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AGM

HELD AT CAPE TOWN CLUB ON 11 JUNE 2014

The AGM was well supported and the new Venue thoroughly admired and enjoyed.

The evening developed into a really happy and homely event.

The outgoing Committee indicated their willingness to stand for another year so our Committee is the same with a few changes. Thank goodness Sian can serve another year, but stressed this is her last year so someone else has to step up and be counted.

Resignations:

A big thank you to Pat & Dave Stephens, who have served on the Committee for many years, for all their hard work and knowledge and history with the Society. We hope they will continue to support us.

Father Sarah and Peter Evans who returned to Wales last October to take up their next challenge.

A hearty welcome to our new Committee Members – its always good to get our youngsters involved and of course Barry & Ann Hurn.

The Committee is now like the Welsh Rugby Team when they had five Jones's in the Team.

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A Questionnaire was circulated to the Members as to what events they would like to have organised: Xmas in July was very popular also Trivia, Bingo, Rugby, Golf, Rallying, Pub Night with sing-along, Dinners, lunches, tours. Also rather surprisingly everyone agreed that the membership of R50 for a Family should be raised to R100.

The Presentation by DeVere was short and sweet with quite a few of our members showing interest. We are very grateful to DeVere's for sponsoring our AGM.

Helen Jones forwarded the following email, which I am sure a lot of us will find very interesting

If anyone needs help or advice Helen has a good immigration firm that she deals with.

[New Immigration Regulations in Force](#)

In a rather surprising move, the Minister announced at a media briefing last week, that the new Immigration Regulations of 2014 have come into effect on **26 May 2014**.

Effectively, this marked the commencement of the Immigration Amendment Acts of 2007 and 2011 and the new Immigration Regulations, 2014.

The following is a short summary of the most important points:

- Under the new regulations the word “visa” replaces the word “permit” except for the permanent residence “permit”. For example, a visitor’s permit will now be called a visitor’s visa, a work permit will now be called a work visa and a study permit will be called a study visa.
- This means that under the new regulations there will be a clear distinction between shortstay visas and longstay permanent residence permits.
- The Act now requires that every child must possess his/her own passport.
- A person who is on a visitor’s or medical treatment visa may not change his or her status whilst in the Republic except in exceptional circumstances. This means that a tourist can no longer apply for i.e. a 4 year retired visa in South Africa and has to return abroad to submit the application.
- Study visa will be issued for the duration of the study or course.
- Life partners have to prove that their relationship has existed for at least 2 years (reduced from the proposed 5 years) at the time the application is submitted. Separate interviews are conducted at the same time with each applicant.
- Where parents are travelling with a child, they must produce an unabridged birth certificate of the child and if travelling as one parent only, the consent of the other parent.
- An application for an extension or change of status in South Africa has to be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiry of the current visa.
- No incomplete applications will be accepted and no outstanding documents can be submitted afterwards.
- The minimum income/pension for the pensioner’s visa has been set at R 37000 p.m. per person.
- Financially independent applicants need to provide a net worth of at least R 12 Mio. and pay a fee of R120’000 to the department.
- Residents have to show a financial assurance of R8500 for their family members on a relatives visa.

- No business visa may be issued or renewed to a foreigner who intends to establish or invest in a business that is listed as undesirable business undertaking. The list of such businesses will be published shortly.
- A person issued with a business visa must employ or prove that 60% of the total staff complement is South African citizens or permanent residents. The visa is issued for a maximum period of three years and needs to be extended thereafter.
- The minimum amount for investing in a new or existing business still needs to be gazetted.
- Quota work permit and exceptional skills work permits have been repealed.
- A critical skills work visa has been introduced into the Act and can be issued for up to 5 years. The new critical skills list with the 100 most required professions is currently in circulation for comment.
- An intra company transfer work visa will be issued for a period of four years and is not renewable.
- A work visa can be issued up to 5 years.
- A corporate visa will be issued to South African corporate applicants to employ a number of foreigners for a period not exceeding three years, after showing the need for employment of such foreigners.
- An exchange visa (for persons under 25 years) will not be granted to conduct work pertaining to an undesirable work as published by the Minister in the Gazette, after consultation with the Minister of Trade and Industry.
- An asylum transit visa issued at a port of entry will be valid for a period of 5 days to enable the holder to report at a nearest Refugee Reception Office.
- Cross border and transit permits have been repealed.
- Persons who overstay the validity of their visa will be fined up to R 8000 and immediately be declared as undesirable. The periods of prohibited entry into South Africa range from 12 months to 5 years.
- Owners of or persons in charge of conveyances will be required to provide, through Advance Passenger Processing (APP), passengers' information prior to departing for South Africa.
- Section 46, which dealt with Immigration Practitioners, has been repealed as applicants will now be required to apply in person at the Mission in the country of origin or where they permanently reside. Practitioners are still allowed to consult and accompany their clients.
- No more repatriation deposits are required.
- Hotels, guesthouses, apartment rentals etc. have to keep a record for two years of foreign guests that contain the full names, the copy of passport, the residence status in the Republic, their normal residential address and signature.
- Certain institutions like banks, insurance companies, estate agents, hospitals, learning institutions, employment agencies etc. that conclude a commercial transaction with a foreigner, have to ascertain that such foreigner is legally in the Republic.
- The government has appointed a worldwide company, Visa Facilitation Services (VFS) as the place for first applications. The offices of the

Department of Home Affairs are no longer providing that service (s. attached notice click here). The application process is online, the fees have to be paid upfront and an appointment is booked online. No cash is handled at the VFS offices.

- First time application for visa will be made at the Mission and only renewals or extensions can be made in the Republic (all via the VFS Offices).
- The holder of a visa or permanent residence permit who changes his or her address or other contact details must inform the Director General within 14 days of such changes and use a prescribed form.

*Helen Jones
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Just a word to you all to illustrate our total disbelief and even annoyance at the the scoreline difference between the 'Boys' and the Boks first test in Durban last month

We only stayed over the Saturday night (cost and work wise) and were full of the excitement of touring again. Wearing all the colours of old and new type Welsh Jerseys 9 Cape Welsh Soc.members met in Durban ..5 travelled up on the very early Sat. morning flight (3 Jones boys Huw Richy and Ianto, Mike Haswell and Tony Perkins tasting first beer at 5pm) with the richer guys (Carl Williams Stuart Gunnerson and Dai Crymble) going up Earlier and coming back later.

We all had great day with bags of singing national and rugby type songs and pre match banter starting at approx. 11:00 and the match was only at 17 00

So we all made the match on time but unfortunately the Welsh team stayed in the hotel .What a let down..Gosh it was awful. Our main problem (post match) was trying to explain it off to the extremely inebriated Bok supporters With the Max Boyce famous cliché of "where do you think we went wrong tactically "ha

We still had a great night (I think) and caught the plane back, Tired and down (Duw it was hard) but we'll get em next time.

Diolch Ianto

21 June- Wales vs South Africa and the atmosphere at the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit was superb. I noticed that I was surrounded by green with little splashes of red only on the opposite side of the stadium and wished I could be amongst my fellow patriots.

What an extraordinary match and my butt was hardly on the chair – Wales dominated the first half with the Springboks a bit too confident (as usual) and as far as I'm concerned, Wales played a brilliant game and at the end of the day deserved to win – I still wonder about that last penalty try awarded to the Boks, but cringe at the thought of how we let this one slip. At any rate, was still mighty proud of our boys and held my head up high after the game. Don't let that Ozzie Referee take charge of a Welsh game ever again. I have yet to see him give Wales a fair crack of the whip in any of the games that the Welsh Team have played in.

Jacky Jones