

**MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 26.09.2023 AT 02:00 PM
AT ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Mr.Abdul Rauf	Chairman
Mr.Asim Saeed Khan	Senior Vice Chairman
Mr.Taimur Badat	Vice Chairman
Mr.Jawed Iqbal	Executive Committee
Capt.Nazar Haider	Executive Committee Member
Mr.Amin Sardar Bhola	Executive Committee Member
Mr.Adnan Mehmoodi	Executive Committee Member
Mr.Tariq Haleem	Executive Committee Member
Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain	Secretary General
Ms.Syeda Zeenat Siddiq	Deputy Secretary

Regrets:

Mr.Ahmed Omer	Executive Committee Member
Capt.Javed Iqbal	Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, 26.09.2023 at the Association's office, Karachi.

Syed Tahir Hussain, Secretary General welcomed all participants.

Matters arising

a) Meeting with FIA

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed all the inquiries that have been closed earlier have been reopened due to continuous efforts of PSAA. He further informed PSAA's complaint with the Federal Ombudsman has been disposed of citing Jurisdiction.

Mr. Abdul Rauf suggested to write a letter to Federal Ombudsman in this regard.

b) Ship Spares

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed PSAA sought assistance from the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) regarding clearance of ship spares. Subsequently, a hearing was conducted on 12th September, 2023 by the FTO office wherein it was decided Customs will either allow ship spares clearance manually or via Hybrid module of WeBOC until deployment of PSW. He added written order of FTO in this regard is awaited.

1) To confirm minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 11.07.2023.

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

2) To approve draft audited annual accounts for the year ended 30th June, 2023

The draft audited annual accounts for the year ended 30th June, 2023 were approved by all attendees.

3) To approve PSAA Annual Report for the period 01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023

The annual report for the period from 01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023 was approved by all attendees.

4) Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

a) Elections 2023-2024

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed the participants that the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2022 stipulates tenure of office bearers as 2 years instead of 1 year however relevant rules have not been formulated therefore, the Regulator vide letter dated 7th July, 2023 had directed all the trade organizations to hold elections as per the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 for the duration of 1 year. Accordingly, PSAA started process of conducting elections however it transpired through print and electronic media that the honorable Islamabad High court has suspended the letter dated 7th July, 2023 issued by the Regulator.

PSAA obtained legal opinion in this regard wherein it was advised to suspend election process in order to not to be in the contempt of court. Subsequently, PSAA wrote letter dated 25th August, 2023 addressed to the Regulator informing about the suspension of election process and sought further direction/advise in the matter from the Regulator who vide letter dated 8th September, 2023 confirmed inability to assist in view of the stay order of the honorable Islamabad high court.

b) Future Plans

Mr. Asim Saeed suggested apart from proposed plan of activities PSAA should list down the activities, identify the issues/problems and means to enhance business opportunities for its members and accordingly should set target for 2023-2024. He also requested Chairman and Executive Committee to identify 4 – 5 points/issues in this regard.

Mr.Abdul Rauf remarked PSAA cannot engage in business enhancement opportunities for its members as PSAA sole purpose is to take up issues/problems being faced by members with the concerned quarters for resolution. He added whenever any member informs about any issue/problem being faced the same is promptly taken up by PSAA for resolution.

Mr.Asim Saeed suggested PSAA should compare/study international best practices and try to adopt/implement them in Pakistan.

Mr.Abdul Rauf requested Mr.Asim Saeed to present proposal in this regard.

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed PSAA submits plan of activities to DGTO every year wherein we can incorporate any new activities.

Capt. Nazar Haider suggested PSAA should inquire from members about issues/problems being faced by them whereafter after consolidating common issues/problems can be taken up by PSAA for resolution

Mr. Abdul Rauf informed PSAA has already taken up issues of clearance of ship's spares and FIA Immigration at seaport with the concerned quarters for resolution.

There being no other business the meeting was terminated at 1430 hours with a vote of thanks to the Chair.