

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Youth Skipper Flotilla

8 June 2016, 6.30pm

Maritime Silkroad Heritage Centre, Sentosa Boardwalk #01-01

## Present

Capt Frederick Francis  
Mr Winston Tham Wei Yang  
Capt Don Philip  
Capt Robin Foo  
Capt Francis Koh  
Mr Benjamin Koh Rongwei  
Mr Andrew Wong  
Mr Eugene Tan

## **Meeting called to order**

Meeting was first called to order at 6.45pm, and quorum was achieved with 8 voting members.

The President welcomed the members and informed that the Annual General Meeting was called for the following Agenda items:

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
1.1. The minutes of the last meeting was approved, as proposed by Capt Don and seconded by Winston Tham.	Approval of last AGM minutes
<b>2. Matters Arising</b>	
2.1. There was no matters arising from the last AGM.	
<b>3. Treasurer's Report</b>	
3.1. The Hon Treasurer reported on the balance statement of the society. Members then approved accounts as per submitted to IRAS. 3.2. The President shared that after NHB disbursed the next instalment of the Project Grant, most of the 'loan payments' made as outlined in the 2015 AGM has been settled and reflected. The remaining amount was then credited to our YSF corporate account. 3.3. The President further mentioned that YSF did not ask for any grants after the completion of the SG50 grant (submitted jointly by Capt Francis and Mr Kames Bidin). However, there were several new expenditure incurred due to the costs of storage and shifting, including banners made. The President stated that to keep our accounts simple, he paid for those himself but that our YSF Administrator kept a record of those expenditure separately. If YSF receives sufficient funds in the future, he would be reimbursed, if not, he would write it off. In a way, this is safe governance.	Info

<b>4. Report of Past Events for 2016 and NHB Project Grant</b>		
4.1.	The President reported that after the grand Opening of the MSHC (coordinated by our Vice-Commodore Ambassador Albert Teo) and the SG50 celebrations, YSF has been quietly running the MSHC, opening it 6-days a week and manned by pioneer generation Singaporeans. He paid tribute to them and their passion and reliability though they were remunerated a flat humble sum.	Info
4.2.	He shared on the visit by Mrs Pamela Lee to the MSHC and her desire to collaborate with us and enhance our exhibits with hers that were presently at the National Library Scholars Corner. She had set-up Maritime Heritage Links and was happy with what we had achieved. She has also connected with SDC and shared her thoughts on our MSHC and how she would like to contribute, including the need for an extended lease.	
4.3.	Several talks were organised ad-hog for visitors and tourists. It was mentioned that the external exhibit of the Vietnamese water basket was a very popular photo shoot for visitors, even if they did not enter the MSHC.	
<b>5. Events for 2017</b>		
5.1.	The President informed members that the main exhibits at the MSCH will remain but will be enhanced with a model of the 'Jewel of Muscat' and interesting stuff linked with the maritime silkroad. These would be from Mrs Pamela Lee's own collection (to be transferred from the NL Scholars Corner). The members expressed support for this new initiative.	Info
5.2.	The President shared that SDC expects YSF to have scheduled talks (especially during the school holidays) and make some new changes at the centre. However he felt that we do not have the budget or manpower to refurbish things at the centre but that he is working on a book on Singapore's history and heritage. That could then be used to create the eMuseum on our YSF website as well as be used as a video screening to provide a deeper understanding of Singapore's maritime heritage. This much YSF could do with thrift.	
5.3.	There would also be an official launch of the book when it is completed. The proposed GOH would be Professor Tommy Koh who is writing the Forward for the history book though it was initially for Mr S R Nathan to do so.	
<b>6. Registry of Society (ROS): Changes to the Constitution</b>		
6.1.	The Constitution remains status quo. However, it was shared that we had drafted another one i.e. World Maritime Heritage Society. If this materialises, YSF still remains but would be the 'uniform group' section. It is still early days but good to look ahead.	Info

<b>7. Nomination of Committee</b>		
7.1.	The nominations received and approved are as follows: President/Commodore: Capt Frederick J Francis Vice-Commodore: Ambassador Albert Teo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commodore: Capt Francis Koh Honorary Secretary: Mr Andrew Wong Honorary Treasurer: Capt Robin Foo Members: Capt James DeFoe, Mr Eugene Tan and Capt Don Philip (post of YSF Master Skipper)	Hon Secretary
7.2	The President thanked the out-going Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer for their past contributions. He also expressed his thanks to Mr Andrew Wong for assisting the out-going Hon Secretary who was overwhelmed with his work and family matters and found it difficult to contribute in his capacity.	
<b>8. Appointment of Auditors</b>		
8.1.	Capt Sylvester Heng and Capt Sukumaran were appointed as Honorary Auditors for the Accounting Year ending 31 December 2016.	Hon Auditor
<b>9. Any Other Business</b>		
9.1.	The President mentioned that YSF had to release the Secretariat and Administrator to reduce running costs. However, the YSF committee would assist to cover any gaps and one of the pioneer guides (Mrs. Esther Lin) would handle the payments and accounts as best she can and assisted by the Hon Treasurer and Capt Don. YSF had to do this as the present economic situation remains bleak but after having our accounts audited externally and IRAS submissions done sufficiently well, we should be able to manage things responsibly.	Info
9.2.	The President shared that if the YSF is unable to secure a key partner with a long term location for our MSHC (present one is temporary), we would have to make do with an eMuseum. We remain positive as Ambassador Albert Teo is doing his best to secure a long term partnership for YSF and one that would ease our financial burden. He reminded all that the extended lease with SDC will end in December 2016 but if Mrs Pamela Lee's request to SDC is met, we would have more time at the present location till a permanent home is found. In the meantime, all other artefacts are stored with Mecast and Keppel FELS at the Tuas area.	

There being no further matters to be discussed, the AGM was adjourned at 8.38pm.

Prepared by:

Confirmed by:

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YSF Hon Secretariat 2016

Capt Frederick Francis  
YSF President/Commodore