# **MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

# **MEETING HELD ON 29.08.2016 AT 03.00 PM**

## **AT ASSOCIATION’S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Ms.Ava A.Cowasjee Chairperson

Mr.Tariq Haleem Senior Vice Chairman

Mr.M.Younus Vayani Vice Chairman

Capt.Mohammad Inam Executive Committee Member

Capt.Javed Iqbal Executive Committee Member

Mr.Khalid W. Khokhar Executive Committee Member

Mr.Kareem Ispahani Executive Committee Member

Mr.Jawed Iqbal Executive Committee Member

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal Secretary General

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain Deputy Secretary

Regrets:

Mr.Bilal-ur-Rehman Executive Committee Member

Capt.Nusrat Iqbal Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 03.00 p.m. on Monday, 29.08.2016 at Association’s Office, Karachi.

- Mr.Amir Ali Jamal on the request of Capt.M. Nouman Alvi of M/s.Alpine Marine Services tabled a resolution congratulating Mr.Tariq Haleem on becoming Trustee of KPT.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr.Tariq Haleem thanked all the EC Members and assured them he will try its level best to serve the KPT Board effectively.

- Mr.Amir Ali Jamal on behalf of PSAA and EC Members congratulated Mr.Younus Vayani on becoming elected Vice Chairman of KDLB Board.

Mr.Younus Vayani thanked all the EC Members and requested them for their co-operation and prayers in the task ahead.

**Matters arising**

**a) Marginal Wharf, PQA**

Mr.Younus Vayani informed PQA will handover MW-III and IV for handling of Coal to the Chinese who intend to utilize large Coal vessels for hauling Coal which in turn will be discharged at Berths from larger vessels by utilizing smaller Pakistani flag vessels.

**b) Inland Revenue**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed Regional Tax Office-III located in Gulistan-e-Jauhar which used to grant Port Clearance to Ship’s Agents has been changed to Corporate Regional Tax Office which is located in the old Income Tax Building, Shahrah-e-Kamal Ataturk, Karachi.

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Mr.Khalid W. Khokhar informed about problems being faced in obtaining Port Clearance from the new Tax office.

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal stated that now new department after streamlining has started issuing Port Clearance. However, there is a backlog which will take some time.

**1) To confirm minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13.07.2016.**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved by all present.

**2) To approve annual report for the period from 01.10.2015 to 30.09.2016.**

The report for the period from 01.10.2015 to 30.09.2016 was approved by all present.

**3) To approve audited annual accounts for the period from 01.07.2015 to 30.06.2016.**

The audited annual accounts for the period from 01.07.2015 to 30.06.2016 were approved by all present.

**4) To discuss Ports/Terminals free time.**

Mr.Tariq Haleem informed free time was reduced to 07 days from 10 days whereafter it was further reduced to 05 days from 07 days. He was of the view that free time should be increased in order to facilitate trade. He added FPCCI intends to take-up this issue with the Federal Government for increasing free time allowed.

**5) Any other business with the permission of the Chair.**

i) Mr.Tariq Haleem informed about suggestions being sought by the DGTO on tenure of Office Bearers to be extended from one year to two years. He suggested PSAA should recommend to increase it to two years.

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal stated that PSAA has already communicated this idea to DGTO.

ii) Mr.Amir Ali Jamal suggested to look into the possibility of allowing membership to those Shipping Agents who are representing foreign shipping lines whose vessels are not calling at Pakistani Ports. These lines use slots on other lines' vessels for moving cargo from/to Pakistani ports. An example in this regard would be Emirates Shipping Lines. Capt.Javed Iqbal offered that he will find out more about Emirates Shipping Lines.

iii)) Mr.Younus Vayani updated the EC that according to his calculations the Special Cess imposed by KDLB has been recovered. However, KDLB has not yet stopped collection of Special Cess.

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed PSAA has written to Chief Accounts Officer, KDLB on 30.07.2016 in this regard reply of which is awaited.

Mr.Younus Vayani asked Mr.Amir Ali Jamal to write him so that he can raise the issue with KDLB.

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iv) Capt.Javed Iqbal informed KPT always give priority to OCAC/POL vessels despite their policy of first come first serve and suggested to take-up the matter with KPT.

Mr.Tariq Haleem informed as a Trustee he has already taken-up this matter with the Chairman, KPT.

v) Mr.Younus Vayani informed that KPT used to Berth vessels at East Wharf which offer deeper draft and later on after discharging some cargo vessels shifted to West Wharf in order to accommodate more vessels at East Wharf requiring deeper draft.

With the introduction of WeBOC and separate Collectorates of East Wharf and West Wharf this practice is discontinued as WeBOC does NOT allow Shipping Agents to discharge partial cargo at East Wharf and the balance cargo at West Wharf resulting in heavy congestion and waiting of vessels at outer anchorage whereby trade is suffering heavily in terms of demurrage.

He suggested that instead of Appraisement East and West Collectorates; Bulk/Break-Bulk and Containerized Cargo Collectorates be created in WeBOC which will enable clearance of cargo of same vessel from East Wharf as well as West Wharf and vice versa at KPT.

Mr.Tariq Haleem suggested PSAA should write him in this regard in order to raise the issue with KPT and Customs from FPCCI platform.

vi) Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed that revision in remuneration of Secretariat staff is due. After due deliberation it was decided to increase remuneration of Mr.Amir Ali Jamal, Secretary General; Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain, Deputy Secretary and Mr.Muhammad Mubbashir, Office Assistant by 15% (inclusive of all allowances) effective 01.07.2016.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 04.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Confirmed**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**