

## MINUTES OF THE EXPLORATORY MEETING OF NAUTICAL INSTITUTE MEMBERS IN CYPRUS

*Held on Monday 10th May in the residence of Peter Bond.*

*Members in attendance:*

*Frank Quick, Gordon Pigott, Bill Wingate, Andrew Airey, Christos Matsis, Peter Paterson, Robert Pearce, Alastair Evitt, Peter Stapley, Peter Bond (10).*

*Apologies received from:*

*Capt. Hindle, Capt. Carlisle, Bill Kirrane, Mr. Neocleous, Capt. Hoem, Capt. Paris.*

*(There are a further three members known of on the island who have made no response so far).*

*The meeting opened at 19.40 hrs with Peter Bond acting as Chairman for the purpose of this exploratory meeting. No set agenda had been prepared for the meeting but the "Branch Administration" booklet "Guidance for Branch Officers" was consulted to ensure the correct procedures were followed.*

*All present were in favour of forming a Branch of the Nautical Institute in Cyprus and those who had sent their apologies for being unable to attend had also given their full support for forming a Branch.*

*The meeting then went on to establish a Committee. This was discussed first and the selection process considered availability of people due to travel commitments such that it is hoped to be able to have sufficient Committee members available on the Island at any one time.*

*The following members were proposed and seconded for the following positions;*

<i>Peter Bond</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Bill Wingate</i>	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Peter Stapley</i>	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
<i>Capt. Pacoutas</i>	<i>Honorary Treasurer (in absentia)</i>
<i>Frank Quick</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>
<i>Gordon Pigott</i>	<i>Committee Member</i>

*It is hoped to contact Capt. Pacoutas on 11th May to confirm his acceptance in the position of Honorary Treasurer.*

*Note that this Committee has been established for the first year of the Branch in Cyprus and at the first Branch Annual General Meeting fresh elections are to be taken for all Committee positions.*

*Having achieved the initial aim of the exploratory meeting those present went on to discuss the immediate aims and ambitions of the Branch and how best to promote the existence of the Branch with a view to increasing membership on the Island.*

*In this respect it was agreed to write to the Cyprus Shipping Council to inform them of the existence of the Branch and to request that this information be included in their next circular letter, such letters being sent to all Council members, this constitutes the majority of shipping companies on the Island.*

*All present agreed to contact known friends and associates who may qualify to join the NI with a view to their becoming members or non-voting members as applicable.*

*It was resolved to have a Committee meeting on June 7th at 19.30 hrs at the same venue as the exploratory meeting and for the Committee to make endeavours for the Branch to hold an activity of some sort in July. At this point a general discussion was held on ideas for future activities, some of those mentioned included;*

*Akrotiri Search and Rescue;*

*Limassol Port Project;*

*Deputy Chairman of Cymepa (IMO angle);*

*Thomas Kazalias - ILO 147;*

*Rod Chappel - Saturation Diving;*

*Capt. Hoem - Vessel Planned Maintenance schemes;*

*Totas Theothos - past President of Cyprus Olympic Sailing Team.*

*(My apologies for any names spelt wrong).*

*Any members having any other good ideas are requested to convey them to any Committee member.*

*Capt. Matsis agreed to contact Totas Theothos with a view to using the Limassol Yacht Club as a venue for a future Branch activity.*

*Mr Bond agreed to inform the NI in London of the formation of the Cyprus Branch and to also write to the Cyprus Shipping Council. Further he agreed to prepare these minutes and circulate them to all members but thereafter to forward all documents and correspondence to date to the Honorary Secretary. The later agreed to contact the NI for letter headed paper and other materials as found necessary.*

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 20.55 hrs.*

*(Attached a list of members telephone numbers as known at present).*

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Capt. Christos Matsis	362039/365246
Capt. Donald Hindle	6652373
Capt. Harry Carlisle	Larnaca 635803
Mr. R. Pearce	232952/346727
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Bill Wingate	320900
Capt. Paris	(02) 622622
Bill Kirrane	341759/370262
Capt. Pigott	Paphos 248014
Capt. Hoem	322390/328234

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