
**MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER MARINE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE OFFICES OF
AON ON 5th June 2007**

Present

Neil Atkinson (Chairman), Shirley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Karen Bodle, George Dawson, Ian Harrison, Chris Riley, Amanda Reid.

1. Apologies

Matt Drinkwater (Treasurer), Siobhan McDermott, Adrian Marsh,

2. Dinner

It was agreed that the speeches at the Dinner were generally ok, but there had been feedback from a couple of people the content had been offensive especially on religion. However everyone was full of praise with regards to the speech by Dr Kevin Jones .

The Chairman thanked those of the committee that had called into the VIP suite to meet the guests.

Comments were made with regard to the Bar facilities, especially when the individual rooms that hosted guests closed. ,The bar then became a free for all was far too small and also there was only two members of staff serving.

In view of this and as organiser IH provided the committee members with a copy of a letter received from the Midland – apologising for not offering the bar facilities agreed with Ian and as an apology agreed to **donate £1000** to our chosen charity Francis House.

3. Market Meetings

The Chairman, suggested that perhaps these should be something to consider in the future perhaps start after the holiday period Sept/Oct with a view to them being attended by underwriters and brokers. For the first one perhaps a coffee meeting and see how it goes.

KB advised that it would have to be of interest in order to encourage people to attend.

The Chairman, suggested perhaps 2 to 3 discussion points per meeting, try it out and see if it evolves.

GD suggested that the discussions should be minuted.

4. MIEC

CR talked about the letter that had been distributed by SS for discussion at this meeting.

It was agreed that this should be open to members and see what response is received.

It was suggested that we ask Charlotte Warr to attend to discuss in detail more about the MIEC after the next committee meeting.

CR wanted to ask Charlotte first if this was acceptable.

CR will revert once he has spoken to Charlotte

5. Web Site

Comment regarding the website had been made at the dinner and it was agreed that it served its purpose.

6. Education

TC asked GD if he would become member of the education committee – GD agreed.

After discussion it was agreed that this had become a successful part of the MMIA and it should continue. GD to ask Peter McClelland if anyone had been booked and if there were any speakers approached for future talks.

TC had recently some visitors from Antwerp that mentioned the Port of Antwerp did organised tours, which may be of interest to people in the Marine Insurance Market.

7. Finance

MD had provided figures for the meeting as per the attached.

It was noted that Money was still outstanding from the Dinner that was currently being chased.

8.Sports and Social

In the previous meeting it was thought we could adapt the NMU treasure hunt – but agreed this was not feasible and therefore we should start from scratch. AR and KB are to collate the information and IH agreed to also help with the clues.

As the MMIA golf day is approaching, IH is to send over the date this has been booked for.

TC advised that the 5 a side should re-schedule once the holiday season is over.

9. Charities

The MMIA has always supported 2 charities and it was agreed that perhaps in view of the amount this should reduce to one. The committee agreed.

It was suggested that a member of the committee do a run to be sponsored in aid of the MMIA charity.

It was also suggested that the MMIA hold a market charity event. – to be opened up to all of the market and TC asked for any suggestions.

IH mentioned the time of the “Climb to Everest” that had been previously been done? IH will look into this.

TC suggested that each committee member have a think about an event and revert next meeting.

10. Xmas Lunch

Committee members thought an afternoon would not be well attended in view of staffing levels in offices and the time of year most people are busy etc.

It was agreed something different needed to be put in place as the Xmas Lunch was dying. When this used to be the highlight of the year.

11. AOB

TC signed and approved the minutes to the previous meeting.

SS advised she had received a letter from Marine Management Surveys who had requested to join the MMIA.

Next meeting : 10th August 2007 at Aon offices. 10.00 am