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Annual General Meeting

Friday 3rd October 2008

In the offices of K. Lyrintzi Co., Piraeus, Greece

Minutes

Present:

N. Finlay, President	SCMS, UK
H. Arntz, Hon. Treasurer	NIVRE, Netherlands
F. Beaugrand	UPEM, France
D. Capaitzis	HMTCA, Greece
C. Collée	UPEM, France
E. Lefèbvre	BAMTES, Belgium
P. Leontis	HMTCA, Greece
A. Logothetis	HMTCA, Greece
K. Lyrintzi	HMTCA, Greece
A. Mattheou	HMTCA, Greece
A. Panarello	AIPM, Italy
C. Philippou	HMTCA, Greece
C. Saryannidis	HMTCA, Greece
D. Vournasos	HMTCA, Greece
P. Owen	Secretary

Apologies:

Massimo Canepa	AIPM, Italy
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1. Opening of the meeting by the President

The President opened the meeting at 13:30hours by welcoming all those present.

2. Report by Executive Council - as follows:

3. Financial Report

The Hon Treasurer, Henk Arntz, gave the financial status of the Federation by distributing the balance sheet and reported that at the end of 2007/8 year our funds stood at €22,000 in credit. He thanked members for the subscription payments, which were all up to date. He continued by reminding that at the end of the year he will send out reminders for a declaration on the number of members in each association and thereafter an invoice will be sent for payment of subscriptions. reported that he had now taken over from Carl van der Avoirt as Honorary Treasurer.



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4. Degree Course for Members

The Secretary brief members on the status of this course which is being run by Middlesex University in the UK. FEMAS members are welcome to take advantage of the Master's Degree course details of which will be available from the President of Secretary of your association. It requires an initial qualification such as a degree in Naval Architecture, a Chief Engineers or Masters Certificate. Students must be proficient in English. The fees are in the order of £6,000 for non-UK residents. The subject of the thesis/project can be chosen by the student, in agreement with the course tutor, it needs to be on something new in your industry. So far 10 students had signed up from SCMS since the start of the scheme in July.

D. Capaitzis asked if the University are looking for lecturers, and if they could offer themselves as lecturers as they have considerable experience to offer, it was agreed that this was a good opportunity. The President replied that this could be explored.

5. Professional Indemnity Insurance

The Secretary explained that this is another opportunity now available for members; the scheme is run by a mutual organisation 'ITIC' which is part of the Thomas Miller Group (UK P&I Club). He gave the example of a single person requiring cover for £250,000 would pay a premium of around £700 per annum which was often reduced in subsequent years, he emphasised that this was just an example provided by ITIC and actual premiums would depend on the value of annual business, type of work and past claims, etc. Companies would also be considered. However, ITIC have advised they would not offer PI cover for surveys of pleasure (non-commercial) yachts. So far ITIC had issued 6 policies to SCMS members since the scheme started in July, more were expected as existing policies became due for renewal. ITIC have advised they will consider applications from FEMAS members.

K. Lyrintzi advised they their company is already covered with ITIC but she saw problems explaining the benefits of PI Insurance cover to their members. However, she agreed that this is a good way to differentiate ourselves from the rest of the market.

The Secretary agreed to circulate details of the scheme to members.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Expert Witness training.

The President announced that the Executive Council had decided to take a much more positive, hands on, approach to organise seminars and other training events, that would be of interest to members. The first subject is Expert Witness training and the plan is to organise a training course in London using London based experts or to include experts from other parts of Europe. The main result of the Executive Council deliberations is that FEMAS needs to be more hands on and take a much more positive role in the field of surveying and in the training of surveyors, it was felt that this is something we need to do now rather than to still be talking about it next year. The plan is to organise something for the new year.



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It was mentioned that the existing Expert Witness training providers in the UK have little idea about shipping and may not be appropriate for us to use.

The President added that other training subjects could include: taking witness statements, report writing and failure analysis.

This proposal was supported by the AGM.

6.2 Small Craft Surveyors Forum.

The President announced that the Executive Council had agreed that the Federation should become an affiliate member of the Small Craft Surveyors Forum to enable members to be kept up to date with developments in this area

7. Salvage and Towage presentations

The arrangements for the presentations that follow this AGM were discussed. There were 8 presenters, split into two groups, with 15 minutes allowed for each speaker:

- A1. International Salvage & Towage Industry /An Historical Review (Tsavlis/ TSAVLIRIS)
- A2. Large Boxships and Salvage (Focks / SVITZER)
- A3. Salvage and Towage of Small Ships (Finlay / scmess)
- A4. Salvage & Towage Industry /Problems & Challenges (Adamopoulou /TSAVLIRIS)

Break for coffee

- B1. Case study of PAX ship & Salvors, Surveyors, Owners & Underwriters (Focks / SVITZER)
- B2. Assessing Marine Accidents (Sariyannidis / HMTCA)
- B3. A Salvage Operation in the Arabian / Persian Gulf (Beaugrand / upem)
- B4. Emergency Response Services (Lyrintzi / HMTCA)

There will be time for Q&A after each session.

***Post Meeting note:** The presentations can be consider to have been a great success with more than 50 persons attending.*

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next AGM meeting would be held during last week in September or first week in October 2009, UPEM agreed to consider the location and arrangements - exact date and venue to be advised.

There being no further business, the President thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 14:30 hours.



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