

The Society of Master Mariners
South Africa

CAPE TOWN BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 690TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CAPE TOWN BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY OF MASTER MARINERS HELD AT THE SURVIVAL TRAINING CENTRE OF THE CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, GRANGER BAY CAMPUS ON TUESDAY 07 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 1630.

1. OPENING

The meeting opened at 1645.

2. PRESENT

R Whitehead, C Flockhart, M Schooling, J Clarke, B Ingpen, D Henwood, B Greenwood.

3. APOLOGIES

D Powell, M Barnes, K Tate, P Coetzer, T Wilson, R Sullivan, C Kingon.

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR AGENDA

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and adopted, proposed by B Greenwood, seconded by M Schooling.

5.2 Matters arising from Minutes
Nil

6. FINANCIAL

R Whitehead and B Greenwood confirmed that papers have been signed for Branch Internet banking at FNB Paarden Eiland.

6.1 Approval of expenditures
Lunch for Congress hosted by Cape Town Branch R 1,200

7. EXCO MATTERS

(Exco has been moved to Cape Town and separate Minutes will be generated.)

9. Branch Matters

9.1 Cape Town Branch

9.2 Other Branches

Minutes of the 565th meeting of Port Elizabeth Branch had been received and the main points were read out by the Hon. Secretary.

It was understood that a meeting had been held in Durban to try to resurrect the branch there, and R Martin was trying to gain support.

10. REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

10.1 Simon's Town School

B Ingpen advised that it was hoped to have 12 applicants to CPUT shortly. The annual awards function would again be held in October. He also advised that Claremont School in Durban was trying to set up a Maritime Studies Department with the help of the Navy.

10.2 Nautical Institute

D Henwood confirmed that there were plans for a Command Seminar in Cape Town in October next year.

10.3 CPUT

R Whitehead had attended the meeting in August, one new development was the question of the amount of time spent on celestial navigation in the syllabus, and if this should be reduced in light of the modern reliance on GPS. The Hon. Secretary reminded the meeting that this had been discussed in the Committee not so long ago and the general consensus at that time was that the syllabus should be reduced to a basic "get home" in the event of GPS being out of commission for any reason. D Henwood stated that he thought the syllabus should be retained as it was of general value.

10.4 Bursary Fund

J Clarke asked what was happening with this fund. R Whitehead and C Flockhart confirmed that monthly injections of R 10,000 were being transferred from the Central Fund. There had been no further calls on the fund. The Branch auditor would be consulted to assist in the PBO application. As to the disbursement of interest only, it did not look as if this would be in line with SARS PBO regulations, but how the fund was to be run would be decided in due course.

11. MEMBERSHIP

Application for full membership by J Wanliss was approved, and to be passed to Exco meeting.

12. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. EVENTS PROGRAMME

It was hoped to have a joint lunch with GBOBA on 12 October 2010 with Nick Sloane from Svitzer giving a talk.

14. SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

15. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 05 October 2010 at 1630 at the Survival Centre of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Granger Bay Campus.

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