# **MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

# **MEETING HELD ON 05.07.2017 AT 03.00 PM**

**AT ASSOCIATION’S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Mr.Khalid W. Khokhar Chairman

Capt.M.Nouman Alvi Senior Vice Chairman

Mr.Asim Saeed Khan Vice Chairman

Ms.Ava A. Cowasjee Executive Committee Member

Mr.Tariq Haleem Executive Committee Member

Capt.S. Kamal A. Mahmoodi Executive Committee Member

Mr.Jawed Iqbal Executive Committee Member

Mr.Mohammed A. Rajpar Special Invitee

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal Secretary General

Mr.Syed Tahir Hussain Deputy Secretary

Regrets:

Mr.Kareem Ispahani Executive Committee Member

Mr.Bilal Barket Executive Committee Member

Capt.S.M. Farooque Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, 05.07.2017 at 03.00 pm at Association’s office, Karachi.

**1) To confirm minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 21.03.2017.**

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

**Matters Arising:**

**a)** **Shifting of vessels**

Mr.Khalid W. Khokhar informed shifting of vessels from West Wharf to East Wharf can be done by filing 2 VIRs in case of container vessel however same cannot be done in case of Bulk/Break-Bulk vessels.

It was decided to prepare a proposal for Customs in this regard in order to facilitate shifting of bulk/break-bulk vessels.

**b)** **Gwadar Visit**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed he suggested in the last EC meeting PSAA should organize another visit to Gwadar port see the existing infrastructure on the ground. At that time Capt.M. Nouman Alvi stated there are no substantial changes in the infrastructure therefore visit would not be fruitful for our members at this stage. However, he recommended first PSAA should organize a seminar in collaboration with COPHC to judge the interest of members whereafter we can evaluate the situation. Mr.Amir Ali Jamal stated PSAA sent email to all members to ascertain interest whereby around 25 members have shown interest to attend such seminar.

It was decided to approach COPHC and to request to host such seminar.

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**c)** **Water & Idling charges**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed about letter written by PSAA on 11.04.2017 to Mr.Agha Jan Akhtar regarding unilateral increase in water charges and imposition of idling charges by FOTCO, LCT and FAP whose reply is still awaited.

It was decided to write separate letters to FOTCO, LCT and FAP inquiring whether they are authorised under their implementation agreement to take such unilateral decisions without taking PQA and stakeholders onboard.

**d)** **LSPD&RA & Courier Bill**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed as decided in the last EC meeting PSAA had written NTTFC on 09.05.2017 to enlighten us about difference between two legislations of Ministry of Commerce namely “Logistics Service Provider & Development Authority Bill, 2016” and Ministry of Communications namely “Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2017”.

The NTTFC replied on 10.05.2017 it was also surprised on this move by the Ministry of Communications and in this regard NTTFC has already written to Ministry of Commerce not to adopt “Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2017” till the satisfaction of the relevant stakeholders.

**2) To approve Election Schedule for the year 2017-2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal presented Election Schedule for the year 2017-2018 for approval. The was approved by all present.

**3) To appoint Election Commission for the Elections 2017-2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed the meeting that we have to appoint a three member Election Commission to supervise election process. All members were invited for this purpose whereafter following three volunteered themselves:

a) Mr.Kazim Shariff, Bulk Shipping Agencies (Pvt) Ltd.

b) Mr.Syed Shafi Hasan, Golden Shipping Lines(Pvt) Ltd.

c) Mr.Hussain, G.M. Logistics (Pvt) Ltd.

The meeting unanimously approved all these three names.

**4) To discuss publication of Members’ Directory 2018.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed PSAA publishes Members’ Directory every two years and next edition is due in 2018 for which approval of Executive Committee is required in order to start the process. He added last year advertisements tariff for an ordinary full colour page was Rs.20,000 for members and Rs.30,000 for non-members whereas inside front/back was sold for Rs.50,000 and back page for Rs.100,000. The Executive Committee after deliberations decided not to increase tariff for ordinary full colour page however asked Secretariat try to market inside front/back and back cover to terminals/banks, etc. at a higher price.

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**5) To discuss increase in Annual Subscription.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed Annual Subscription was increased 03 years ago in 2015-2016 from Rs.30,000 to Rs.40,000 and suggested to consider upward revision considering inflation from 2018-2019. The Executive Committee after deliberations decided against any increase due to prevailing business conditions.

**6) To discuss creation of Road Transport Ministry.**

Mr.Tariq Haleem informed road transport comes under Ministry of Communications which apparently neglects this important sector. He suggested PSAA should either advocate/lobby for creation of separate Ministry for road transport or for its merger into Ministry of Ports & Shipping keeping in view relation between the ports and CPEC.

The Executive Committee after deliberations decided to advocate/lobby for merger of road transport into Ministry for Ports & Shipping. Mr.Tariq Haleem offered to prepare some initial proposal for submission to PSAA.

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

**a) Traffic congestion on main Keamari Road**

Mr.Mohammed A. Rajpar informed about severe congestion on main Keamari road since last week due to operationalization of SAPTL compounded by non-functional weighbridges and oil tankers passing to/from oil installation area and suggested to raise this issue with KPT for resolution.

He further suggested raising this issue separately with DIG Traffic for ensuring presence of traffic police personnel at all times in order to control traffic effectively and to keep one lane on either side of road open at all times. All present agreed to his suggestions.

**b) Inordinate delay in issuance of PQA Port Dues Bills**

Mr.Asim Saeed informed about inordinate delay in PQA billing.

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed PSAA has been continuously raising this issue with PQA during the last several years. In this regard on 02.02.2017 PQA gave a presentation on “Financial Management Information Software” for smooth and timely issuance of port dues bills. However, despite his follow-up after lapse of almost 06 months there is no progress in this regard.

Capt.M. Nouman Alvi informed initially HBL was engaged by PQA to implement Let Pass Account system like KPT in PQA however, he understood recently negotiations between HBL and PQA broke down and HBL has distanced itself from this project and now PQA is negotiating with UBL.

Ms.Ava A.Cowasjee offered to write to Chairman, PQA in this regard.

**c) Problems in WeBOC**

Mr.Tariq Haleem informed at present correction in manifest is done after paying penalty and obtaining approval from Customs which is a cumbersome procedure. This should be done

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automatically in WeBOC once penalty is paid. He added he will raise this issue with FBR from FPCCI platform.

**d) Renewal of Licence**

Mr.Asim Saeed informed FBR has recently issued SRO 564(I)/2017 dated 01.07.2017 facilitating renewal of Licence upto 05 years for Clearing Agents whereas Shipping Agents Licence are renewed for 01 year. PSAA should raise this issue with FBR to give similar facility also to Shipping Agents.

Mr.Khalid Wasim Khokhar replied presently Customs cannot do anything as Shipping Agents Rules have been challenged by PSAA and some individual Shipping Lines/Agents in the High Court of Sindh and matter is *sub-judice.*

**e) Membership Application**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed earlier PSAA Secretariat has circulated membership application of Al-Hamd International Container Terminal (AICT) which was approved and requested participants to ratify the same. All present ratified the membership.

There being no other business, the meeting terminated at 05.00 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Confirmed**

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