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RICHARDS BAY BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 193rd BUSINESS MEETING HELD IN THE LIBRARY OF THE RICHARDS BAY COMBINED SEAFARER'S CLUB ON THE 29th June 2006.

1. WELCOME:

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

2. PRESENT:

Jon Lamberg, Ian Fishley Gordon Oxley, Gerry Schroeder, Bruce Copland, Derek Wood, Grant Conway, Rob Farren-Hanford. R.Kerr.

3. APOLOGIES:

Mick Brophy, Rusty Hywood, Jaco Dreyer.

4. VISITORS:

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the 192nd Business Meeting held on the 20th April 2006 were confirmed, proposed by Bruce Copland 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". The Master agreed to contact with George, discuss the matter.

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Finance:

Gordon Oxley, Treasurer, announced that as of 31st May 2006 the branch's financial balance stood at R 6707.71 and there were no further expenses expected.

7.2 Secretarial:

Received: Minutes of the Cape Town Branch's 650th Business Meeting.
Sent out: Minutes of 192nd Richard's Bay Branch Business Meeting.

8. E.X.C.O:

Nil

9. CONGRESS:

The Master reminded members to formulate ideas/topics to be considered for presentation to congress which is planned to be held in Simonstown on the 17th and 18th August 2006.

The Members felt that the Richards Bay would be a suitable venue for the 2007 congress.

10. MEMBERSHIP:

The Master encouraged all to canvas for new members.

Rob Kerr, as a former tug master, mentioned that there were many potential members in NPA's marine division that could contribute to the society, but were dissuaded from joining the society due to obvious hierarchy with each branch.

Gordon mentioned that an investigation should be carried out to identify the various classes of Members (full, associated, etc) as this may discourage new members. The removal or restructuring of the divisions may encourage membership.

Gordon proposed that during the next regular meeting the issue be discussed. If mandated, a resolution will be tabled at Congress.

11. SOCIAL:

It was decided and agreed upon that our 2nd "Old Salts" Century Draw for 2006 be held on the 10th August 2006 at the Richards Bay Combined Seafarer's Club.

12. TECHNICAL:

Gordon Oxley was pleased to announce that Vusumuzi Mcambo passed all six of subjects, three with distinction.

Gordon also mentioned that there is a shipping company looking into giving berths at sea to trainee officers.

13. GENERAL:

Nil

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at The Richard's Bay Combined Seafarer's Club on 27th July 2006 at 16:00 Hrs.

15. CLOSE:

There being no further business the Master declared the meeting closed at 17:25 hours.

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**JP LAMBERG
(MASTER)**

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**TG OXLEY
(TREASURER)**

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