

President's Message



Dear members,

The problems of the Club in recent years especially the Audit Committee's statement that based on the last few years' losses, the Club's funds can only sustain the operations for another 2 to 3 years coupled with the 5 years of Qualified/Disclaimed Accounts was the reason I offered myself for election as President of the Club again to solve the problems which I did before in 2008/2009 after the 30 June 2008 Accounts were qualified by the Auditors. This was compounded by the problem that the Audited Accounts of the Club for 30 June 2017 were not ready to be presented to the members at the last AGM and the Monthly Accounts were 6 months behind time.

As such, the priority was to clean and get our books up-to-date, and improve our cash position which has all been done successfully. The Audited Accounts for 30 June 2017 were completed and passed at an Adjourned AGM held on 25 March 2018. At the same time the Monthly Accounts were brought up-to date by May 2018.

I am happy to report that the Accounts without any qualification for 30 June 2018 are now ready to be presented at the forthcoming AGM, and the results of the operations have shown a vast improvement with the total income increasing by RM791,566 and the deficit reduced from RM3,756,407 in 2017 to RM488,850 in 2018. This was achieved through very strict monitoring and control of the expenditures. The cash position has also improved by an additional RM1,300,000 placed into Fixed Deposit.

The Slot Machine Room's operations have improved resulting in a profit of RM282,843 (2017 : RM113,657). However, after providing for the additional Gaming Tax levied on the Club starting from last year, for which we have appealed to the Ministry of Finance, the results only show a profit of RM23,198 (2017 : Deficit of RM258,987). This dispute arose from the interpretation of the term "gross collection". After our appeal, the Ministry of Finance has agreed that we calculate the Gaming Tax after the withdrawals but not the machine payouts with effect from July 2018. Very much now hinges on the success of our appeal to the Ministry of Finance. Otherwise, the Club will have great difficulty in earning profits from the Slot Machines.

Other than Finance, the Food and Beverage Operations continue to be the biggest challenge. Nevertheless, we have managed to maintain the operations and shown an improved earnings of RM3,800,521 (2017 : RM3,493,128).

Maintenance & repairs of our buildings, machinery and equipment, most of which are about 30 or more years can be problematic because despite regular maintenance, they can still breakdown with age. However, we have been able to overcome all the problems and we have had no issues with the Fire, Safety and Health Authorities during our tenure.

The Collective Agreement for 2018/2020 with the Club Employees Union Peninsular Malaysia has been successfully concluded and the agreement would be signed soon. A lot of time was spent in the recruitment for the various Managerial and Executive positions. We took a bit more time in this as we only wanted to employ those who have the correct knowledge and experience for the respective positions.

Membership, Library & Publications, Information Technology and Sports & Recreation continued to operate with some improvements.



President's Message (continued)

The Special Functions Sub-Committee was tasked to concentrate on studying the various reports prepared in the past by the various consultants and the Audit Committee and to make recommendations to the General Committee on the actions to be taken for the betterment of the club. Now that I have some time, I will be studying the recommendations in detail and hopefully the necessary actions can be taken.

Over and above the operations of the Club, it was quite a challenge to keep the General Committee intact for the whole tenure. For this I thank all the members of the General Committee for their tolerance and acceptance of the differing views and opinions expressed and debated.

On behalf of all the members of the General Committee 2017/2018, I would like to thank all the members, especially the members who have volunteered to serve on the various sub-committees, and who have in one way or another given me your assistance, support and advice during my term.

The major problems have been sorted out but more has to be done to sort out the remaining problems and to improve the various systems. I wish we could have done more in the last 10 months but the constraint of time and the lack of money have prevented us from carrying them out. Nevertheless, all sections of the Club are running well, though not perfect. I wish the members of the next General Committee all the best and look forward to them bringing the club to a higher level.

Thank you.

Chiam Tow Loon, Patrick
President, 2017/2018