



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on SATURDAY, 24 June 2023 At 10.30 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair/NGO Trustee	Kolkata – India	10.30 am
Pauline Singh	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Siliguri -India	10.30 am
Sushil Marda	Member	Siliguri – India	10.30 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota USA	12.00 pm (Friday)
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	5.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Secretary	Sydney Australia	3.00 pm

Apology :	Sushil Marda
Babita Chakraborty	Member/NGO Trustee
Nannette Gomez	Member
Garth Mitchell	Member
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member

Anirban opened the meeting at 10.35 am IST.

Noted three of five GO NGO Trustees were present.

ITEM 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18 February 2023. Loaded on the GO website.

Action: Dawn to forward Minutes to Ken Hammond and request that they be posted on the GO Website

ITEM 3 MATTERS PENDING/ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The report had been submitted in advance. Therefore, the Matters Arising document was received as read and noted. Items were updated and removed as completed, where appropriate. To minimize clutter in the Minutes, this report is the 'live' working document which records all actions, progress and completed tasks. Other specific issues below:

- **Resignation of GO Committee Member** - The Committee regretfully accepted the resignations of Committee Members Melroy Sharpe and Danny Khawas in April 2023.
- Noted the vacancies not be filled in until a strong candidate would be available to fill the position.

Agreed : *The Committee regretfully accepted the Melroy's and Danny's resignation at this time. The vacancies not be filled at this time.*



• **“Sponsor a Child” Project -**

Anirban and Dawn attended a meeting with the Board (BOM) on 15 June 2023, where the GO proposal was tabled and discussed.

The BOM has given their, in principle, approval for GO to continue its investigation and set up processes to introduce this programme in DGH.

It was agreed that the success was dependent on a suitable person in DGH, able to manage the administration and operation of the programme. As previously advised, the DGH UK are looking at employing a Sponsorship Liaison Officer to assist with their sponsorship scheme from DGH. Noted that Anirban has written to the Chair DGH UK to seek their support to use this resource.

GO has set a tentative target date for the launch of this programme for September 2024. With new student intake in 2025.

It was recommended that a sub-Committee, to project manage the planning and implementation would include : Pauline; Anirban; Sushil; Tenzing; Alfie; George; Dawn

It would be necessary to liaise closely with the UK Sponsorship Team, the Principal and Bursar.

Action : Terms of Reference to be agreed to, prior to the first meeting of the sub-Committee.

ITEM 4 2023 – COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

There are many projects in the pipeline for 2023. Some projects are underway and others are due to commence in the second half of 2023. These projects are involving a large volume of time and commitment from several Members of the Committee.

Not to disrupt the flow of work and ongoing projects, it was recommended that GO not hold a Committee Election calling for new nominations on the Committee in 2023.

As per the NGO Trust Deed, the Committee must operate with no less than 3 Trustees. The GO Committee currently operates with 7 Members and 4 NGO Trustees. Therefore, the Committee as it stands, is compliant with the Rules of the NGO Trust.

However, in the interim period, if any excellent candidates are identified, they would be invited to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

Following discussion, the recommendation was resolved and agreed.

Agreed Resolved that the 2023 Call for Nominations be suspended until 2024.

Agreed The Committee has the ability to fill any vacancy with a suitable candidate who can contribute productively to the Team.

Action Dawn to prepare a suitable Explanatory Note and upload the information, on the GO Website by end July 2023.

ITEM 5.1 GO ACCOUNTS - EOFY 2023

The Committee reviewed the EOFY Year period 2022-2023 Accounts, as t 31 March 2023.

The SBI Accounts have been fully reconciled. Copies of the supporting invoices and payment invoices have been forwarded to Mr. Mohan Koshi (CA) to audit and submit the Accounts to the ITO by October 2023.

APRIL 2022 Opening Balance	New Funds April 2022-March 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022-2023	Expenditure – April 2022 to March 2023	Closing 31 March 2023
Rs. 1,988,873	Rs. 20,21,945	Rs.40,10,717	Rs.26,29,341	Rs.13,81,477

Note :

- During the 2023 expenditure has been debited to both the GO SBI Accounts and to the DGH GO Account.
- The final Accounts from DGH are due to be finalized.

Action: *Resolved that the 2022-23 Accounts be received and noted.*

ITEM 5.2 GO ACCOUNTS - EOM MAY 2023

The Committee reviewed the GO funds held in India as at 31 May 2023 for the months of April and May 2023

	31 May 2023	New Funds May 2023	TOTAL FUNDS May 2023	Expenditure – May 2023	Closing 31 May 2023
GO SBI Funds	Rs. 11,83,112	Rs. 2,98,000	Rs. 14,81,112	Rs.4,42,985	Rs.10,38,127

The DGH Go accounts will be presented at the next meeting.

