

**THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION
(GO)****Held on SATURDAY, 6 August 2022
at 10.30 am (IST)****Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting****PRESENT : GO Management Committee**

Sushil Marda	Acting Chair	Kalimpong – India	10.30 am
Pauline Singh	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Kolkata-India	
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	10.30 am
Danny Khawas	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Babita Chakraborty	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	
Nannette Gomez	Member	Kolkata – India	
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai - UAE	9.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12.00 am
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	5.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	3.00 pm

Apology Received : Anirban Bhattacharyya Mumbai - India**Leave of Absence :** Rashmi Kabra Delhi – India

In Anirban's absence, Sushil opened the meeting at **10.30 am IST**.

Noted 4 of the 5 GO NGO Trustees attended the meeting.

ITEM 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on:

- 19 February 2022
- 2 April 2022

June 2022 meeting was cancelled.

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

ITEM 3 MATTERS PENDING/ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As the report had been submitted in advance, the Matters Arising document was received as read and noted. Items were updated and removed as completed, where appropriate.

ITEM 4 GO ACCOUNTS

The Committee reviewed the GO funds held in India as at 3 July 2022.

To simplify the reconciliation of funds held in different pockets, the balance sheet has been consolidated into 3 accounts, as follows :



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| • Funds held at the SBI Account | Rs. 6,20,055 |
| • Cash Funds held by Members | Rs.12,88,956 |
| • Cash Funds held in DGH Account, Kalimpong | Rs. 8,48,898 |

GO Members still holding cash funds were advised to recommence transferring these funds into the SBI during second-half 2022.

Action : *Babita/Danny; Pauline; Nannette and Bernard to arrange funds transfers*

Action: **That the Accounts, as at 3 July 2022, be received and noted.**

PETTY CASH

Agreed It was agreed, once all cash holdings have been deposited into the SBI Account, that Rs.10,000/- a month could be sanctioned, if required, for minor use as petty cash with a receipt.

GO BANKING

Dawn advised that Mr. Mohan Koshi (CA) confirmed that the 12A and 18G Certificates were received in March 2022 and are valid for 3 years.

Certificate approvals need to be renewed prior to 2023-24 year

ITEM 5 CLASSROOM PROJECTS & FUNDING – Update

Pauline advised that as at June 2022, GO has successfully completed the refurbishment of :

- 12 Classes in the Junior School Block (Phase 1) - reported in December 2021.
- 10 Classes in the Senior School Block (Phase 2) in first half of 2022

Following the completion of Phase 1 in early January 2022, Pauline immediately commenced Phase 2 and project worked to end February 2022. She returned to the campus and worked through May and June 2022. Noted that Nannette was able to join the Project in May 2022 for about 3 weeks to assist Pauline.

July 2021 to June 2022	Total funds received for Classrooms	Rs. 52,98,454
July to November 2021	12 x Junior School Classes Total Expenditure	Rs.25,22,325
Jan to June 2022	10 x Senior School Classes Total Expenditure	Rs.24,94,954
End July 2022	REMAINING BALANCE	Rs. 2,81,175

- Rs.1,04,260/- the cost for complete restoration of the flooring in one Junior School Classroom from timber to concrete/tiles
- Rs.1,93,318/- towards additional labour cost for the Junior School Roof.
- Noted to ensure the continuity of the work, it was occasionally necessary for the Workshop employees to work additional hours and during weekends. During these times, overtime was paid to them directly in cash, for their labour. Costs included in the total expenditure above.

**Other Important Notes**

- a) Pauline further advised that one (1) small classroom housed in the School Main Office building, will also be included in the Classroom Project, and expected to be completed by end-August 2022.
- b) The **Rs.2,81,175/-** residual funds from the Classrooms (included in Outstanding Balance Item 4 above) is sufficient to complete this one Classroom
- c) Pauline advised sections of the Hornell Block roof still require to be finished. This job would be completed following the monsoon – sometime at the end of 2022.
- d) When the Senior School Project commenced in January 2022, the budget was short by approximately Rs.6,00,000/-. The GO Managing Team reported the deficit was met by additional donations received during January to June 2022.
- e) Overall, the project was completed in 12 months i.e., June 2021 to June 2022 and within the projected budget.

