



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IEC) OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ

Held at The Boardroom, Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj
Date 17 August 2009
Time 19:45

1. **WELCOME AND PRAYER** **ACTION**

The meeting commenced at 19:45 with a welcome and prayer. Before commencing the meeting the President requested clarity on Hasmukhbhai Nichha's presence. Jagdishbhai explained that he had invited Hasmukhbhai to the meeting so that he could outline the Navratri programme he would like to implement. This was agreed to and Hasmukhbhai presented a detailed plan. The house than gave the go-ahead
2. **ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Sanjaybhai Govind (overseas). All other IEC members present (see attendance register)
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 3.1 **In:**
 - 3.1.1 Letter from Trusharbhai complaining that Rameshbhai used rude language to him during the hand-over meeting;
 - 3.1.2 Letter from Attorney Morris Pokroy outlining the brief he had received from the previous exec around the missing funds and the advice he had given.
 - 3.1.3 Feedback and letters (emails) of support received from many community members, including Pankajbhai Joshi, Vijaybhai Kathri, Deeneshbhai Ramanlal, Jayantibhai, Mahendrabhai and Mansukhbhai Chhiba, Mahindrabhai Sita, and Natubhai Ranchod, in response to the circulation of the previous minutes.
 - 3.2 **Out**
 - 3.2.1 Email by President to Trusharbhai responding to his allegation about his exchange of words with Rameshbhai
 - 3.2.2 Letter sent to Deloitte's requesting that all correspondence should henceforth be sent directly to the President to avoid conflict of roles with Trusharbhai
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 4.1 ***Distribution of Constitution***

The current constitution was circulated to IEC members as requested

4.2 ***Distribution of Minutes***

As agreed upon, the minutes of the meeting was distributed to the community.

4.3 ***Hand-over by previous executive***

Prakashbhai expressed his thanks to all members of the previous executive for ensuring a smooth hand-over process.

4.4 ***Crematorium***

Kishorbhai reported that the Council has informed him that the crematorium will be ready in 2 months but the members felt that he should still try to arrange interim measures and discuss expansion of facilities. Aniel undertook to write to the mayor

Kishorbhai

Anielbhai

4.5 ***Revision of Constitution***

Rameshbhai reported that he is currently working on a draft for a new constitution. This will be circulated to all members for comments.

Rameshbhai

4.6 ***Press Release***

A press release outlining the outcome of the special general meeting was sent out as agreed upon.

4.7 ***Rakshabandan and Krishna Jayanti Celebrations***

The President and committee members expressed their thanks to Harshaben and her team for the excellent effort put in, at very short notice, to ensure that the Krishna Jayanti celebrations and the traditional tying of rakhis' in the community continued despite the change of guard. A record amount of R41, 972.50 was collected.

4.8 ***Havan Ceremony***

It was felt that a havan ceremony was necessary but would be left to the new committee to organise after elections.

4.9 ***Report Back from Portfolio Committee***

A report was received from Joytiben of the Welfare Committee. The president emphasised that each portfolio head must run his/her portfolio in a professional manner i.e. each portfolio should draw up its on policy and guidelines, produce a plan of activities for the year and proposed budget for approval by exco. Exco should receive monthly progress reports on a standardised template to be designed by Rameshbhai.

All

Rameshbhai

5 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Anielbhai and his team suggested a process forward towards determining the losses suffered by the Samaj:

1. Produce a list of transactions performed on Samaj accounts since 2005
2. Test for any irregularities with the previous officials and

trustees

3. Ask ABSA to produce documentation around “irregular” withdrawals and transfers
 4. Institute claim for refund of these irregular transactions
- The engagement of Tayfin as forensic auditors be carefully structured so as to avoid feeding into ulterior agendas.

6 GENERAL

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| 6.1 | A meeting of trustees and previous office-bearers be called for Monday 24 August to help shed light and gain insight into certain transactions | Rameshbhai & Prakashbhai |
| 6.2 | All the different portfolio heads to submit sources of income for their portfolios to Prakashbhai | All heads |
| 6.3 | It was agreed that a meeting be held with all parties who regularly use Mandir and other premises to regulate arrangements | Jagdishbhai |
| 6.4 | To make an appeal, through these minutes, to members of the community who are not on the Samaj e-mail distribution list but wish to receive mail, to submit e-mail addresses to Rameshbhai at ramesh.chhagan@exxaro.com | |
| 6.5 | Approval was given to Rameshbhai to distribute the minutes of the trustee meeting held on 12 August | Rameshbhai |
| 6.6 | Rameshbhai reported that Kantibhai Lakha had handed over the hall hire documentation and records to him. On Rameshbhai’s recommendation it was agreed that Shardaben Chhagan be approached to take over this function. | Rameshbhai |
| 6.7 | The committee felt that it was important to consider the formation of a new portfolio that addresses the economic needs of the community. It was agreed that this idea would be put to the new executive to consider after elections. | Prakashbhai |
| 6.8 | Harshaben reported that she intends holding discussions with the Gujarati school teachers to help boost their morale. | Harshaben |

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 August with the trustees. It was agreed that the new draft constitution will also be discussed.

8. PRAYER & CLOSURE

The meeting ended with a prayer at 11:00

**RAMESHBHAI CHHAGAN & SANJAYBHAI GOVIND
JOINT HONORARY SECRETARIES**