

# **PORT WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**Notes of the Port Welfare Committee Meeting  
held on 24 April 2002 at 11:30a.m. in VIP Room,  
Marine Department Headquarters, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong**

## **Present**

Mr. CHAO Sze-kwong, George	Chairman	Hong Kong Shipowners' Association
Mr. CHANG La-ming, Bill	Member	Hong Kong General Chambers of Commerce
Mr. WONG Woon-yin, Wallace	Member	Hong Kong General Chambers of Commerce
Mr. POON Chi-kwok	Member	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Dr. P.L. MA	Member	Department of Health (ex-officio)
Mrs. SIU HO Kar-yuk, Clare	Member	Labour Department (ex-officio)
Mr. CHAN Ming-yau	Member	Marine Department (ex-officio)
Miss CHOW Yan-yau	Secretary	Marine Department (ex-officio)

## **Absent with apologies**

Capt. HO Kai-hung (represented by Ms. Serina LEE)	Member	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
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## **In attendance**

Ms. Serina LEE	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
Mrs. Agnes WONG	Marine Department

## **OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced –

Ms. Serina LEE	representing Merchant Navy Officers' Guild, attending meeting on behalf of Capt. HO Kai-hung
Mr. CHAN Ming-yau	representing Marine Department, attending meeting on behalf of Mr. SO Ping-chi
Miss CHOW Yan-yau	replacing Mr. William YUEN as Secretary of the Committee

## AGENDA ITEMS

### I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 11 September 2001

2. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to members for comments on 8 October 2001. The revised minutes, which had incorporated a minor amendment received, was confirmed at the meeting.

### II Matters arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

#### *Financial position of the Committee*

3. The Chairman noted that with a balance of \$341,451.55 as at 31 March 2002, the Committee's accounts were in a healthy position.

### III. Donations Received by the Committee in 2001/2002

4. The Chairman reported that in response to the Committee's appeal for donations, a total of \$137,000 was received from 62 donors in 2001/2002, representing an increase of \$18,966 over that received in 2000/2001. (In 2000/2001, a total of \$118,034 was received from 55 donors.) The list of donors and their donations had been circulated to members together with the agenda of the meeting. The Chairman remarked that given the difficult financial climate, the amount of donations received was better than expected. He proposed, and members agreed, to record on the minutes the Committee's appreciation of the donors' support to the Committee.

### IV. Allocation of Grants to Agencies

5. Taking into account the increased donations received in 2001/2002, the annual expenditure of the Committee of about \$4,500 and the Committee's healthy financial position, the Chairman proposed, and members agreed, to raise the amount of subsidies to the two organizations by 11.11% this year as follows :-

	<b>2002/03 allocation</b>	<b>2001/02 allocation</b>
	\$	\$
The Sailor's Home & Missions to Seamen & Apostleship of the Sea	100,000	90,000
Danish Seamen's Church	10,000	9,000
Total :	<u>110,000</u>	<u>99,000</u>

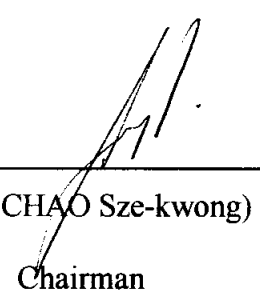
V. **Any Other Business**

***Redevelopment of the Mariners' Club***

6. The Chairman raised for discussion a press report on the proposed redevelopment of the Mariners' Club at Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui for which a rezoning proposal was notified in the Gazette on 25 January 2002. In this connection a seafarer had filed an objection to the redevelopment proposal. The Chairman remarked that as the Committee served to promote the social and recreational welfare of visiting seafarers and provided financial assistance annually to the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen, he was concerned that the interests and welfare of visiting seafarers should be properly considered and looked after under the redevelopment proposal. He suggested, and members agreed, that the Committee should be informed of details on the proposal and the present position of the redevelopment plans, and that the Director of Marine be requested to provide assistance in this regard. He requested the Secretary to prepare a draft letter to this effect, and circulate the information so obtained to members for information.

VI. **Date of Next Meeting**

7. The Chairman noted that the next meeting was scheduled for September 2002 after the Annual Account had been finalised and the draft Annual Report prepared. He suggested, and members agreed, that if necessary, another meeting be convened in the interim to discuss the proposed redevelopment of the Mariners' Club depending on the information to be received regarding the proposal.



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(Mr. CHAO Sze-kwong)

Chairman



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(Miss CHOW Yan-yan)

Secretary

Date : 13 September 2002