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Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for Second Vice President Board of Governors 2020-2021



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Last year when I ran for the Board of Governors, I said “The next few years provide plenty of challenges for the FCC.” What an understatement ! The past twelve months have provided our Club with one of the toughest operating environments ever. Fortunately, through the efforts of our management and staff, together with the prudent building of reserves in more prosperous times, the FCC has been able to navigate these troubled waters and remain true to its values. Having a Board of Governors who have been united in that common purpose has helped hugely in achieving this.

As Second Vice President and Treasurer, I have been determined to ensure that whilst times have not been easy for the FCC, we have also recognized that times are also tough for many of our members. Unlike many other clubs, we have ensured that our fees and wherever possible, our prices, have remained unchanged. If again entrusted with the role of Treasurer, I would look to ensure that this remains the case for as long as possible, whilst also being realistic to ensure we can meet our current and future obligations.

Our obligations to maintain the fabric of the building we call home have not changed and with the discussions regarding the renewal of our lease looming ever closer, it is more important than ever that we continue to meet these obligations. With good stewardship from the House and Building committees, we have continued to do this with a keen eye on ensuring that expenditure is kept to a minimum- something I would ensure continues into the coming year and beyond.

The FCC is recognized for the diversity of its membership and the events it hosts. I have tried to play an active role in connecting the Club with speakers from all walks of life, from politics to sport, and would hope to continue doing so in the coming year. With the role of private member’s clubs in Hong Kong coming under increasing scrutiny, it is important that we build our ‘social capital’ with respect to our contribution to the broader community. Whether that be through the various initiatives introduced to encourage young journalists, playing an active role in institutions such as our universities or a broader connection with the community at large, I am very keen to play a role in ensuring we are seen as more than just the best social venue in Hong Kong.

I often get asked why do I bother being on the Board when all you seem to get is grief. There’s a simple answer: I care.

Bio: Tim Huxley is the founder and Chairman of Mandarin Shipping Ltd, a Hong Kong based shipowner and manager. In addition, he is a Director of several leading shipping and shipping services companies in Asia and Europe and a Director of OneSky, an NGO committed to assisting disadvantaged children in China, Mongolia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. He is also a regular commentator on shipping issues in the media and is the presenter of RTHK Radio 3’s coverage of the Macau Grand Prix.