

The Society of Master Mariners
South Africa

CAPE TOWN BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 701st MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE TOWN BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY OF MASTER MARINERS HELD AT THE CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, GRANGER BAY CAMPUS ON TUESDAY 06 DECEMBER 2011.

1. OPENING

The meeting opened at 17h00.

2. PRESENT

R Whitehead, M Schooling, L Crole, K Burchell, N Lawson, J Clarke, B Ingpen, D Henwood,

3. APOLOGIES

D Powell, M Barnes, C Flockhart, S Pearson, T Wilson, K Tate.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and adopted, proposed by L Crole, seconded by B Ingpen.

4.2 Matters arising from Minutes

Nil

5. FINANCIAL

R Whitehead reported that due to a new computer and FNB's new security systems he had been unable to access the accounts prior to the meeting. There had however been no transactions since the last meeting.

6. EXCO MATTERS

6.1 R Whitehead confirmed that Exco would meet following the Branch meeting.

6.2 R Whitehead gave the meeting an update of Exco business

7. NATIONAL AGM MATTERS

The venue and date of the next National AGM has not been finalized. Exco was considering Durban as the venue in an effort to re-invigorate that Branch.

8. BRANCH MATTERS

Durban Branch funds have now been transferred to the Society's Central Fund.

9. REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

NSRI – K Burchell had to cancel the planned meeting with the NSRI and it would be rescheduled.

Mission to Seafarers – the meeting was advised that there appeared to be a breakthrough with TNPA as regards the Cape Town Mission. It is now possible that they will be able to stay where they are.

Lawhill Maritime Centre – B Ingpen thanked the members for their support at the recent prizegiving. He also thanked the Society for the citation presented to him. The school will be full for the first time in 2012.

SAMTRA – C Flockhart advised that he was unable to attend the AGM, so a report was requested from A MacLennan, which was noted with interest.

10. MEMBERSHIP

An application for Associate Membership by R Clampett was approved by the Branch and to be forwarded to Exco :-

R Whitehead advised the meeting that a questionnaire had been sent out to all the membership. The results of this survey would be critical to the Society's future.

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. EVENTS PROGRAMME

The combined Christmas lunch with the GBOBA would be held at the RCYC on Tuesday 13th December.

13. SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

14. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE

The next meeting would be held on 07 February 2012. The meeting closed at 1900.

.....
MASTER

.....
HON. SECRETARY