



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Sub-Committee Meeting

Held on Saturday 25 April 2020 at 11.30 am (IST)

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair	Mumbai – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer	Kolkata-India	10.30 am
Pauline Singh		Delhi – India	10.30 am
Danny Khawas	Member	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Sushil Marda	Member	Kalimpong – India	10.30 am
Bernard Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	10.30 am
Thuten Kesang	Member	New Zealand	5.00 pm
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	5.00 pm
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12.00 midnight
Vanda Campbell	Member	Scotland, UK	6.00 am
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Australia	3.00 pm

APOLOGIES :

Ken Hammond	GO Patron	Scotland, UK
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai

A quorum was present, and the meeting commenced at 11.35 IST.

At the start of the meeting, Anirban welcomed Bernard Trench Lyngdoh to his first meeting and introduced him to the GO Committee. Unfortunately, Bernard was not able to stay in the meeting for long, due to work commitments, and left soon after.

ITEM NO. 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28 March 2020

ACTION

Dawn to forward 2019 to 2020 Minutes to Ken and request that they be uploaded on the GO Website.

ITEM NO. 3 MATTERS ARISING – Action Items

The Committee reviewed the Matters Arising report. A number of Items were Closed as finalised. Refer update on attached report - **Appendix A**

ITEM NO. 4.1 GO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Anirban gave an update on contact he had with a couple of GO Members.

Denki Lhamu

Denki has advised she will not be able to continue on the GO Committee and submitted her resignation from the GO Committee, on 22 April 2020. The Committee acknowledged Denki's contribution to the Committee in the past.

Garth Mitchell

Garth has advised he is still keen to remain on the GO Committee. For Garth to actively join the meetings, it may be necessary to invest in a Zoom meeting



subscription, which would allow him to join meetings from Dubai.

Bernard Trench

Joined the meeting, effective 25 April 2020.

David Reid

Anirban has written to David and given him an update on the status of GO

Recognising Denki Lhamu's resignation and the appointment of Bernard Trench Lyngdoh- the Committee is as follows :

Anirban Bhattacharya - Chair
Alfie Khan - Treasurer
Dawn Van Steensel - Secretary (expires Sept 2020)
Thuten Kesang
George Borthwick
Sushil Marda
Pauline Singh
Vanda Frasier
Tenzing Norsang
Garth Mitchell
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh

ITEM NO. 4.2 | 2020 ELECTION

The Committee approved the final Election Notice.

It was noted that the GO Constitution allows for 15 Members on the Committee. As at 25 April 2020 – currently there are 6 vacant positions.

It was agreed that the Election Notice – inviting express of interest (EOI) be advertised on the GO Website – social media – and via email directly.

If the number of EOIs received exceeds the number of vacancies then an Election will need to be held. Both the Election, if required, and the appointment of new Members will be confirmed in September 2020.

To be advertised by early June 2020 with a response by 31 August 2020.

The Committee was encouraged to take an active role in identifying suitably, interested and committed persons to nominate. Non-OGBs with a keen interest in the welfare of the children were also welcome to nominate.

ACTION

Dawn to Forward the final copy of the Notice, when finalised to :

- Ken to load on the GO Website
- Anirban – to advertise on social media
- Thuten – to email to all GO Members.

ITEM NO. 5.0 | 2020 BIKE RIDE

Link : <http://bikefordgh.wixsite.com/bikefordgh>

Ride scheduled from Thimphu Bhutan to DGH (approx.. 250 kms distance) from 18th to 22nd September 2020 at the start of the Birthday celebrations.

Noted a couple of Riders have advised they will not be able to participate in September 2020.

Tenzing advised he would make a final decision by end of May 2020 as it is likely that the ride will need to be postponed.

ACTION

To make a decision by end May 2020



Localised – Bike Rides

In the likely event the above Bike Ride event will need to be postponed – the idea of holding localized fund raising bike rides was proposed.

The event could take the form of an event in all countries. Everyone ride/walk on the same day in their respective countries and raise funds . Provided social distancing rules have been lifted.

The Committee supported this concept.

ACTION

Tenzing/Thuten was asked to draw up the scope for such an event, for consideration.

ITEM NO. 6 SEPTEMBER 2020 – Events Suggestions

Item No. 6.1 **GO General Meeting** - on hold till end June 2020

To liaise with the Kalimpong Association to see if they are already organizing the Sept 2020 events.

ACTION

- Anirban to contact Sharon to get an understanding of the structure of the Association and to extend our co-operation and collaboration with anything they are already arranging for September 2020.

Item No. 6.2 **Virtual Choir**

Danny, advised that he is working with a team of professional artists to create a virtual choir concert. A number of OGB artists are also involved. Once finalised it could be used as a fund raising event.

Timeframe – require 1 month lead-time for preparation.

ACTION

Use the virtual choir as a telethon inviting people to go on line and donate to the concert.

Item No. 6.3 **Sponsored Walk – DGH Kids**

Get the children currently on lock down in DGH to do a walkathon. The children could walk the harriers track around the campus, several times.

ACTION

- Anirban to contact Gillian/Neil and raise the idea.
- Scope of the Walk and Fund Raising platform, communication will need to be arranged.

ITEM NO. 7.0 2021 – Calendar

Another suggestions was raised to get the DGH children involved with the calendar:

- Get the children to enter a competition.
- Submit either drawings or photographs of the Cottages/Buildings/Scenery of DGH
- Incentive – monetary prize for the best 5 entries

ACTION

Anirban to contact the Principal, Neil Monterio, and float the idea to him.



ITEM NO. 8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. On-Line Go Shop

Suggestion that we set-up an on-line Store for people to purchase souvenir items.

Once the goods are available – ‘employ” an individual to be the coordinator

2. Zoom – Subscription

The Committee considered the option of an annual subscription to Zoom video conference (or any other similar option) – that would facilitate Garth joining the meeting from Dubai.

3. Collection of DGH Books

The opportunity to re- start the sale off DGH related books was raised. The general feedback was that the books have been well sold in the past and the interest for them appears to have declined.

As a matter of interest – Anirban would forward the list off books he has on John A. Graham.

NEXT MEETING

GO Management Team : **Saturday 27 June 2020**

There being no further matters, the meeting closed at 12.45 pm IST