



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on Saturday, 16 October 2021 at 10.30 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair /NGO Trustee	Mumbai – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Kolkata-India	10.30 am
Pauline Singh	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Babita Chakraborty	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Sushil Marda	Treasurer	Kalimpong – India	10.30 am
Nannette Gomes	Member (first meeting)	Kolkata – India	10.30 am
Rashmi Kabra	Member (first meeting)	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai - UAE	9.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12.00 midnight
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	6.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	4.00 pm

Apologies :

Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India
Danny Khawas	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India

Absent :

Sankhasubha Roy	Member	Kolkata - India
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A quorum was available. The meeting commenced at **10.30 am IST**.

Anirban – welcomed Nannette and Rashmi to their first GO Meeting.

Confirmed, both Nannette and Rashmi attended the GO Induction meeting held on 18 September 2021.

ITEM 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19 August 2021.

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

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING – Action Items

The Matters Arising document was received and items updated. Items were updated and others marked as Closed.

ITEM. 4 GO FINANCIALS – in India

The Committee reviewed the GO funds held in India as at 30 September 2021.

As recommended at the August 2021 meeting ₹ 3,91,756 has been reallocated to the Classroom Project. These funds will, in future, be reported in the Classroom Project funds as “India Old funds”. It was further noted, there were no other changes to the GO funds during the months of August and September 2021.

A.	Cottage Renovations	₹15,49,774
B.	General Funds	₹ 29,600
C.	Accrued for NGO/Bank	₹ 12,000
D.	Guttering - Cottages	₹ 1,82,903



ITEM 5.0 A 2021 – ELECTION OF GO OFFICE BEARERS

Tenzing chaired this Item on the Agenda

The 3-year tenure for the following Office Bearers ended in October 2021. Therefore, all positions on the Committee became vacant and nominations to fill the positions, was called for by Tenzing.

	Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded
Chair	Anirban Bhattacharya	Pauline	Nannette
Treasurer	Alfred Khan	Tenzing	Garth
Treasurer	Sushil Marda	Rashmi	Nannette
Secretary	Dawn Van Steensel	Alfred	Sushil
Membership	Tenzing Norsang	reappointed	

It was noted, there were no other nominations. Therefore, all Office Bearers were re-elected for a further 3-year Term.

NOTE - As Tenzing had only assumed the Membership position responsibility in early 2021, it was agreed that Tenzing would hold this role, until 2024

Resolved : All Office Bearers be re-elected for a further 3-year Term ending October 2024.

ITEM 5.0 B CHANGE IN 2023 & 2024 TERMS

To allow for continuity and to avoid 6 Members retiring at once, at the end of 2023 – the Committee agreed to extend the term of one member for a further year. This would allow for 4 – 5 – 5 vacancies over the next 3 years.

Following discussion, it was agreed to extend the term for Sushil Marda to 2024.

Resolved : That the refreshed Term of Office is as follows to 2024 :

Term to 2022	Term to 2023	Term to 2024
George	Garth	Anirban
Pauline	Dawn	Alfie
Tenzing	Danny	Nanette**
Sankha	Bernard	Rashmi**
	Babita	Sushil
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** First Term – new Members

ITEM 6 A ADOPT A CLASSROOM - PROJECT – PHASE 1 (Junior School)

Progress Update

- Pauline as the volunteer Project Team Leader has supervised the work in September.
- Alfie joined Pauline in October.
- As authorized by the BOM, the Workshop carpenters and painters are assisting with the project work.
- Project commenced on 13 September 2021
- Classroom 1 has been completed as the 'model template' for future Classroom.
- Noted that Classroom 1 was handed over to the School on 24 September 2021.
- Classrooms 1 to 6 to be finalized Sept-Oct 2021
- Classrooms 7 to 12 scheduled Jan-March 2022
- The Meeting thanked the local Kalimpong OGBs who were providing 'extra' hands with the work.
- At the time of the meeting - it was reported that 3 sets of 40 double desks had been delivered for the Classrooms.



