

# PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting  
Held on 21 March 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A,  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

## Present

Mr. Timothy Scott Huxley	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
Mr. Simon Buhelt Frank	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Christine But <i>(on behalf of Ms. Luk Wai-ling, Melody)</i>	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Dr. Lau Ming-ho <i>(on behalf of Dr. Tsui Lok-kin, Edwin)</i>	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mr. Wong Sai-fat	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Miss Shirley Leung	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

## In attendance

Ms. Selena Bin		Marine Department
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## Absent with apologies

Captain Umesh Lulla	Member	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Yang Kaiqiang	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Captain Tang Wai-tong	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild–Hong Kong

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the following persons –

- (a) Ms. Christine But who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms. Luk Wai-ling, Melody as representative of the Labour Department; and
- (b) Dr. Lau Ming-ho who attended the meeting on behalf of Dr. Tsui Lok-kin, Edwin as representative of the Department of Health.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 21 September 2012**

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

### **II. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 21 September 2012**

#### **(a) Redevelopment of the Mariners' Club**

3. The Chairman said that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the General Committee of The Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen. He would meet Mr. Anthony Nightingale, Chairman of the General Committee of The Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, next week and undertook to obtain the latest progress regarding the redevelopment of the Mariners' Club.

#### **(b) Raising the Profile of the Committee**

4. The Chairman said that the cocktail party organized by the Mariners' Club on 12 October 2012 was a successful event which had promoted awareness of the Mariners' Club among the shipping community.

#### **(c) Events to be Organized**

5. The Chairman informed members that the new Hong Kong Maritime Museum at Central Pier 8 had been officially opened in February 2013. In celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Wah Kwong would organize a

photo exhibition and a cocktail reception in the Maritime Museum in May 2013. The events would not serve as special fund-raising function but aim at increasing the awareness of the maritime industry among the community. Under such circumstance, the Chairman considered that it would not be desirable for the Port Welfare Committee (the Committee) to organize another cocktail reception in the Maritime Museum as the purpose and the target participants would be very similar. He had discussed with the Maritime Museum and it was agreed that the Committee could come up with a guest list for invitation to the cocktail reception organized by Wah Kwong with an aim to broadening the exposure of the Committee, The Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen, The Danish Seamen's Church and the Mariners' Club among the shipping community. He would circulate the details of the cocktail reception to members once available.

6. Mr. Wong Sai-fat asked whether a donation box would be placed in the museum to raise fund for the Committee. The Chairman replied that he was liaising with the Maritime Museum to place a permanent donation box in the museum for The Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen.

**(d) Donors' Lists**

7. The Chairman mentioned that he had invited members to propose amendments or additional entries to the Recommended and Potential Donors' Lists at the last meeting. He had added a few more potential donors to the list. As a result, there were 263 entries on the finalized Donors' Lists.

**(e) Appeal Letter and Annual Report for 2011 – 2012**

8. The Chairman informed members that the appeal letter and the annual report 2011 – 2012 were sent to 263 recommended and potential donors on 13 December 2012.

**III. Financial Position of the Committee as at 5 March 2013**

9. The Chairman briefed members on the financial position of the Committee as at 5 March 2013 as follows-

Savings Account	\$543,802.29
Current Account	\$ 25,000.00
Balance :	<u>\$568,802.29</u>

**IV. Donations Received by the Committee as at 5 March 2013 (Appendix B)**

10. The Chairman reported that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations for 2012 – 2013, a total of \$374,200 had been received from 41 donors as at 5 March 2013. Compared with the donations of \$332,800 received from 41 donors last year, this year's donations was \$41,400 more.

**V. Allocation of Grants to Agencies (Appendix C)**

11. Taking into account the donations received so far, the Chairman proposed and members agreed that the amount of subsidies to be granted to the following two organizations in 2012 – 2013 would be :

The Sailors' Home & Missions to Seamen	\$350,000
The Danish Seamen's Church	\$ 35,000
Total :	<u>\$385,000</u>

12. As a result, barring further donations which might be received by the Committee after 21 March 2013, an amount of \$183,802.29 would be left for emergency situations such as catering for the relief of distressed seafarers who were unfortunately abandoned or detained in Hong Kong in case such a need arose.

**VI. Change of Representative from Labour Department**

13. The Chairman said that the Labour Department had requested to change their representative from the Chief Labour Officer (Labour Relations) to the Senior Labour Officer (Labour Relations) to serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee Secretariat had noted that the membership of the Committee was gazetted in the Hong Kong Government Gazette on 25 September 1964. Regarding the procedures on changes of ex-officio members of non-statutory bodies, it was noted that ex-officio

members were appointed by post and any changes would be recorded in the minutes, without the need for gazetting. As the Committee was a permanent non-statutory body, any changes in its ex-officio members should follow the same practice of other permanent non-statutory bodies. The Committee agreed to the change of the Labour Department's representative from the Chief Labour Officer (Labour Relations) to the Senior Labour Officer (Labour Relations) to serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

## **VII. Vote of Thanks**

14. The Chairman informed members that Miss Shirley Leung, the Secretary of the Committee, would proceed on pre-retirement leave with effect from 2 April 2013. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Miss Leung for her professionalism, diligence and enthusiastic support to the Committee. He wished Miss Leung a healthy, happy and long retirement.

## **VIII. Date of Next Meeting**

15. The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in September 2013. The Secretary would inform members of the details in due course.

16. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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(Mr. Timothy Scott Huxley)  
Chairman

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(Mr. Jack MF Chan)  
Secretary

27 September 2013