**MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON 10.10.2017 AT 03.00 PM**

**AT ASSOCIATION’S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar Chairman

Capt.S. Kamal A. Mahmoodi Senior Vice Chairman

Mr.M.Younus Vayani Vice Chairman

Mr.Asim Saeed Khan Executive Committee Member

Capt.M. Nouman Alvi Executive Committee Member

Mr.Bilal Barket Executive Committee Member

Mr.Adil Khan Executive Committee Member

Mr.Adeel Khalid Executive Committee Member

Mr.Syed Mazhar Imam Hashmi Executive Committee Member

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal Secretary General

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain Deputy Secretary

Regrets:

Capt.S.M.Farooque Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 03.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10.10.2017 at Association’s office, Karachi.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, Chairman welcomed all participants at the first Executive Committee Meeting for the term 2017-2018.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, Chairman, informed about election of Mr.Babar Badat as President of FIATA which is an honour for Pakistan. It was decided to write a congratulations letter from PSAA to Mr.Babar Badat with copy to PIFFA in this regard.

**Matters Arising:**

**a) Water/Idling Charges**

Capt.M. Nouman Alvi inquired about increase in water charges and imposition of idling charges unilaterally by FOTCO, FAP and LCT. Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed PSAA had written letter on 10.07.2017 to Chairman, PQA in this regard and despite reminder no response was received.

It was decided to include this issue in agenda of next meeting to be held with the Chairman, PQA.

**b) PQA Billing**

Mr.Younus Vayani informed there is no improvement in PQA billing which still takes 40-45 days.

It was decided to include this issue in agenda of next meeting to be held with the Chairman, PQA.

**c) Traffic congestion on Main Keamari Road**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed PSAA wrote letter to Chairman, KPT in this regard. He added at present there is no congestion however after holidays congestion often occurs when containers flow increases to/from Port/Upcountry.

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Capt.S.Kamal A. Mahmoodi stated he has written letter on 04.10.2017 to Additional Inspector General of Police (Traffic) and informed him about accidents between GSA House and Jaffar Brothers adjacent KPT Gate No.15 and requesting installation of speed breakers. The response of AIGP is positive.

**d) Road Transport Ministry**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed Mr.Tariq Haleem is working on the merger of Road Transport Wing into Ministry of Ports & Shipping from FPCCI’s platform.

Mr.Syed Mazhar Imam Hashmi supported this initiative as TIR Convention will bring international vehicles on the roads of Pakistan alongwith other standards and parameters which are to be followed.

Mr.Asim Saeed was of the view it will benefit Pakistani exporters.

**e) POMMD**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed he alongwith Mr.Khalid Wasim Khokhar and Capt.S. Kamal A.Mahmoodi met on 09.10.2017 with POMMD in order to discuss issues being faced by Shipping Agents in verification of documents wherein it transpired there is no IT infrastructure available with POMMD for computerization, there is shortage of manpower and stoppage of overtime amongst other problems being faced by POMMD. It was decided to write a letter to the Secretary Ports & Shipping in this regard.

**g) NOC for Foreigners**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed about difficulties being faced by Shipping Agents in order to obtain NOCs from Home Department, Police Department, DG (Ports & Shipping Wing) and DNI for foreigners who intending to visit port area. He added PSAA has written a letter on 03.10.2017 to Director General (Ports & Shipping) requesting to call a meeting of all stakeholders in order to resolve difficulties being faced.

**1) To confirm minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 19.09.2017.**

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

**2) To elect two women on reserved seats on the Executive Committee (if any).**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed the meeting that as per Trade Organizations Act/Rules, 2013 he invited nominations from all Members regarding two reserved seats for women entrepreneurs on the Executive Committee. There was no response from the Members therefore these seats shall remain vacant for this term 2017-2018.

**3) To appoint PSAA nominees on the FPCCI on the Executive Committee and General Body for the term 2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed the meeting that FPCCI has invited nominations of PSAA representatives on its Executive Committee and General Body for the term 2018. He added that there is one reserved seat on the Executive Committee and two seats on the General Body for which we have to submit names to FPCCI.

It was unanimously decided to nominate Mr.Tariq Haleem, on the Executive Committee and General Body.

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It was unanimously decided to nominate Mr.Adil Khan, Executive Committee Member on the General Body.

Both nominees consented to such nominations. As a result following resolutions were adopted:

a) Resolved that Mr.Tariq Haleem of M/s.Bulk Shipping & Trading (Pvt.) Ltd. is hereby nominated as PSAA nominee on the Executive Committee and General Body of the FPCCI for the term 2018. Mr.Tariq Haleem has consented to such nomination and he is otherwise qualified.

b) Resolved that Mr.Adil Khan of M/s. Delta Transport (Pvt.) Ltd. is hereby nominated as PSAA nominees on the General Body of FPCCI for the term 2018. Mr.Adil Khan has consented to such nomination and he is otherwise qualified.

**4) To pass a resolution to include signatures of incoming Chairman and Senior Vice Chairman as authorized signatories to operate PSAA Account.**

The Executive Committee resolved that henceforth PSAA’s Current Account No.0010011535760017 with Allied Bank, New Queens Road Branch will be operated jointly by any two of the following persons:

a) Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar Chairman

b) Capt.S. Kamal A. Mahmoodi Senior Vice Chairman

c) Mr.Amir Ali Jamal Secretary General

**5) To approve schedule of Executive Committee meetings for the term 2017-2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed the participants that as per procedure we have to approve schedule of Executive Committee meetings for the term 2017-2018 which was approved by the Executive Committee (Attached Annexure-I).

**6) To approve plan of activities for the term 2017-2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed the participants that as per procedure we have to approve plan of activities for the term 2017-2018 which was approved by the Executive Committee (Attached Annexure-II).

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

a) Mr.Amir Jamal informed about meeting organized by DG (Ports & Shipping) on the request of Ministry of Commerce held on 10.10.2017 at KPT regarding issues being faced by stakeholders involved in Afghan Transit Trade which was jointly Chaired by the Joint Secretary (Commerce Division) and DG (Ports & Shipping). He added Afghan traders raised the issue of waiving demurrages and detention due to closure of border between Pakistan and Afghanistan between 16.02.2017 to 21.03.2017.

Several stakeholders pointed out about allegedly exorbitant ancillary charges collected by Shipping Agents. PSAA responded various intermediaries are providing different services namely Clearing Agents, Freight Forwarders, Transporters, etc. However, in every meeting only Shipping Agents are being targeted.

PSAA informed Shipping Lines/Agents are not collecting demurrage whereas according to Competition Act, 2010 no fixation, recommendation, advisory with respect to charges/rates/tariff can be done by PSAA therefore, any matter with respect to charges/rates/tariff cannot be discussed.

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PSAA was represented by Capt.Kamal A. Mahmoodi and Mr.Amir Ali Jamal.

b) Capt.M.Nouman Alvi informed PQA don’t keep updated about important developments even like Port Tariff for LNG vessels which they have recently changed. It was decided to raise this point during next meeting with Chairman, PQA.

There being no other business the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 05:00 p.m.

**Confirmed**

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