



PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Minutes of the 558th Meeting of the Committee of the Port Elizabeth Branch of the Society of Master Mariners held at the German Club, Lorraine, Port Elizabeth on 08th September 2009.

1. OPENING

The meeting opened at 18h00.

2. PRESENT

D. Burgess, R. Chalk, J. White, R. Brindle

3. APOLOGIES

J. Davies, P. Ramsden, N. Campbell, G. Emberson. I. De Graaf immigrated to Australia

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were not available to be tabled. Our previous secretary, Irwin De Graaf has immigrated and apparently left the minutes on his computer which was handed over to the company and no copy was printed prior to this.

4.1 Matters arising from the Minutes

N.T.R.

5. FINANCIAL

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6. EXCO MATTERS

Capt. Brian Watt was nominated by Exco to sit on the panel which was advising the government on the renewal of the coastal standby tug contract. This request was at very short notice and as such could not be widely circulated to the membership, hence his nomination.

7. CONGRESS MATTERS

65TH Congress Meeting

Venue: SAIMENA Room at Berea Rovers, Durban.

Present: R Martin, G Mannall, G Oxley, R Farren-Hanford, H Jackson-Moss, R Whitehead, D Burgess, B Kohler, D Young, C Johnson, C Flockhart

Matters arising:

As per the Minutes of the 65th Congress meeting, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

8. OTHER BRANCHES

Nil

9. MEMBERSHIP

No new members

11. OTHER MATTERS

An assistant to the secretary is required as G. Emberson spends most of his time at sea out of the country. None of the members present volunteered for this appointment. To be discussed at the next meeting if more members are present.

12. EVENTS PROGRAMME

The Christmas Dinner to be discussed at the next meeting.

13. SPECIAL ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The venue for the next Congress Meeting - 2010. According to the last Congress Minutes, P.E. was nominated as the next possible venue.

14. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13th October 2009 at the German Club at 17h30. The meeting closed at 19h00.

D. Burgess
Master