# **MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

# **MEETING HELD ON 07.03.2019 AT 04.00 PM**

**AT ASSOCIATION’S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Mr. Tariq Haleem Chairman

Capt. Javed Iqbal Senior Vice Chairman

Mr. Mohammed A.Rajpar Executive Committee Member

Mr .M.Younus Vayani Executive Committee Member

Mr. Adeel Khalid Executive Committee Member

Mr. Adil Khan Executive Committee Member

Mr. Abdul Rauf Executive Committee Member

Mr. Ayan Saeed Executive Committee Member

Mr. Syed Tahir Hussain Deputy Secretary

Regrets:

Mr. Jawed Iqbal Vice Chairman

Mr. Syed Mazhar Imam Hashmi Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 07.03.2019 at 04.00 pm at the Association’s office, Karachi.

The meeting started with recitation by Mr. Tariq Haleem whereafter Mr. Tariq Haleem, Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

Mr. Mohammed A. Rajpar thanked all for accommodating his request to hold meeting on 7th March, 2019 instead of 8th March, 2019.

**Matters Arising:**

a) Mr. Adil Khan informed due to paucity of time he has not yet sent write-up regarding re-import of abandoned cargo due to unavailability of consignee which is currently a difficult and cumbersome procedure.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar suggested directing his claim manager to write a summary in this regard.

Mr.Adeel Khalid informed they do not face any issue/problem in this regard.

b) Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar inquired about status of proposing alternate names for National Single Window working groups formed by FBR.

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed alternate names have been proposed.

**1) To confirm minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 05.12.2018.**

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

**2) To discuss ban on handling of Coal at KPT.**

Mr. Tariq Haleem informed FPCCI is in process of consultations with stakeholders and intends to hold a Press conference in this regard.

Mr.Tariq Haleem was of the view there will be negative effects due to ban on handling of coal at KPT: firstly KPT is idle/empty with respect to handling of Coal which in turn might compel KPT to revise its tariff upwards; secondly KDLB might increase quantum of Cess. Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar agreed with the latter. Mr.Younus Vayani added so far he had been resisting any such move however, eventually it could happen.

Mr.Younus Vayani informed cargo handling at KPT has been reduced considerably as around 1 million tonnes of Non-POL cargo and around 3.6 million tonnes of general/bulk cargo has shifted to PQA. He added KPT has not paid KDLB almost PKRS 2 billion towards their Cess share which has compelled KDLB to utilize PKRS 1 billion towards salaries/wages from reserves. Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar asked Mr.Younus Vayani to recheck this figure as according to his information the amount was between PKRS 110 to 150 million.

Capt.Javed Iqbal was of the view that around 70 to 80% of Mogas cargo will be shifted to PQA from KPT in near future.

Capt.Javed Iqbal opined it was KPT’s lethargic attitude towards Coal which resulted in ban on handling of Coal at KPT as KPT did nothing with respect to environment protection. He suggested if there was any move to bring back Coal cargo to KPT then it would be advisable for KPT to put in place appropriate mitigation measures beforehand.

**3) To discuss the upcoming Clean Bulk Cargo Terminal at KPT.**

Mr. Mohammed A. Rajpar informed KPT has recently invited Expression of Interest to build environmental friendly Clean Bulk Cargo Terminal and on 6th March, 2019 KPT held a pre-bid meeting with potential investors.

Mr.Tariq Haleem was of the view that handling of fertilizer will not shift to proposed terminal.

Capt.Javed Iqbal informed quayside where proposed terminal is to be built is not strong enough to accommodate silos hence it will need large investment in order to install silos.

Mr.Tariq Haleem suggested writing a letter to KPT wherein PSAA should oppose establishment of terminal.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar and Capt.Javed Iqbal suggested otherwise.

It was decided not to do anything in this regard.

**4) To discuss Maritime & Seaboard Asia 2019.**

This agenda item was deferred due to paucity of time.

**5) To discuss collection of Gratuity for former Secretary General.**

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar informed as Executive Committee is already aware of Amir Ali Jamal’s retirement after serving almost 25 years with total commitment and dedication so much so that all segments of Maritime Affairs know him very well and respect him for his outstanding services.

He added, in normal retirement benefit Mr.Amir Ali Jamal deserves gratuity for the period he has served. Unfortunately PSAA does not have any reserve in this regard.

The Executive Committee of PSAA therefore decided to contribute and approach like minded members to generate this fund.

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed Mr.Amir Ali Jamal had requested PSAA to give him Cultus 2014 model car currently in his use/possession. All present unanimously denied his request and decided to retrieve car as it will be utilized by the incoming Secretary General.

**6) To discuss appointment of new Secretary General.**

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar informed on 27th November, 2018, Mr. Amir Ali Jamal submitted his resignation on health grounds and same was subsequently accepted. He, after consulting with Executive Committee finalized vacancy advertisement for the post of Secretary General which was published in Moorad Shipping News dated 8th January, 2019.

In response to PSAA’s advertisement 4 candidacies were received however none fit our criteria. He added on 16th January, 2019, PSAA Secretariat also requested members to recommend any candidates known to them however no positive response was received.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar informed on 18th January, 2019, he approached below mentioned persons/entities to recommend candidates known to them:

1. Mr.Mohammad Fayyaz Kirmani of PSO
2. Mr. Zafar M.Burney, Secretary, The Institute of Corporate Secretaries of Pakistan
3. Mr. Moin Mohammed Fudda, Member Board & Faculty, Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance

Subsequently, 4 candidacies were received however they had no experience of Maritime sector.

Unfortunately, no suitable candidate was found hence PSAA is without full time Secretary General Since 1st January, 2019.

Mr.Tariq Haleem suggested considering Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain. Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar replied he is too young.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar sought some more time in order to find a suitable candidate.

It was decided to constitute a Human Resource Committee for appointment of new Secretary General comprising:

Mr. Tariq Haleem, Chairman

Capt. Javed Iqbal, Senior Vice Chairman and

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar, Executive Committee Member

It was also decided to appoint Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain as acting Secretary General for the time being.

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

**i) National Single Window**

Mr. Adil Khan inquired about any development/update on National Single Window especially with respect to Port Community System.

Mr.Mohammed A.Rajpar informed government is tendering for development of software in this regard. He added World Bank Group is also on board.

**ii) MMD**

Mr. Younus Vayani informed about issues/problems being faced in verification of vessel documents from MMD and suggested to hold another meeting in this regard.

It was decided to write a letter to Secretary (Maritime Affairs) with reference to previous meeting held on 4th January, 2018.

iii) **Membership application**

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed M/s. Sealog (Pvt.) Ltd. which is part of Mega Group has applied for PSAA’s membership however the company does not have experience of vessel handling.

It was resolved by the Executive Committee to grant membership to M/s. Sealog (Pvt.) Ltd. as Forbes Shipping Company (Pvt) Ltd; Inservey Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd and Inshipping (Pvt) Ltd. all part of Mega Group; are already members of PSAA having sufficient experience of vessel handling.

iv) **Letter from PSX**

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed about letter received from Pakistan Stock Exchange addressed to Chairman, PSAA for collaboration with respect to SME development.

It was decided to circulate letter amongst members in order to obtain their comments/views/suggestion.

v) **Office repair & maintenance**

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain informed about lavatory repairs to be carried out amounting to approximately PKRS 25,000 and purchase of new water dispenser cum refrigerator amounting to approximately PKRS 14,000.

All present approved the same and directed to carryout necessary repairs and purchase.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 05.45 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  **Confirmed**

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