



## ASSOCIATION OF MARINE SURVEYORS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the General Meeting held January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
The Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver, B.C.

### In Attendance:

Capt. Don Tranter  
Capt. Ieuan Lampshire-Jones  
Capt. Tom McLean  
Cecil Noronha  
Philip Oldham  
Pat Haliburton  
Ram Sudama  
Richard Smith  
Tim Ellis

### Regrets:

Alistair Beaton  
Capt. Andrew Korek  
Capt. Augustine Rebello  
Darryl Martins  
Roy Sluyter

### **1) Call to Order:**

The Vice President, Richard Smith called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

At this point, the Manager of the Mission to Seafarers, Bernard Besseling entered and after apologizing for the interruption, briefly informed the Members that the **Mission is offering office space on the premises at reasonable rates. The offer comprises furnished / unfurnished rooms, with / without secretarial services and the rates would vary accordingly. Anyone interested could contact Bernard directly at 604.312.7831.**

### **2) Agenda:**

The proposed agenda for the Meeting was read out by Richard Smith.

There were no additions / amendments proposed and the Agenda was accepted as read. The motion to accept the Agenda was proposed by Ram Sudama, seconded by Phil Oldham and all present voted in favour.

### **3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Having distributed copies of The Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on May 21st, the VP asked that attendees read through them.

A motion to accept the Minutes as distributed was proposed by Tim Ellis, seconded by Capt. Don Tranter and all present voted in favour.

### **4) Old Business/Matters arising from the last General Meeting:**

**AMSBC Charter Status** – The President, Alistair Beaton had received a response from the Associate Deputy Minister of the Provincial Government regarding Charter status for the AMSBC. Richard Smith read out the message to the Members in which it was stated by the Honourable Minister that “the process for obtaining Chartered Status is by legislation”. He further stated that Alistair should get in touch with the Manager of Governance, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations for further details. At the Board Meeting held earlier, Alistair had conveyed that he would pursue these enquiries and update the Members accordingly.

**AMSO** – The minutes of the meeting held in London, UK on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 had been circulated to all Members. Richard asked the Members present if they had reviewed these minutes. Printed copies were provided at the general meeting.

The AMSBC hereby acknowledges and thanks the President, Alistair Beaton for representing our Association at this historic event. Richard Smith proposed the vote of thanks and this was approved by all.

At the Board Meeting held earlier, it had been concluded that there was still some confusion as to the status of the AMSO, the role of IIMS and the Marine Surveyors Register set up by IIMS. Alistair Beaton had agreed to contact John Lawrence, the CEO of IIMS, for clarifications. The reply from John Lawrence had been received and forwarded to the Board.

Richard Smith then summarized the current position of the AMSO as perceived by the Board Members, after their earlier discussions and subsequent clarifications from John Lawrence.

The conclusions reached as a result of the above processes are listed below:

- The AMSO (Alliance of Marine Surveying Organisations) was set up as an unofficial, non-registered entity for the convenience and enablement

of the working group/s to communicate with representatives of the various organisations who participated in the Conference in London, UK.

- The AMSO will be chaired by Mr. Brian Williamson “until such time as a structure is formed and a formal chairman is elected.”
- AMSO is the temporary name given to the Alliance and the name for the final entity will be decided later when a formal structure is established.
- IIMS has provided secretariat and website support for the proposed Organisation, resulting in the “Registry” for marine surveyors. However, since the AMSO is an “informal organization” and not registered, the “Registry” by itself could be considered premature.
- There appears to be no checks in place for registering individuals or groups; nor is there any formal list of “member organizations”.

In conclusion, it was decided that the AMSBC would await communication from the working group of the AMSO with regard to any further action / progress.

### **5) Executive Highlights / Director’s Reports:**

- (a) Membership – Pat Haliburton reported that there had been one enquiry since the last General Meeting from Mr. Matt Kirkbus. Pat asked for a clarification regarding Mr. Kirkbus’ surveying experience and Richard read out the requirements for Probationary Member from the by-laws.
- (b) Treasurer – Richard read out the submitted report from the Treasurer which stated that following funds are available in each of our bank accounts as follows:
  - a. Chequing Account C\$ 3418.57
  - b. ING Direct Savings Account – C\$ 5506.32

The Treasurer’s report went on to list the Members who had not yet paid their Annual dues to date. These are as follows:

1. Capt. Andrew Korek
2. Capt. Tom McLean
3. Wayne Patrick
4. Terry Scully
5. David Smiley

It had been pointed out earlier by Richard Smith that David Smiley had left Canada and retired in the UK. This information would be conveyed to Roy so that he could update his records.

**6) New Business:**

- AGM – Richard Smith handed out copies of the choice of menu offered by the Executive Inn Hotel. The “Working Lunch Buffet” was agreed to by choice and Richard stated that he would inform the hotel accordingly.

Richard then asked the Members if there were any suggestions for a Guest Speaker. Capt. Don Tranter suggested that the AMSBC invite Mr. Bernie Hanby to give his presentation at the AGM. Mr. Hanby is a well known underwater photographer and he had recently given a presentation to the Company of Master Mariners. Richard stated that he would invite Mr. Hanby to be the Guest Speaker at the AGM.

**7) Any Other Business:**

Capt. Tom McLean stated that the “fixed Agenda” for the AGM should be changed to allow for discussions at the AGM since that was the forum when most Members were present. Richard informed the Members present that the “fixed Agenda” for the AGM was mentioned in the by-laws.

Capt. Jones stated that the rule was set up when the Association was registered in Victoria.

**8) Closing:**

At 20:00 hours, there being no other business on the agenda or items to discuss, a motion was made by Philip Oldham **“that the meeting be closed”**. This was seconded by Tim Ellis and accepted unanimously by a show of hands from all attending members.

**9) Next Meeting:**

The next General Meeting will be held at 19:00 hours on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Mission to Seafarers.