourn the Camp area and visit Bungalows in an endeavor to get a meal. A serious incident took place during the last week and I repeat below John Llewellyn's warning in his Gate Letter to Members:

Hyenas:

Please be advised that an unfortunate incident took place in camp today. An adult hyena, from nowhere, approached a small group of Members sitting under the gazebo on their patio. The approach was sudden and with purpose and in broad daylight. Before anyone could react the hyena reared up, landing its front paws on the shoulders of a lady and made to bite the back of her neck. Her companions (facing the hyena) reacted spontaneously and with alarm, shouting and screaming just in time to force the hyena to check itself and retreat, for only a short distance, before standing its ground and literally staring the people down. It took some effort to get the hyena to eventually move off. You will agree that things could have gone horribly wrong on another day?

Therefore, PLEASE be vigilant and very careful, especially if choosing to walk in camp. Young children need to be made aware and should under no circumstances be outdoors unsupervised or walk on their own from the bungalows to the swimming pool etc. The incident is reported to the provincial authority (MTPA) and will be closely monitored.

New Years Party

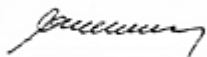
If you are not planning to visit Ingwelala during this Festive Season, I encourage you to change your mind and once again join us for the New Year's bash – a great occasion around the Pool and Members area.

Thank You

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank John and Natalie Llewellyn and their Management Team and all of you for your continued support of Ingwelala and wish you all a successful and prosperous 2014. For those of the Christian faith, have a blessed Christmas and rejoice in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

Travel safely wherever you may be going.

Sincerely



Kevin Alborough
Chairman

Attached: Septic Tank Assessment 2013

**INGWELALA SEPTIC TANK
ASSESSMENT 2013**

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5
ACCEPTABLE CONDITION	ROOT INFESTATION	FLOOD RELATED	50% FLOOD RELATED	50% FLOOD RELATED
NOT FLOOD RELATED	NOT FLOOD RELATED	SAND & MUD	50% ROOT INFESTATION	50% AGE RELATED
9A	5	44	39	16
22	7	98	62	37
24	17	118	64,65	40
25	18		69	42
26	20		80	47
27	21		90	51,52,53,54
29	23		119	75,76,77,78
31	28		163	91
33	30		174	93
36	41		175	101
38	43		182	113
45	50		197	115
46	55			135
48	57			136
49	60			139
56	70			146
58	80			165
59	81			168
61	84			173
63	85			186
67	92			187
68	97			191
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