NUUSBULLETIN

14 Februarie 2021

COVID -19 REGULASIES

Die Nasionale Ramptoestand is verleng vir nog 'n maand tot 15 Maart 2021; sommige van die Vlak 3 Regulasies is op 13 Februarie 2021 gewysig, maar nie dié wat op ons van toepassing is nie. U3A Stilbaai se aktiwiteite val meestal onder Regulasie 36(3)(b) wat sê: "Alle sosiale byeenkomste word verbied." Al uitsonderings is byeenkomste by geloofs-instansies, en streng beperkings is op hierdie van toepassing.

Al ons vergaderings, asook sommige van ons aktiwiiteite waar byeenkomste van lede organiseer word, is dus nog verbode. Ongelukkig sluit dit in die aktiwiteite van die stapgroep en voëlkyk mense, maar is nie van toepassing op individue wat stap of voëlkyk nie. Die Voël Atlas werk mag voortgaan.

Sodra die regulasies hersien word om meer aktiwiteite toe te laat, sal ons die groepe en lede in kennis stel. Intussen wees tog bewus dat, alhoewel die getalle infeksies besig is om te daal, die Covid-19 bedreiging geensins oor is nie en nog 'n vlaag infeksies is steeds 'n groot moontlikheid.

ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

Ons het geen nominasies vir komitee lede ontvang nie; 'n resolusie om 5 lede van die vorige komitee aan te stel as lede van die 2021 komitee is sonder enige teenkanting of besware aanvaar. 21 lede het hul ondersteuning van die resolusie per epos gestuur.

Die komitee vir 2021 is:

Voorsitter:	Niel van Wyk
Ondervoorsitter:	Pieter du Toit
Sekretaris:	Nina du Toit
Tesourier:	Niel van Wyk
Lede:	Deon Begemann
	Karel Nel

Ons herinner u dat die Voorsitter se verslag en Finansiële state vir 2020 is op ons webtuiste - www.u3astilbaai.org.

NEWS BULLETIN

14 February 2021

COVID-19 REGULATIONS

The State of National Disaster has been extended for another month till 15 March 2021; some of the Level 3 Regulations were amended on 13 February 2021, but not those applicable to us. U3A Stilbaai's activities fall mostly under Regulation 36(3)(b) which states: "All social gatherings are prohibited." The only exemptions are gatherings at faith-based institutions, and strict limitations are applicable to these.

All our meetings, and some of our group activities that are organised gatherings of members, are thus still prohibited. Regrettably this includes activities like the hiking group and bird-watching people, but does not affect individuals hiking or bird-watching. The Bird Atlas work can continue.

As soon as the regulations are amended to allow more activities, we will let the groups and members know. In the meantime please be aware that, while the number of infections seem to be dropping, the Covid-19 threat is by no means over and another wave of infections is indeed possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We received no nominations for committee members; a resolution to appoint 5 members of the previous committee as members of the 2021 committee was accepted without opposition or objections. 21 members emailed their support for the resolution.

The committee for 2021 is:

Chairperson:	Niel van Wyk
Vice-chairperson:	Pieter du Toit
Secretary:	Nina du Toit
Treasurer:	Niel van Wyk
Members:	Deon Begemann
	Karel Nel

We remind you that the Chairperson's report and Financial report for 2020 is on our website - www.u3astilbaai.org.

LEDEGELDE

Ons herinner u dat ledegelde weer betaal moet word. Ledegelde vir die 2021 jaar wat op 31 Desember 2021 eindig bly R30 per persoon, en kan in ons ABSA rekening inbetaal word; ons bankbesonderhede is as volg:

Bank: ABSA Bank
Rekeningnaam: U3A Stilbaai
Rekeningnommer: 9321782429
Takkode: 632005
Tipe rekening: Besigheids spaar

Gebruik asseblief u naam as verwysing en epos ons by bank@u3astilbaai.org om betaling te bevestig.

U kan oor die internet of by 'n OTM betaal, maar ons wil u ernstig versoek om NIE by die toonbank u ledegelde te betaal nie. Die minimum bankkoste vir 'n kontantdeposito oor die toonbank is R62 per transaksie, ons moet dus die bank R32 betaal vir u lidmaatskap. Die fooi vir 'n deposito by 'n ABSA OTM is R6.35, wat aanvaarbaar is. U kan ook kontant betaal wanneer ons weer vergader.

Dankie aan die lede wat reeds ledegelde vir 2021 betaal het; as u nie seker is of u betaal het of nie, kontak ons gerus by info@u3astilbaai.org om te bevestig voordat u weer 'n betaling maak.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

We remind you that membership fees are now due. Membership fees for the 2021 year ending on 31 December 2021 remains R30 per person, and can be paid into our ABSA account; our banking details are as follows:

Bank: ABSA Bank
Account Name: U3A Stilbaai
Account Number: 9321782429
Branch code: 632005
Type of Account: Business Saving

Please use your name as reference and email us at bank@u3astilbaai.org to confirm payment.

You can pay over the internet or at an ATM, but we seriously ask you NOT to pay your membership fees at a counter. The minimum banking fee for a cash deposit over the counter is R62 per transaction, we thus have to pay the bank R32 for your membership. The fee for a deposit at an ABSA ATM is R6.35, which is quite acceptable. You can also pay cash when we meet again.

