



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on Saturday, 13 March 2021 at 11.30 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair	Mumbai – India	11.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer	Kolkata-India	11.30 am
Pauline Singh	Member	Delhi – India	11.30 am
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	11.30 am
Danny Khawas	Member	Delhi – India	11.30 am
Thuten Kesang	Member	New Zealand	7.00 pm
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	7.00 pm
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai - UAE	10.00 am
Roy Sankhasubha	Member	Abu Dhabi - UAE	10.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12.00 am
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	5.00 pm

APOLOGIES :

Sushil Marda	Member	Kalimpong – India
Babita Chakraborty	New Members	Delhi – India

A quorum was available and the first meeting for 2021 commenced at 11.35 am IST.

ITEM NO. 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7 November 2020.

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

ITEM NO. 3 MATTERS ARISING – Action Items

The Matters Arising document was received and items updated. Items were updated and other marked as Closed. Matters for actions and noting :

- **NGO Registration – March 2021** - the Application has been submitted to the Registrar's Office in New Delhi as a Charitable Trust. Awaiting final sign-off and confirmation of registration
- **Roof Restoration** – painting the roof of the School buildings has been scheduled for March 2021. Project by GO and funds donated, separately, by Toran Pradhan (OGB N.America)
- **Guidelines for Visitors to DGH Campus** – GO to review the BOM's newly established Safe-Guarding Policy, specifically, regarding the Clause re. Visitors on the Campus.



- **Winter 2021/2022 Cottage Renovations** - all being equal, it was agreed that Heathland and Assam Cottages would be renovated in 2021/2022.

Bernard advised he is holding funds raised by Shillong OGBs for Heathland.

To approach the Assam Cottage boys to seek their interest in also raising funds.

ITEM NO. 4 **GO/IC BLUE-PRINT for DGH**

Noted the report was finalized and agreed to by all ICs/GO and submitted to the Chair (BOM) on 4 February 2021.

Understand that the BOM have agreed to hold a special strategic meeting to review and consider the goals and objectives, outlined in the document.

ITEM NO. 5 **RESIGNATION – Committee Member**

The Committee regretfully accepted Vanda Campbell's resignation from the GO Committee, dated 21 December 2020. For noting.

ITEM NO.6 **FINANCIALS**

Balance Sheet as at February 2021 –

GO Funds in India	Cottage Renovations	Ind.Rs. 14,96,443
Funds held at DGH	Cottage Renovations	Ind.Rs. 3,76,221
Funds held at DGH	Cottage Guttering work	Ind.Rs. 3,76,221
GO Funds in India	General GO Projects	Ind.Rs. 1,67,156 **

NOTE

New funds received from OGBs of North America = Ind.Rs.1,67,156.71
** has been allocated to "General Funds" for future GO/DGH projects

ITEM NO. 7.0 **BOM – MEETING UPDATES**

Pauline Singh has represented GO on the BOM since her appointment to the Board in October 2020.

Noted that a Terms of Reference for the role of the GO representative on the BOM was drafted in December 2020 and approved by the GO Committee. A copy of the Terms of Reference was provided to Pauline and copy available on the GO Website.

Pauline gave a summary of all the activities, relevant to GO, originating from the BOM held during December-February 2021.

Welfare of Children

Anirban updated the meeting that GO became aware of 3 separate cases of sponsored children who were in distress during Jan & Feb 2021.



He advised on the urgent remedial action taken, in conjunction with the BOM, in safeguarding these 3 children's welfare.

Submitted for noting only

ITEM NO. 8	ITEMS – for Decision
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a. **Town Hall Style Meeting with OGBs**

Agreed that the on-line town hall style meeting (successfully conducted by Tenzing with the N.American OGBs) be replicated in all the regions.

- Sydney (to include Australia and New Zealand) in April 2021
- Other Regions to be scheduled in 2021

Action
Anirban/Tenzing
/Dawn

- **to draw up a program**

b. **Safe-Guarding Policy – ‘Visitors to DGH’**

The meeting reviewed the newly established Safe-Guarding Policy for DGH prepared and published by the BOM Safe-Guarding Committee. The new Conditions of Entry for visitors on to the compound was hidden in the 24-page document.

The meeting was of the view that the Clause relating to “Visitors on the Compound” was unclear and at best confusing.

It was, therefore, agreed that this clause be extracted from the Policy and a one-page Visitors Guide be made available on the DGH and GO website.

Action
Tenzing/Dawn

- **to prepare the document for submission to the BOM, for approval.**

c. **Classroom Renovations - GO Project**

The BOM has asked if GO could get involved in renovating the School Classrooms in 2021, as part of our renovation's projects.

The meeting agreed that this could be feasible in tandem with the Cottage Renovations which is ongoing and undertaken during the School winter break.

It was recommended that a full study be done on the requirements e.g.:

- No. of classrooms – Junior/Primary/Senior/Special purpose classrooms
- Refurbishment and reuse of some of the desk etc. that could be salvaged
- Suppliers / easy availability of suitable classroom furniture
- Ascertain the Total cost for each Classroom:
 - fully refurbish with upgraded desks/chairs
 - overhead projectors - option to supply one for each Classroom
 - whiteboards to replace the blackboard in the Senior Classrooms



- **Fund Raising Options**

- Tenzing proposed that the planned fund-raising Bike Ride in 2021/22 could be directed to this project.
- OGBs be targeted in their Batch Year to raise funds for a specific classroom in their honour.
- Individuals be asked to “Adopt a Desk” appeal
- Bernard advised that he is holding approx. IndRs. 1,00,000 raised by the Shillong OGBs and these could be directed to this project.
- Tenzing advised that the funds raised by the North America OGBs in December 2020 – could also be directed to this project (Rs.167,156).

Action :
Sushil/Alfie/
Danny/Pauline

- **To prepare scope for cost/material/labour/timing to refurbish each Classroom**
- **Provide plan by 16 April 2021**

d. Mentoring School Leavers

A request has been received from the UK Committee if GO would assist them with the children that they continue to sponsor for extended studies after leaving DGH.

GO’s involvement would be in the capacity as mentors and counsel, where required.

It was proposed that to assist in this program – GO would firstly need to identify OGBs willing to provide this service along with their ‘professional skills and expertise’.

Once, Rules and guidelines for this mentorship would be required.

Action :
Anirban/Thuten

- **To prepare scope for involvement of OGBs in partnering with UK Committee**
- **To discuss with Ken to amend the new Membership registration site on the GO Website to include “profession” as an added option when registering**

e. Rev. J. Webster – Birthday 2021 Appeal

The meeting agreed to include Rev. Webster’s notice for his Birthday 2021 Appeal to OGBs in the next GO Newsletters to Members.

Action :
Anirban/Thuten

- **To advise Rev. Webster that GO is willing to include his funding raising 2021 Birthday Appeal in the GO newsletter.**
- **To propose to JW to target his fund raising towards raising funds for Jubilee/Graham/Yule/Bell houses**

ITEM NO. 7.0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Vacancy on the GO Committee – it was agreed that the vacancy created following Vanda’s resignation would not be filled at this time. The position would be filled at the next GO Committee election in September 2021.



In the meantime, Committee Members were asked to ascertain OGBs locally, who would be a suitable back-up to assist Sushil on the ground locally in Kalimpong and Siliguri.

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30 IST