Rooms 2, 11 and 12 – Potential delay

Room 11 - Anirban contacted the BOM to ascertain progress with the repair of the Junior School Block. Until the roof is repaired, Room 11 upgrade will be postponed at this time.

Rooms 2 & 12 - Pauline advised that the floors of these 2 rooms require complete removal and replacement due to the extensive and extreme water damage and safety issues.

The cost difference of replacing with Timber or Cement/Tiles is negligible. The Team was not confident that it could be replaced with suitable, long-lasting timber. Therefore, to replace with cement/tile is the preferred option. However, it was also becoming increasingly difficult to get the necessary raw material to complete this job e.g., stones and sand.

Therefore, Pauline indicated that Room 2 may also need to be deferred until Jan-March 2022. However, it could be an opportune time to complete Room 7 by end October 2021.

Donor Acknowledgements

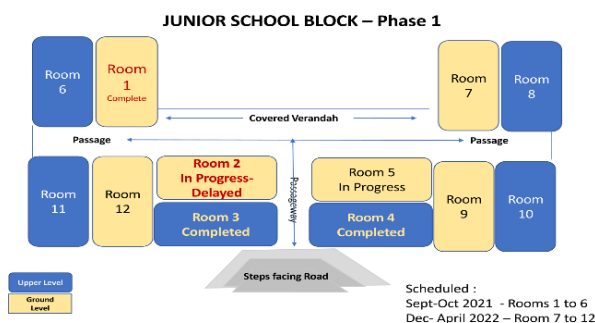
- Noted that Anirban has emailed all donors and acknowledged their contribution to this Project.
- Majority of donors have also been acknowledged via social media and via direct telephone calls
- The Committee is extremely grateful for the support from all OGBs and well-wishers for making Phase 1 project a reality.

Funding – Phase 1

It was pleasing to report that as at end of September 2021 – the targeted budget for the first 12 Classrooms, has been reached.

India (new funds)	₹ 4,51,401	
India – (old funds as indicated above)	₹ 7,91,756	
Australia (Dawn)	₹ 1,14,734	
USA (Tenzing)	₹ 7,25,367	
UK (GO UK A/c)	₹ 89,982	
@ DGH (Australia funds)	₹ 5,08,650	
@DGH (New Zealand funds)	₹ 2,84,735	
Funds as at 30 September 2021		

At the time of the meeting - it was reported that 3 sets of 40 double desks had been delivered for the Classrooms.



**ITEM 6 B****Adopt a Classroom - Project – Phase 2 (Senior School)**

The Meeting discussed the possibility of continuing the Classroom project into Phase 2, the Senior School block (Hornell Building).

- Rooms : 4 large and 4 standard sized classes. Noted the large rooms are 50% larger than the standard Junior School Rooms.
- Budget : Rs.3,00,000 per room = Rs.24,00,000 estimated
- Time : Early-2022
- Funding : Awaiting receipt of funds pledged during the 2021 Homes Birthday Gatherings

Crozier Club – Multipurpose AV Room

- To be included in the Phase 2 upgrade.
- Anirban to get approval from the BOM to use this room as indicated or if not available, request an alternative suitable room.

Scout Den

- Currently being used as the Art Room.
- Toran Pradhan OGB (USA) has pledged funds for this Art Room upgrade.

IMP ORTANT**GO Volunteers for Phase 2**

The GO Committee was mindful of the burden that has been put on Pauline as the Project Leader. Other GO Committee Members in India were requested to make themselves available and extend their assistance, during the January-March 2022 period.

Fund Raising

The response from OGBs and well-wishers during the respective 2021 Homes Birthday gatherings has been encouraging.

Noted Rs.8,00,000 has been pledged by an OGB in Australia. These funds will be transferred into the GO Bank Account, once the Account has been established.

