

Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting
held on 16 September 2005 at 2:30p.m. in Conference Room A,
Marine Department Headquarters, 24th Floor,
Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Mr. Andrew CHEN Yee	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
Captain YU Yun-chi <i>(on behalf of Capt. HO Kai-hung)</i>	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild-Hong Kong
Mr. TING Kam-yuen <i>(on behalf of Mr. TSANG Man-ngai)</i>	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Captain C.A.J. Vanderperre	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. SO Ping-chi	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Dr. Henry KONG	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Ms LAM Choi-ping <i>(on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong)</i>	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mrs. Patricia LUK	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

In attendance

Mr. Edmond WONG	Marine Department
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Absent with apologies

Mr. Rajaish Bajpae	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
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The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following persons -

Capt. YU Yun-chi who attended the meeting on behalf of Capt. HO Kai-hung as representative of the Merchant Navy Officers' Guild;

Mr. TING Kam-yuen who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr. TSANG Man-ngai as representative of the Hong Kong Seamen's Union;

Dr Henry KONG who had replaced Dr P L MA as representative of the Department of Health; and

Ms LAM Choi-ping who attended on behalf of Mr. NG Ka-kwong as representative of the Labour Department.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 15 April 2005

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

II. Matters arising from Minutes of the Last Meeting

Redevelopment of the Mariner's Club

3. Mr. SO Ping-chi reported that there had been no further progress on the redevelopment project since the last meeting.

III. Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005

4. The meeting noted the following financial position of the Committee for the year ending 31 March 2005 as set out on page 3 of the financial statements

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Income	108,857
Expenditure	114,410
Deficit	(5,553)
Surplus at the beginning of year	218,970
Surplus at the end of year	213,417

The Chairman told the meeting that the honorary auditor, Albert LAM & Co., had

been merged and been practising in the name of “ Hopkins CPA Limited” since 1 January 2005. Hopkins had audited the accounts of the PWC for the financial year ending 31 March 2005. Members approved the Committee’s accounts unanimously.

5. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman expressed gratitude to Hopkins CPA Limited for providing free auditing service and professional assistance to the Committee.

IV. Potential Donors for 2005/06

6. The Secretary had compiled a list of donors in 2004/05 and a list of potential donors for 2005/06, both of which had been circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. Members went through the lists at the meeting.

7. The Chairman said that if members knew of any other potential donors, they could inform the Secretary to update the list. He would also provide information of any new members of the Hong Kong Shipowner’s Association for addition to the list.

V. Draft Annual Report for 2004/05

8. A copy of the draft Annual Report for 2004/05 had been sent to members before the meeting. Members had no comments and accepted the draft without amendment. The Secretary would arrange for printing of the report and its distribution together with the appeal letters for donation to potential donors in October 2005.

9. Mr SO Ping-chi reported that as he understood from the Sailors’ Home and Missions to Seamen (SHMS), they were planning some initiatives to enhance their services/assistance to visiting seafarers. He would update members of these initiatives at the next meeting. On the other hand, as mentioned in paragraph 8 of the Report, a significant increase in the number of seafarers staying at the Mariner’s Club in 2004 as compared with that of the year 2003 was noted probably owing to the recovery from the SARS and an increasing number of tourist attractions in Hong Kong.

VI. **Date of Next Meeting**

10. The Chairman advised that the next regular meeting would be held in April 2006. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.



(Mr. Andrew CHEN Yee)
Chairman



(Mrs. Patricia LUK)

12 May 2006