



**SWIFIN**  
SABAH SWIFLET HOUSE & BIRDS' NEST  
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

沙巴州燕屋与燕窝业商会

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**MINUTE OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011, FRIDAY AT 11.30 NOON AT THE  
SILK GARDEN, SUTERA PACIFIC HOTEL, KOTA KINABALU.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The president, called the meeting to order and welcome all members present to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting.

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT**

There were a total of 16 members present at the meeting.

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| 1. President       | George Ng Aun Heng       |
| 2. Advisor         | Datuk Yap Pak Leong      |
| 3. Deputy          | Datuk Wong Phin Chung    |
| 4. Vice 2          | Chee Man Foh             |
| 5. Secretary       | Ting Khai Ong            |
| 6. Asst. Secretary | Shirley Abin             |
| 7. Treasurer       | Tan Haw Bin              |
| 8. Committee       | Wong Nyuk Leong @ Lifred |
| 9. Committee       | Kalvin Liaw              |
| 10. Committee      | Teo Sin Ching            |
| 11. Committee      | Frankie Chung            |
| 12. Committee      | Peter Pang               |
| 13. Committee      | Lim Ken Min              |
| 14. Committee      | Tan Seng Geok            |
| 15. Committee      | Jannet Chong             |
| 16. Committee      | Choo Sun Jong            |

The following members are absent with apology received:-

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| 1. Vice 1    | Alijus Sipil           |
| 2. Committee | Dr Lee Lai Ping        |
| 3. Committee | Khoo Chin Hung         |
| 4. Committee | Yau Wing Kin           |
| 5. Committee | Henry @ Voon Shen Shin |

### **3. CONFIRMATION ON 1<sup>st</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting was read to members by the President, Mr. George Ng. Since there were no amendments received from members, Mr. Chee Man Foh proposed the minutes to be confirmed, this motion seconded by Ms Shirley Abin.

### **4. PRESIDENT REPORT**

The Wild Life Department officers were invited to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> SWIFIN Committee Meeting so Wild Life Department and SWIFIN can share information about the Birds' Nest Industrial with one another but unfortunately the officer unable to attend due to official matters.

The President informed the table that he will be attending International Conference and Training on Swiftlet Ranching (ICOTOS 2011) seminar that will be held at Taman Tamadun Islam Convention Centre, Kuala Terengganu on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011 until 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The President said, members can visit the ICOTOS 2011 seminar at [www.unisza.edu.my/icotos](http://www.unisza.edu.my/icotos) for more information about the seminar.

### **5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Assistant Secretary, Ms Shirley Abin informed the table there is nothing up to date information to report, and requested the President to continue to AOB.

### **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Mr. Tan Haw Bin also informed the table there is nothing to report on.

### **7. WEBSITE DISCUSSION**

President said, we will add an advertisement facility into the website so members can share their business to one another or to public. Payment charge imposed for this facility is free of charge to SWIFIN members only and the will be charged to non-members according to their requirements.

The President and Mr. Tan Haw Bin suggested Mr. Gerald will be appointed as the webmaster where he will be handling SWIFIN web in updating, uploading the relevant data and other matters of the website from time to time.

## **8. A.O.B**

- 1) President informed the table that SWIFIN visited the Minister of Local Government & Development YB Datuk Haji Hajiji Haji Noor on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at his office and with present of Datuk Karim Bujang to talk about the guidelines for swiftlet farming in Sabah, SWIFIN representatives were presented by the President himself along with the Deputy President Datuk Wong Phin Chung and the SWIFIN advisor Datuk Yap Pak Leong.

While on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, SWIFIN visited the Minister of Tourism , Culture and Environment Sabah YB Datuk Masidi Manjun but unfortunately the Datuk was unable to meet us due to official matters. Datuk Michael Emban becomes the representative for Datuk and with present of the Sabah Wild Life Department Director Dr. Laurentius Ambu to talk about the guidelines for swiftlet farming in Sabah.

As the result of these discussions, Datuk Wong Phin Chung informed the table that Datuk Michael Emban said that the guideline for swiftlet farming in Sabah is a good guideline and there is nothing wrong with it. And President continues, with this guideline and supported by the concern authorities, it will be good enough for the swiftlet farming activities in Sabah.

Our Treasurer Mr Tan Haw Bin informed that the guidelines is so important to the swiftlet activities in Sabah especially to our Association. And President hope that the swiftlet guidelines in Sabah will be presented in the State Cabinet and approved by the State Assembly.

- 2) Datuk Yap Pak Leong the SWIFIN advisor informed the table about the income tax issue, that we hope the Income Tax Department can make a consideration in charging income tax in swiflet activities because this industry is still new in Sabah and make deduction for certain fees also.
- 3) The president proposed to give minimum incentives RM300.00 monthly to Mr. Gerald as the webmaster allowances. This agreed by all the members.

## **9. PHOTO SESSION**

At 12.20pm, adjournment for the photo session.

## **10. ADJOURMENT**

There being no other business, The President called the meeting to adjourn at 1.30pm with thanks to all members.

Record By,

Confirmed By,

**Shirley Abin**  
Ass Secretary

**George Ng Aun Heng**  
President