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A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday 30th September 2011 – At the Society's Headquarters

In Attendance

Chris Jones (Chairman)	John Banister
Norman Finlay	Paul Johnson
Paul Owen (Secretary)	

Apologies

Charles Bevis	Mike Eckles	Ian Green
Ross Hunter	Jim Lauder	Kjell Nilsen Nygaard
Maurice Perrin	Chris Spencer	John Wallace
David Walker		

The President opened the meeting at 14:30.

Minutes

1. Confirmation of Minutes to Last Meeting – 29th June 2011

The minutes to last meeting were agreed as being a true record on the proposal of John Banister, seconded by Norman Finlay.

2. Matters Arising

The Secretary reported that the amended Articles, Statutes and Bye-Laws revision has been completed and the new version published on the SCMS Website at <http://www.scms.org/rules>.

3. MCA

The Secretary reported on the number of vessels now Coded with the Society, the total being 911, with 2/3 of those being workboats.

Norman Finlay reported that Holyhead Towing had ordered 9 new vessels, Marineco - 2 vessels, Maritime Craft - 2 vessels, and he knew of another 14 vessels.

Regarding the Harmonised Code there was nothing to report.

4. Technical

This post is now vacant. David Walker continues to be our representative with Lloyds Register. He has agreed to look after this agenda item - proposed by John Banister seconded by Norman Finlay.

5. Membership & 9. Professional Standards

The Secretary distributed a list showing the totals for each category of membership with a grand total of 327. The numbers remained steady. John Wallace is holding the fort with the Membership Committee during Jim Lauder's illness. It was agreed that the separate agenda item "Professional Standards" would in future be combined with "Membership".

6. Budget Manager

The Secretary distributed the current figures for expenditure and income, against a projection for the end of the year, together with a proposed Budget for 2012. The Budget Manager and the Secretary mentioned some figures to explain the variance against the 2011 budget.

The Secretary advised on a new category of expenditure shown as "Benevolent Fund", so far this year we had made grants for Wijitha Munidasa in Sri Lanka and the Snowdrop Fund in memory of George Lugg. Edward Cherry, a life member, had requested a grant for a stair lift. This would bring the total of grants to £6,195 (see item 16 below). He explained that at this time he was undecided whether to recommend that the funds be taken out of the General Fund, rather than the Benevolent Fund, as there is ample reserves available.

The budget for 2012 was agreed on the proposal of Paul Johnson and seconded by Norman Finlay.

7. Marketing - 8. Recruitment

The Secretary reported on a successful attendance at the Seawork Exhibition this year, we also have two advertisements running in magazines. It was agreed to combine the agenda item "Recruitment" with this subject in future.

The President stated that he had received a letter from Brookes Bell in support of his proposal to publish additionally in the list of members a listing with members specialisations.

Several new members had been recruited since the last meeting.

10. Publications

There has been no progress made since the last Council meeting. There have been some offers of articles.

11. Presidential Activities

Chris Jones reported that he had received some positive feedback to his circular to members. He would attend the FEMAS Executive Council meeting and AGM in Athens next week. John Banister reported that he had attended the IUMI Conference and Exhibition in Paris to represent the Society as part of the FEMAS delegation.

12. Arrangements for Annual Dinner

The Secretary reported that HMS President was ready for our arrival. Our principal guest was Sir Allan Massey, CEO of MCA. 87 VIPs, members and guests were expected which was a record number for recent years.

13. Proposal to implement new website arrangements

Due to limited time the President and the Secretary will deal with this subject outside the meeting.

13. Appointment of Vice President

It was confirmed that the position of Vice President had been offered to, and accepted by, Bob Barnes, FCMS.

15. Any Other Business

None raised.

16. Benevolent Fund Activities

The Secretary advised that the following grants had been made or are expected to be made this year:

- a. George Lugg – Snowdrop Fund - £2,500
- b. Wijitha Munidasa (Sri Lanka) – for medical needs - £1,700
- c. Edward Cherry, Life Fellow – purchase and installation of a stair lift - £1,995

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March, exact time and date to be advised

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 15:15.