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# ***SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ***

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## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ**

Held at: The Boardroom, Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj  
Date : 6 September 2010  
Time : 7:40 pm

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### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

The meeting commenced at 7:40 with a prayer and welcome to all present.

### **2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

- 2.1 **Apology** – Jyotibhen Joshi; **Absent** – Sanjaybhai Govind; Himalbhai Ramjee & Terishiabhen Calien.
- 2.2 **In Attendance:** Prakashbhai Hira, Rameshbhai Chhagan, Jagdishbhai Makan, Kishorbhai Naran, Pranaybhai Devchand, Pravinbhai Daya and Rakeshbhai Ravjee.
- 2.3 The meeting was declared duly constituted by the Secretary-General as the requisite quorum as required by clause 12 of the constitution had been met by the members present.

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### **AMENDMENT TO AGENDA**

The president requested that the agenda for the meeting be cancelled and that instead the committee discuss the article that appeared in the Laudium Sun on Friday 3 September. This was agreed to.

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#### **ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN LAUDIUM SUN**

The President explained that in his opinion, the article published in the Laudium Sun brought the officials and Samaj into disrepute. He pointed out that strangely the article largely reflected the minutes sent out on 19 August by Nipun Jeeva on behalf of the ex-members of the education committee, thus causing suspicion. He further pointed out that in his opinion it was cowardly for certain members of our community to anonymously give incorrect and distorted information to the press, thus making it difficult to pinpoint responsibility. He expressed his disgust that some members of our community would stoop to such a level.

The members discussed a draft response in which these allegations would be addressed. However, it was argued that publishing this would mean that Samaj officials would be contributing towards further harming the image and dignity of the community. In addition, members felt that it was not in the best interest of the community to air Samaj affairs in public. Consequently, it was agreed not to place a rebuttal in the press but to address the matter through the internal structures of the Samaj.

#### 4. **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 September 2010.

#### 10 **PRAYER AND CLOSURE**

The meeting ended with a prayer at 10pm.



**RAMESHBHAI CHHAGAN**

**SECRETARY GENERAL: SPHSS**