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## **RICHARDS BAY BRANCH**

MINUTES OF THE 195<sup>th</sup> BUSINESS MEETING HELD IN THE LIBRARY OF THE RICHARDS BAY COMBINED SEAFARER'S CLUB ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007.

**1. WELCOME:**

The meeting commenced at 16:15 hours when the Master Capt. Jon Lamberg welcomed everybody, and all stood for the reading of the creed.

**2. PRESENT:**

Jon Lamberg, Ian Fishley, Gordon Oxley, Gerry Schroeder, Rusty Hywood Grant Conway

**3. APOLOGIES:**

Mick Brophy, Rob Farren-Hanford, R.Kerr, Derek Wood. Bruce Copland, Jaco Dreyer

**4. VISITORS:**

Nil

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the 194<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were confirmed. The conformation was proposed Gordon Oxley and seconded by Ian Fishley.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

George Byron mentioned that he will talk to Mr.M.Van Rooyen Chairman of A.S.A.B.O.S.A. regarding the revival of "Captain's Day".

**7. ADMINISTRATION**

**7.1 Finance:**

Gordon Oxley, Treasurer, announced that as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 the branch's financial balance stood at R 5567.71 and there were no further expenses expected. Gordon also mentioned that a total of R1560.00 (refunding of congress expenses) is still to be reimbursed.

**7.2 Secretarial:**

Received: Minutes of the Cape Town Branch's 655<sup>th</sup> and 656<sup>th</sup> Business Meetings.  
Sent out: Minutes of 194<sup>th</sup> Richard's Bay Branch Business Meeting.

**8. E.X.C.O:**

The Master gave feedback on the meeting held in Cape Town with the IMO General Secretary.

**9. CONGRESS:**

It was mentioned that Congress will be held in Durban this year.

He also mentioned that congress (2007) will be held in Durban with Richard's Bay hosting it in 2008.

**10. MEMBERSHIP:**

The Master and members discussed ways of introducing members to the Society.

A questionnaire addressing the lack of interest in SOMM activities by members was received from the President of SOMMSA. (see attachment)

It was also decided that the Richard's Bay branch will revert back to a monthly business meeting.

**11. SOCIAL:**

It was decided by all that social functions will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

**12. TECHNICAL:**

Grant Conway gave an overview of Sect 6 of the Marpol Act and the National Small Vessel Regulations.

**13. GENERAL:**

Gordon Oxley was pleased to inform the meeting that Vusi Mcambo achieved three distinctions in the last semester.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007**

**Time: 16:00 Hrs.**

**Venue: Richard's Bay Combined Seafarer's Club**

**15. CLOSURE:**

There being no further business the Master declared the meeting closed at 17:36 hours.

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**J.Lamberg  
(MASTER)**

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**TG OXLEY  
(TREASURER)**

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