

# CUSTOMS HOUSE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual General Assembly held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at the seat of Freight Academy Conference Centre:

### 1) CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

The Assembly noted that notice has been given to all members by letters, e-mail and Press Communiqué as per procedure:

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| Newspapers -        | Le Socialiste and Le Quotidien – 18 <sup>th</sup> February & l'Express – 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2009 |
| 2) E-mail:          | 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009   |
| 3) Official Letter: | 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2009   |
| 4) Reminder:        | 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2009  |

The Assembly noted that a quorum has been met as per our Constitution and that the Assembly is competent to transact the business of the day.

### 2) MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF AGA 2009

The Secretary, Mr Vishwa Veeramootoo read the Minutes of proceedings of the AGA 2009 held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 which has been unanimously approved under a proposition of Mr Amil Emamdin seconded by Mr Rajan Bhujoo.

### 3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President Mr Afzal Delbar addressed the Assembly and thanks all members for their presence. He pointed out that it is the last time he is addressing the Assembly as President as he has already taken the decision not to present himself again as President of the Association. He emphasized that he has presented himself for re-election as Committee Member in order not to leave a gap for his successor as he wishes to have a smooth transition.

He pointed out that the five years of presidency has been very challenging for him as it was in a period of great reform which had taken much of his time. But he is proud that the Association has a new face. During his presidency, the celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Swearing-in Ceremony has revamped the Association. He stressed that regular monthly committee meeting were taking place where important decisions have been analysed for action.

The Association is now well recognized at National & International level and we are present in all major stake holders' meeting.

Furthermore, the Association is shareholder and Board member of the MACCS through the CHBA Investment Ltd. We are a full fledge member of the IFCBA which is represented in the WCO and we are also represented in the SADC Freight Forwarders Association.

The establishment of our website made us permanently present.

During his mandate, the Association has created:

- Our Mission Statement
- Our Code of Ethics
- Our Standard Trading Conditions
- Our Agency Agreement
- And above all a minimum price policy for our services

which considerably shaped the role of Customs House Brokers and equip our Members of their right duties and responsibilities.

For Mr Delbar, the workshop organized on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 has been a major achievement for him.

He is proud that he succeeded to gather all Customs House Brokers under one roof despite their differences under one roof.

He stressed on the importance to group together and defends our cause as one and said that it is not a solution that when we have a dispute among ourselves we run to the bush to create another organization. Mr Delbar also said that he had bad times during his mandate due to jealousy, hatred, mesquineries and calumnies and wish that his successor does not have to bear same fate. He appeals to all to support and extend their help to the future President.

He seized this opportunity to pay special tribute to his Management Committee for all their support during his mandate and extend a warm thanks to all those who have help him to fulfill his mandate to the best of his capabilities.

The President also expressed his apology if he has not been able to meet some expectation and said that he has “no rancune” to whosoever. Whatever with the past has gone, the best is always to come, he said.

To end with, the President paid special tribute to Tonton Soopramanien who passed away on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. He said that in the past, Tonton Soopramanien has been a landmark as Customs House Broker. He was an Institution in himself and his depart is like a library who has vanished.

On behalf of the Association, the President extended his sincere sympathy to the aggrieved family.

## TREASURER's REPORT

The Treasurer, Mr S Duman, submitted the financial report of the Association which shows a bank balance of Rs122,142.55 as at 31/12/2009.

He pointed out that the Association has 69 members out of which we have 52 compliant members.

We have received financial support from the Board of Investment to the amount of Rs100,000/= to organize the Workshop and Rs75,000/= as sponsorship from:

- 1) Freight Academy Ltd
- 2) Freight Net Cargo Services Ltd
- 3) Cargo Ways Services Limited
- 4) Austral Transit Logistics Ltd
- 5) United Cargo Ltd

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to those sponsors on behalf of the Association. The Workshop has cost us an amount of Rs184,798.25 and the Association spent only Rs9,798.25.

After analysis, the Income and Expenditure for the year ending 2009 has been approved under a proposition of Mr Rajan Bhujoo seconded by Mr Yousouf Sheik Mahomed.

The Treasurer then presented the proposed budget for the year 2010 which has been approved under a proposition of Mr Dabeedyal seconded by Mr Charles Maguitte.

AOB:-

- 1) Branding:

The Assembly fully approved that we proceed for the branding of the Association to create awareness so that the business community duly use the service of a Licensed Customs House Broker for their clearance at Customs.

- 2) Licensing by M R A

The President informed the Committee that he has received request from Members regarding licensing of Customs House Brokers by the MRA which should define the role and responsibilities of Customs House Brokers.

It has been unanimously agreed that this be dealt by the forthcoming Management Committee.

3) Delivery of gate pass for vehicles at Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd  
Members raised the issue of problem encountered for the delivery of vehicles at Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd with an archaic service which they call “Parcours des combatants”. The President informed the Assembly that he is well aware of this situation and that he will take the issue at high level.

Election of Office Bearers:-

The Assembly unanimously appoints Mr Asheek Elybux and Mr Rugbur to conduct the Election of 11 members to form part of the Managing Committee for the Year 2010-2011.

After counting of ballots, he declared the following 11 members as elected:-

- 1) Delbar Afzal
- 2) Consens Patrice
- 3) Severe Gino
- 4) Duman Swaleh
- 5) Troubat Jean Claude José
- 6) Teeluck Hawanty (Mrs)
- 7) Huet Désiré Clifford
- 8) Dabeedyal Yoganundsingh
- 9) Sheik Mahomed Yousouf
- 10) Veeramootoo Vishwanaden
- 11) Maguitte Charles Gérard

Nomination of Auditors:-

Under a proposition of Mr Afzal Delbar seconded by Mr Swaleh Duman and under the proposition of Mrs H Teeluck seconded by Mr V Pothanna, Mr Feizal Jeetoo and Mr N Hoolash have been unanimously nominated as auditors of the Association.

The President then presented to the Assembly two letters that Mr André Bungaroo has sent and for which he has requested that same be read to the Assembly.

Members present said that it is a long literature for which they request the president a resumé. The Assembly unanimously concluded that these letters have nothing to do with our Annual General Assembly.

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting closed at 17.00hrs