Action:

- ***A continuing maintenance plan has been put in place.***
- ***A final Report, to close, the Phase 2 project to be prepared***

Pauline

Anirban

- ***Prepare and forward an appreciation letter to the Workshop staff for their co-operation and willingness to work with GO over the last 12 months.***

ITEM 5 B OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**1. GYMNASIUM UPGRADE**

GO is grateful for the offer from the family of Chibber Prakash (ex PT Master) to sponsor the upgrade of the Gymnasium, in memory of their father.

This project will commence, sometime in August-September 2022

2. ART ROOM – Project

As previously reported, Toran Pradhan transferred her support for the Art Room to the completion of the Domestic/Health Science Room, which was completed in June 2022.

Currently, the project is on hold.

3. CROZIER CLUB – AV Room

The meeting reiterated their commitment to completing the AV Room. It was agreed that any surplus funds from the Classroom Project would be diverted to the AV Room.

Approx. Rs.500,000/- cash was still being held by GO Committee Members. In addition, there was a small amount in Australia, USA, and UK, which would be sufficient to fund this project.

Project time – by end 2022

Action :

Dawn

- To bring together all the funds from the various channels.***

**ITEM 6 BIKE RIDE – SEPTEMBER 2022**

Tenzing advised the Bike Ride arrangements are well advanced. The BOM Chair has been advised of tentative plans. As at early August 2022 :

- There are 9 confirmed Riders from France, UK, USA, Japan, and India
- Bike Ride still planned for Kathmandu to Kalimpong -18th to 23 September 2022
- If no clear indication regarding lifting of restrictions of foreigners entering India via the land border, the Bike Route will be changed from Siliguri to Sikkim to Kalimpong as follows :

<u>Day</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>KM</u>
18-Sep	Siliguri	Gorubathan	53	86
19-Sep	Gorubathan	Pedong	43	68
20-Sep	Pedong	Gangtok	55	89
21-Sep	Gangtok	-		
22-Sep	Gangtok	Kalimpong	48	77
23-Sep	Arrive Kalimpong			

Action: *To co-ordinate the reception for the bikers' arrivals in Siliguri, Gangkok and Kalimpong*
 Pauline & Sushil

ITEM 7 AHAVA PROJECT

As at July 2022, there are 5 confirmed people interested in the Project offer.

The Committee reiterated their commitment to persevering with this project, in the overall interest of DGH.

- It was suggested that a minimum of Rs.10 lakhs capital, would be sufficient to kick-start the restoration of Ahava's roof. The balance funds could be raised during 2023.
- It was further agreed, if necessary, the offer could be increased from 30 to 50 days stay over 5 years.

Action:

Danny

- *To discuss, ASAP, with the architect the opportunity to prepare a 3D internal drawing of Ahava.*

Pauline

- *To give the BOM verbal update, advising of GO's commitment to continue with the project.*
- *To get the Roof Contractor to survey the work required and obtain a quote of works*

Item 8 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2022

The call for nominations has been posted on social media and GO Website. Nominations close on 31 August 2021.

Dawn advised that in response to criticism of the Committees formation and election process, she has on behalf of GO posted responses regarding the selection process and to advise that the GO NGO is not required to hold AGM for the Society. Both statements are available on social media and on the GO Website.

**ITEM 9 BOM ISSUES**

Pauline brought the meeting up to date on the following issues:

- JIRC Review
- DGH/JSV Paramedical School
- Social media campaign against BOM and GO by association.
- GO's letter to the ICs seeking support to counter the campaign

For noting

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS**Townhall Meeting of OGBs**

- To hold a virtual Townhall style meeting following the Bike Ride and the Homes Birthday
- Focused Q&A Session with questions to be received in advance
- Agenda – with 1 or 2 reports on GO activities; processes; elections

Action *Anirban/Tenzing/Dawn to co-ordinate*
Prepare a list of relevant Q&A for the BOM to update on

WhatsApp GO Chat Group

Now that all Members were using WhatsApp for communication – I was agreed that the Messenger Chat would be closed. All future day-to-day discussions and passing of information will be via WhatsApp platform.

Action :
Dawn *To set up the new WhatsApp Group for the GO Managing Team*

Next Meeting

- Townhall – 10 September 2022
- GO Meeting – 1 October 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.10 pm IST