



The Society of Master Mariners of South Africa

Executive Branch Committee

Durban Tuesday 25 May 2010

The meeting opened at 1120hrs

Present: Graham Mannall, Howard Jackson-Moss, Roy Martin, Rob Farren-Handford, Gordon Oxley

Apologies: Ian Fishley

Branch Minutes:

Cape Town branch, Rob Whitehead replaces Colin Flockhart as Branch Master; Sincere thanks to Colin for his past commitment, and continued support. Port Elizabeth and Richards Bay branches continue to fly the society flag.

The re-launch meeting for Durban branch took place at the Saimena Room on 16 February 2010, regretfully there were no volunteers to drive the branch.

At today's Executive meeting Roy Martin volunteered to take over as interim Branch Master in order to reactivate Durban Branch, Howard Jackson-Moss will act as secretary.

Treasures report:

The finances of the society are in a healthy state, the small Nedbank Investment Benevolent Fund account has been closed and the funds transferred to the main Benevolent Fund account

Benevolent Fund : Money Market: R272936,70

Old Mutual Unit Trust account: R817368,15

Central Fund Current account: R61918,84

The secretary treasured was tasked with seeking advice from Standard Bank for a secure investment of the low interest bearing money market account.

Membership: details of the society membership have been checked by branches, and are posted on the website (data is secure to prevent spamming).

Cape Town: 117

Port Elizabeth: 18

Durban: 89

Richards Bay : 13

Total 237

Congress Action

Port Elizabeth have indicated that the branch is not equipped to host 2010 congress, Cape Town have been asked to consider hosting, however until Cape Town branch have discussed the matter at the next branch meeting 2010 congress venue remains in limbo.



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General

Rob Farren-Handford, proposed to investigate an informal system whereby Masters of ships calling at Richards Bay to share operational and navigational information on last/next port of call. Rob to initiate the programme and report back.