



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on SATURDAY, 18 February 2023 At 10.30 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Pauline Singh	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Siliguri -India	10.30 am
Danny Khawas	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Babita Chakraborty	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Nannette Gomez	Member	Kolkata – India	10.30 am
Melroy Sharpe	Member	Kolkata - India	10.30 am
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai UAE	9.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota USA	11.00 pm (Friday)
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	6.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Secretary	Sydney Australia	4.00 pm

Joined late:

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair/NGO Trustee
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member

Apology : Sushil Marda

As Anirban was late to join the meeting, Pauline opened the meeting at 10.35 am IST.

Noted five 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 1 October 2022. Available 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** - Noted that Rashmi Kabra had been on approved 6 months (Aug 2022-Jan 2023) leave-of-absence from the GO Committee. In January 2023, Rashmi advised her inability to rejoin the Committee and submitted her resignation. Resigned as at 1 February 2023.

Agreed : *The Committee regretfully accepted Rashmi's resignation at this time. It was further resolved that the position be left vacant until the October 2023 Elections.*

- **“Adopt a Child” Project** - Dawn gave a verbal update on her meetings with Puran Gurung, Sponsorship Office, in the Main Office, DGH.

Agreed : The Committee recommended that this project be on hold, until further progress is made to appoint a full-time Sponsorship Secretary by the UK Committee.

- **Career Counseling Program** - Dawn previously circulated her report and observations from the 3-day Career Counselling, conducted by Charles Rajan. This was a new concept for the students and teaching body. Reported at the end of the 3 days, only the thirty-seven students who undertook the psychometric test remained. The rest had lost interest. However, it was recommended that for a minimum of 2 years, GO should continue to pursue offering this program in DGH.
- The Committee agreed that GO should provide this Program.
- However, it was proposed that other Career Counseling programs/providers also be sourced to enable the Committee make an informed decision on the program being offered.

Action :

- **Dawn to advise Charles re. hold on the program.**
- **Danny and Melroy to come back by end March 2023 with other options available.**

ITEM 4 | GO ACCOUNTS

The Committee reviewed the GO funds held in India as at 31 December 2022

	31 Nov 2022	New Funds Dec 2022	Expenditure – Dec 2022	Closing 31 Dec 2022
GO SBI Funds	Rs. 12,27,484	Rs. 2,00,000	Rs.19,000	Rs.14,08,484
DGH A/C	Rs. 8,48,898	Rs.17,63,292	Nil	Rs.26,12,190
CASH Held	Rs. 9,75,566	Nil	Nil	Rs. 9,75,566

Note :

- For the 2022 Senior School projects, all expenditure has been debited to the GO SBI Account and Cash held. No expenditure has been charged to the DGH Account.
- Funds from Shillong OGBs – still to be received.

Action: That the Accounts, as at 31 December 2022, be received and noted.

GO COMMITTEE – Annual Subscription

Reported that the annual GO Committee Member subscription/donation of Rs.5000/- has now become due for 2022-23. Current balance minus expenditure = Rs.36,837

Action All Members to make their payments by end of March 2023, to fit within the 2022-23 Tax Year

ITEM 7 | COTTAGE RENOVATIONS

- **Heathland**

Assam Cottage is currently being cleaned and refreshed. On completion, the Heathland boys will be relocated to Assam, thereby making Heathland available for work to begin.

- **Murray Cottage – Temporarily Closed**

Pauline advised the bathroom and toilets have been repaired and/or replaced. Six additional hand basins installed. Additional geyser installed. The steel beds are being resprayed with fresh paint. The internal rooms are being painted. One of the spare rooms is being converted into a Recreation Room.



- **Calcutta Cottage** -

Flooring in the Dressing Room has now been upgraded with a cement/tile flooring, replacing the old timber floor which had rotted and become dangerous. The good timber from this room has been used to repair the flooring in the Dining and Sitting Rooms.

PROJECT – CLOSED

ITEM 8 OTHER PROJECTS

Girls School Toilets

- Pauline advised, during January 2023, the toilets had been repaired.
- The plumbing has been upgraded. Toilet doors reinstalled.
- The external roof/water tank repaired.
- Six closed toilets in the rear of the current toilets have been reopened/repared and is now functional.
- A privacy wall is being built outside this toilet section.

- External painting and installation of exhaust fans – to be completed.

AV Room – Crozier Club

Pauline advised the Crozier Club now has a new roof! Completed in mid-February 2023. The roof over the left and right toilets and stairs have been repaired with old sheets from the roof. This section still needs to be repainted.

- Total cost of the roof = **Rs.3,24,059 charged to the DGH GO funds.**
- The balance internal work remains outstanding.
- Furniture, suitable for a training room is being sourced.

AHAVA Guest House

Dawn advised that the eight donors have been acknowledged and Ahava Stay Agreements forwarded to them. To date Rs.10,00,000/- has been received.

The roof replacement will commence in March 2023.
Quote for **Rs.5,10,475** received (Material & Labour)

ITEM 9 - SUPPORT FOR NATHAN SHERPA

Pauline put forward the case of Nathan Sherpa, a 5 year old boy and sought support from the Committee to sponsor this child. Both parents are partially blind and earn a living by creating and selling bamboo crafts from their home.

It was reiterated, the GO Committee does not have regular income that could be directed towards such a long-term project. GO's income is capital donations received towards specific projects.

Therefore, following discussion, it was agreed GO was not in a financial position to commit to the support of a child for a minimum period of 12 years.

No further action.



ITEM 10 BOM ISSUES

JIRC Review – As previously advised the sub-Committee has re-formed and already held several meetings. Currently Arijit Mullick,(OGB from Australia) is GO's representative on the JIRC.

In January 2023, the JIRC Committee invited Anirban to join the Committee, as another GO representative. Due to his work demands, Anirban declined and nominated Dawn.

Action : *Dawn was nominated to join the JIRC Committee, as GO's second representative*

ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. OGBs Data Base

Action : Melroy requested to provide a proposal for developing an OGBs database and how it will be utilized.

2. OGBS4Change – Proposal to the BOM

As previously advised, the Group wrote to the BOM Chair to commence a building project at DGH. In January 2023 there was an exchange of communication from the Group again.

The BOM has, once again, reiterated that all OGB projects are to be channeled, in consultation with GO. Therefore, 27 January 2023, GO invited the Group to a joint GO/OGBs4Change group meeting to come to a mutually workable plan. Awaiting their response.

3. Jarvie Hall

GO has received an offer to repair the external building of the Jarvie Hall. To provide a quote for painting, repair and installing a patio over the Hall front door.

Action : *Pauline to follow-up*

4. Easter NGO Newsletter

It was recommended that the April 2023 GO Newsletter be a video clip.

Action : *Tenzing & Anirban to follow up*

5. GO Logo

Action : *Dawn to forward logo to Bernard to convert into a digital version.*

Next Meeting May 2023 TBA

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.40 pm IST.