



# The Society of Master Mariners South Africa

## Port Elizabeth Branch

Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Port Elizabeth Branch of the Society of Master Mariners, South Africa, held at Roccellas, Port Elizabeth on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

### **1 WELCOME**

The meeting opened at 12h30 with Branch Master Siegfried Duwe welcoming those present

### **2 PRESENT**

Graham Emberson, Hans Frahm, Rodney Chalk, John Davies, Neville Noble and Siegfried Duwe.

### **3 APPOLOGIES**

none

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 71st Branch AGM (18 April 2017) were read and accepted. Proposed by Rodney Chalk and seconded by Graham Emberson.

### **5 MATTERS ARISING**

Item 6. Rodney Chalk said he could not remember being paid for the “small amount is still outstanding to Rodney Chalk for expenses incurred during a Christmas party 2014”. Rodney said we should cancel this.

Our viability as a branch was raised as we do not particularly discuss/deal with issues related to the maritime industry. This resulted that we were more of a “social gathering”.

It was decided that we would discuss at least one topic related to our industry. For our next meeting: we hear that the register of ships to the South African register was becoming a problem as role players such as SARS and others wanted a slice of the pie. This would deter potential registration due to the “extra hoops” and costs.

The growing bunkering operation that is taking place in Algoa Bay was briefly discussed. More of an information sharing. This could also be a topic for our discussion.

The question posed by the National President of SOMMSA about modernization was briefly discussed. Except for the communication we receive from Cape Town, we are not too familiar with the inner workings and “need to change” to arrive at a suitable response from our side. The cooperation with SAIMENA is a good one.

We are grateful for the Medal idea.

Many of us that are “old school” when it comes to training and certification don’t feel that the degree method is the solution. Especially after getting the degree and the candidate finds that the sea life is not what he/she thought it would be.

**6 BRANCH MASTERS REPORT**

Siegfried Duwe read his report (attached)

**7 PRESIDENTS ADDRESS**

Siegfried Duwe read the president’s address (attached) Comments in these minutes.

**8 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Siegfried Duwe, will continue as master and Graham Emberson as deputy branch master/Secretary’s job.

Both volunteers were unanimously accepted for their respective positions

**9 CONGRESS**

Scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.2018. Neville Noble agreed to represent the PE branch.

**10 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 13:30 and the members continued the discussions informally until 1430. Thanks was extended to the members for the comradie and co-operation.

The next (ordinary) meeting is scheduled for 1730, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the German Club, Lorraine.

Siegfried Duwe – Branch Master

Graham Emberson – Deputy Branch Master & Secretary