Thanks to the members who have already paid membership fees for 2021; if you are not sure whether you have paid or not, please contact us at info@u3astilbaai.org to confirm before you make another payment.

VIRTUELE MUSEUM PROJEK

Die Virtuele Museum Projek van die Universiteit Kaapstad, wat in Hessequa deur ons Voëlgroep bevorder word, nooi enig iemand wat belangstel om foto's van diere in te stuur, dit gee die geleentheid vir julle om as burgerlike wetenskaplikes by te dra tot die databasis van die diere en voëls wat in ons land voorkom. Alle foto's wat in die Hessequa distrik deur lede van U3A Stilbaai geneem is, word ook in die Hessequa Virtuele Museum albums op ons webtuiste geplaas.

Die albums is op 31 Januarie weer opdateer, kyk gerus op www.u3astilbaai.org – daar is 'n skakel van die tuisblad na die Virtuele Museum blad. Op hierdie blad is daar ook inligting oor hoe om foto's vir die Museum voor te lê.

Prof Les Underhill van die Universiteit Kaapstad het ook versoek dat veral onlangse foto's van alle spesies deurgestuur word – baie van die rekords is bietjie oud en is nie meer 'n goeie aanduiding of 'n spesies nog in 'n gebied voorkom nie. Onthou jy hoef nie die spesie te identifiseer om jul foto's in te stuur nie, die identifikasie word deur kundiges gedoen.

Neem gerus deel – hierdie is 'n projek waar u 'n belangrike bydrae kan maak.

VIRTUAL MUSEUM PROJECT

The Virtual Museum Project of the University of Cape Town, which is promoted in Hessequa by our Bird Group, invites anybody interested to send in photographs of animals, this provides you as citizen scientists the opportunity to contribute to the database of animals and birds in our country. All photos taken by members of U3A Stilbaai in the Hessequa district, will also be published in the Hessequa Virtual Museum albums on our website.

The albums were updated on 31 January, have a look on www.u3astilbaai.org – there is a link from the home page to the Virtual Museums page. On this page there is information on how to present photos for the Museum.

Prof Les Underhill of the University of Cape Town requested that more recent photos of all species be submitted – some of the records are a bit old and is not a good reflection of the current distribution of a species. Remember you do not have to identify the species to submit your photos, the identification is done by experts.

Please participate – this is a project where you can make an important contribution.

U3A STILBAAI GROEPE

U3A Stilbaai het verskeie groepe wat aktiwiteite vir lede aanbied:

- **Aandele Groep**: Die groep bly in kontak per epos. Kontak Christo by christoprins208@gmail.com.
- **Astronomie groep**: Die groep se aktiwiteite is opgeskort weens Covid-19; kontak Deon by begemannd@gmail.com as u by die groep wil aansluit.
- **Fotografie Groep**: Die groep se maandelikse vergaderings is gekanselleer tot verdere kennisgewing. Enige lid wat belangstel in die groep kan Lawrence by barltrop@telkomsa.net kontak.
- **Neurowetenskap Groep**: Die groep vergader nie hierdie maand nie, maar daar is 'n Zoom bespreking op Vrydag 26 Februarie om 14:00. Kontak Jenni by jennisharkey@gmail.com indien u belangstel in die Zoom bespreking, of as u by die groep wil aansluit.
- **Stapgroep**: Die groep stap nie nou as gevolg van die Covid-19 situasie nie. As u by die groep wil aansluit, kontak Nico by nico.steenekamp@gmail.com.
- **Voëlgroep**: Vergaderings van die groep en voëlkyk uitstappies het nog nie weer begin nie. Meer inligting is op www.u3astilbaai.org/birdgroup. Kontak Krysia by krysiastenvert@gmail.com indien u belangstel om by die groep aan te sluit.

VOORKOM DIE VERSPREIDING VAN COVID-19.

• Dra asseblief u masker •

• Hou u afstand van ander mense •

• Was u hande gereeld •

• Vermy byeenkomste van mense •

U3A STILBAAI GROUPS

U3A Stilbaai has several groups offering activities to members:.

- **Astronomy Group**: The group's activities have been suspended due to Covid-19. Contact Deon at begemannd@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group,
- **Bird Group:** Meetings of the group and birdwatching outings have not resumed. More information is available on www.u3astilbaai.org/birdgroup. Contact Krysia at krysiastenvert@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group.
- **Hiking Group**: There are no hikes at present due to Covid-19. If you want to join the group, contact Nico at nico.steenekamp@gmail.com
- **Neuroscience Group**: The group is not meeting this month, but there is a Zoom discussion on Friday 26 February at 14:00. Please contact Jenni at jennisharkey@gmail.com if you are interested in the Zoom discussion or wish to join the group.
- **Photography Group**: The group's monthly meetings have been cancelled till further notice. Any member interested in joining the group can contact Lawrence at barltrop@telkomsa.net.
- **Shares Group**: The group remains active via email. Contact Christo at christoprins208@gmail.com.

PREVENT SPREADING COVID-19.

• Please wear your mask •

• Keep your distance from other people •

• Wash your hands regularly •

• Avoid gatherings of people •

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