That the Accounts, as at 31 May 2023, be received and noted.

Action *Resolved that the EOM May 2023 Accounts be received and adopted.*

ITEM 6 CURRENT PROJECTS

COTTAGES

- **Heathland**

The work has been delayed as the boys were unable to be relocated out of the Cottage for the work to commence.

The Irish Committee has shown interest in supporting the renovation of Heathland. Will need to prepare a scope for work and costing to forward to the Irish Committee.



- **Murray Cottage**

The Cottage was reopened in March 2023. The 2023-24 Year 11 & 12 boys are once again occupying the cottage.

The internal work; toilets; bathrooms have been repaired. All the beds have been reinforced and repainted.

- Total Budget - McCabe Educational Fund : Rs.2,01,877
- Expenditure to Date : Rs.1,28,775

The installation of 2 additional hot water geysers and the painting of the external walls, remain to be completed.

Girls School Toilets

The Girls Toilets have also received a good make-over. Internal toilets doors and washing showers taps installed in each cubicle; exhaust fans placed; the leaking roof has been repaired and a privacy wall built to the entrance of the toilets.

Total Budget : Rs.3,00,000
Expenditure to Date : Rs.1,07,719

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1. The external walls of the toilet block is currently being fully tiled to improve the aesthetics of the block.
2. In an attempt to eliminate the water storage problem, an additional water tank is being installed on the ground, outside, with an electric pump to pump water up to the tank on the roof.
3. A hygiene incinerator will also be provided.

AV Room – Crozier Club

The restoration of the Roof and the Ground floor of the Crozier Club was completed in mid-May 2023. The new AV room was handed over to the School at the 2023 May Fair.

Work done and equipment provided included :

- Electronic lectern and PA System
- HD Data projector
- Computer System and Monitor
- Desk for the Computer System
- Drop down screen
- 60 Chairs
- Light block out curtains for the windows
- Tiled the ground floor
- Removed and replaced the full roof.

Total Budget : Rs.9,00,000
Total Cost : Rs.8,09,629

Pleasing to report that the work was completed on time and within budget.

Remaining funds will be directed towards the 1st Floor balcony verandah flooring and the stairs leading up to the 1st Floor.



AHAVA Guest House

The removing and replacing of a new roof commenced in early May 2023. At the time of the meeting two-thirds of the roof has been replaced.

Submitted for noting. WIP

ITEM 7 OGBs4 Change Group

Anirban advised, Dawn and he attended a meeting with the BOM on 15 June 2023. The proposal from OGBs4Change was tabled and discussed.

The BOM has undertaken to communicate directly with the Group and give them their feedback.

Submitted for noting.

ITEM 8 - JIRC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dawn advised that Arijit Mallick (representing GO) and she, have attended three meetings with the full JIRC Committee. Both Arijit and she are now also working directly with the BOM and the Senior Management at DGH to address some of the major issues in the Deloitte's Review.

The Review was critical of the lack of Policies and Rules in the School. Therefore, the first task the BOM is attempting to tackle is formalizing the structure of the Board Governance and introducing Policies and Rules to govern the operations of the School. This exercise is expected to take up to 8 months to bring up to date, at the minimum.

Submitted for noting

ITEM 9 OTHER PROJECTS

JARVIE HALL

George Borthwick (DGH committee New Zealand) has pledged approx..NZ\$25,000 towards the renovations and repair of the Jarvie Hall block.

The New Zealand Committee has requested a brief on the work to be done.

It is anticipated that this project will be scheduled in 2024.

GRAHAM HOUSE ROOF

Currently GO is holding Rs.60,000 donated to make surface repair to the Graham House roof. Work scheduled, following the end of the 2023 Monsoon period.



Action : Anirban, agreed to contact an interested person in the USA, who indicated an interest in donating towards another worthwhile project in DGH.

ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

2024 - 10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION

Noted that November 2024 would be the 10th Anniversary of GO's inception. The Committee recommended that the September 2024 Homes Birthday be used to celebrate this milestone.

Suitable program to be considered to celebrate this occasion.

Action : To commence plan preparation by October 2023

Next Meeting September 2023 TBA

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30 pm IST.

Addendum to the above Minutes – 20 July 2023

JAPANESE CLASSES IN DGH

As previously advised an offer to conduct Japanese language classes was received from Bradley Mawar (ex GO Committee Member). The offer was forwarded to the Board in April 2023.

The initiative has now been handed to the Principal and Headmaster at DGH to follow-up directly with Bradley.