Another 7 individual donations for 1 Classroom each has been pledged.

ACTION

Anirban/Pauline/Tenzing were reminded to follow up with the 7 donors for the pledges made during September 2021.

ITEM 7**GO BANKING**

The PAN Card and NGO Trust Deed have now been received. Both documents have been delivered to Pauline in Kalimpong, by Danny.

An attempt is being made to see if the GO Bank Account with the State Bank of India (SBI) can be established in Kalimpong in the first instance. If that is not permitted by the SBI (as the GO NGO is registered in New Delhi) – then Pauline and Babita will meet in New Delhi in November 2021, to open an Account with the SBI there.

Action

- **Recommended that, Pauline courier the original Trust Deed to Anirban to secure his signature on the document. Anirban to courier the Trust Deed back to Pauline for safe keeping.**

Resolved

- **It was recommended that the original PAN Card and the Original NGO Trust Deed be held in the custody of and by Pauline Singh.**
- **Pauline to advise GO, the details of where the documents are held.**



ITEM 8 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Authority to Operate Bank Account – Policy

The Committee reviewed and considered the Policy, prepared, and recommended by Dawn. The Policy outlines the responsibility/authority for GO Members who are the nominated authorized signatories to conduct business on the GO Account.

The Policy was approved and came into immediate effect.

Action : *The 3 current signatories – Pauline/Alfie/Babita are required to sign and return a copy to Dawn, as proof of having read and understood the conditions of the Policy.*

GO Constitution – 2021 Review

The Constitution was reviewed and a “winding-up” Clause was inserted into the document.

Resolved : **The Policy and Constitution was received and approved.**

ITEM 9 NEWSLETTERS

Tenzing advised that the September edition of the Newsletter has been delayed as he is currently trialing a new software program for the preparation and distribution of the GO Newsletters.

It is expected that the next newsletter will be available by the end of October 2021. It was also anticipated that an early Christmas edition will be produced in December 2021.

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

A number of general items without notice were tabled :

1. Tenzing proposed that GO should consider the prospect of formalizing the relationship with the various Associations around the world. It was noted that the Associations are currently working in silos, and it could be an opportunity for all Associations to come under the one GO umbrella.

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The Committee undertook to consider this proposal at the time GO is reviewing its strategic objectives.

Action **Newsletter to be published by end October 2021**

2. Nannette proposed that GO develop a pamphlet that could be used to provide to companies, for information and who could be encouraged to support the work of GO.

Action **A draft pamphlet to be drawn up for consideration. Dawn**

3. Sankhashuba Roy

Action

Anirban was asked to reach out to Sankha to check on his health, following his recent bout with covid. He was also asked to ascertain Sankha’s willingness to continue on the Committee, following his return to Kolkota and time constraints on him due to his new job in Kolkota.



4. Michael D’Rosario (OGB)– Japanese Program

Anirban advised that Michael D’Rosario (OGB) has reached out to him offering his services to introduce a Japanese tutorial workshop at the School or at the Birkmyre Hostel.

Anirban informed, he advised Michael to submit a suitable scope of the program he is proposing, for consideration by the BOM.

5. Rev. J. Webster – Birthday Appeal

It was noted that the appeal letter from Rev. Webster to OGBs was circulated at the end of August 2021. It was further confirmed that GO has not received any funds because of this appeal. Any funds received are going directly to the UK Committee, as designated in the Appeal. Matter closed from GO’s Agenda.

6. Greenhouse – Business Opportunity

The BOM had requested GO to determine if there were any entrepreneurs interested in developing the DGH Greenhouse under a contractual business arrangement. GO has been unable to raise any interest from associates in Kalimpong and neighbouring areas.

However, Rashmi advised that, through her work associates, there could be some interest in a business venture. She undertook to reach out to them.

Action Rashmi to reach out to potential, interested parties.

Next Meeting – 11 December 2021 - Time TBA

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.00 pm IST