



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on Monday, 6 November 2023 at 9.30 am IST

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

PRESNT :

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair/NGO Trustee	Mumbai – India	9.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Siliguri – India	9.30 am
Pauline Singh	Trustee	Kalimpong - India	9.30 am
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	9.30 am
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai – India	8.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota – USA	11.00 pm
George Borthwick	Member	Wellington, New Zealand	5.00 pm
Arijit Mallick	Member	Sydney - Australia	3.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Secretary	Sydney – Australia	3.00 pm

Apologies Received :

Nannette Gomez
Sushil Marda
Babita Chakraborty

Noted 3 of 4 GO NGO Trustees were present.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am. Anirban welcomed Arijit to the meeting.

ITEM 1

The GO Management Team noted and received the **Minutes of the Committee** meeting held on 16 September 2023.

ACTION *Noted that the Minutes are available on the GO Website*

ITEM 2 : The **MATTERS ARISING** from Previous Meeting report was tabled at this meeting.

Issues were updated as completed and removed; WIP; and others still on hold.

ITEM 3 : WINTER 2023/24 PROJECT

As previously advised the Winter Projects will commence on 9 December 2023, following the closure of the School term.

Pauline will, once again, be leading the Winter project from December 2023 to early February 2024.

Nannette, Alfie and Bernard indicated they would be available in rotation during January 2024, to assist with supervisory support. Jigme Tshering (Kalimpong) will also be assisting. Having additional assistance would allow for 2 projects to be undertaken simultaneously.

The priority for each project was outlined below:

a. **Jarvie Hall**

The unanimous consensus was that the Jarvie Hall project should take precedence in December 2023 and be concluded at the earliest opportunity.

Pauline embraced this challenge as her foremost priority!

b. **Ahava Guest** – repair and rebuild ground floor flooring (kitchen/lounge/passage)

Noted that Hannah Hodge (UK) has donated UK£200 into the Scotland Account for upgrade of the Kitchen. (Email to Ken dated 5 Nov 2023)

c. **Crozier Club** - 1st floor balcony floor and railing to be completed.

d. **Senior Girls School Toilets** -

The tank on the toilet roof will be relocated to the ground as it is damaging the roof. A 2nd water tank and pump are due to be installed on the ground level.

e. **Gymnasium Upgrade** -

Internal repairs and installation of new gym equipment. The decision was made to complete this project during the upcoming Winter period, considering that the donors have patiently awaited its commencement for nearly two years.

ACTION : *to contact Pauline directly and advise their arrival dates and accommodation requirements.*
Nannette, Alfie & Bernard

f. **Heathland Cottage**

The projects mentioned above were accorded top priority. Consequently, if work on Heathland cannot proceed as planned, a proposal was made to accommodate the Heathland boys at Assam Cottage upon their return from holidays at the beginning of the 2024 School year.

This arrangement would make Heathland Cottage available for necessary work to commence at the start of the School year.

ACTION : *Despite funds still available from the 2019-2020 Cottage Appeal earmarked for one cottage's repair, the suggestion is to initiate a fundraising call directed at the Heathland boys.*
Anirban

Woodburn Cottage (Outside the scope of GO)

On a separate note, Pauline informed that the Woodburn Cottage project team intends to wrap up the Woodburn project during this Winter break as well. Tshering Higgins will be supervising this project and receiving funding directly from a couple of Woodburn girls. He has also discussed and agreed on the project terms with Pauline.

Timeframe : Scheduled for completion over 6 weeks from January to first week of February 2024.

Accommodation : for student volunteers will be provided at Assam Cottage. However, no external labour will be accommodated at Assam or Woodburn during the project's duration.

ACTION : *to oversee the provision of accommodation only, to Higgins and his student volunteers for the 6 weeks as indicated above.*
Pauline

ITEM 4A : GO ACCOUNTS - STATUS

Due to technical difficulties with sourcing the EOM Bank Statements on-line, the GO Accounts were unable to be updated for the months of September and October 2023.

However, there has been no new income or expenditure during this period. As soon as the Statements and/or online-become available, the Accounts will be updated for the next meeting in January 2024.

Therefore, no Accounts for September and October were tabled.

Special Note for the Record :

With the exception of some contributions from the USA and Australia (into DGH GO Account) and funds for a Utility Van (sponsored by Pauline personally) there has been minimal new GO Funds since April 2023.

Submitted for noting only

ITEM 4B : EOFY 2022-2023 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The EOFY March 2023 audited audits by Koshi & George, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi was tabled.

The Association reported the audited results :

Total Receipts	Expenditure	Balance 31 Mar 2023
Rs.40,11,818	Rs.26,29,341	Rs.13,82,477

Anirban, Babita and Mr. Koshi (CA) signed-off on the Final Accounts, prior to submission to the Indian Tax Office, India.

ACTION : *Resolved that the EOFY 2022-2023 Accounts be received and noted.*

ADDENDUM to the above Minuted Item 29 Nov 2023 :

The following payments to Mr. Mohan Koshi, CA, New Delhi was approved.

Mr. Koshi completed the 2022-23 EOYF Audited Accounts and submitted the Returns to the Income Tax Office on behalf of the GO Association :

- 9A registration and Audit of EOYF Tax Return = Rs.12,500
- 10BB Application = Rs.17,700
- Total = Rs.30,200

In addition, the funds will be charged to the GO Committee Membership general account.

ITEM 5 : SPONSOR A CHILD PROJECT 2024

After meeting with Sponsorship DGH/UK, we received information that the Sponsorship Liaison Officer, who GO had hoped would play a crucial role in the 'Sponsor a Child' project, has resigned. This comes as a setback for GO.

Consequently, for the present period, GO will bear complete responsibility for initiating, overseeing, and managing the project on behalf of the Sponsored Office in DGH.



All Members of GO were asked to share their suggestions regarding the extent of involvement the GO Committee should maintain once the project has been established in DGH?

Dawn has commenced information gathering for forms and letters etc.

Project timeframe : January 2024 with a test run in May 2024, prior to launching in September 2024.

ACTION : *Noted all Members would be required to be fully committed to assisting, where All Members required, to meet this target date.*

GO/BOM COLLABORATION

Further to the earlier exchange of communication between the BOM and GO, Anirban and Pauline had an informal meeting on 30 October 2023, with Shane Calvert, (Chair BOM) to receive an update on his recent proposal for a closer collaboration with GO and the BOM. At the meeting, it became evident, that the Board was seeking greater involvement of GO/OGBs in the management and operation of the School, although specific details were not available.

Subsequently, the remainder of this GO Meeting focused on discussing and outlining various scenarios for a seamless integration of members from the current Board and GO/OGBs.

It was unanimously decided that Anirban would draft a letter to the Board, conveying the recommendations and suggestions derived from this meeting.

ACTION *Letter to be forwarded to the Board by 13 November 2023.*

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.30 am IST

Next meeting in January 2024 - TBC