



## THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on Saturday, 21 August 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
Danny Khawas	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
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	10.30 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12.00 midnight
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	5.00 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	3.00 pm

#### Apologies :

Roy Sankhasubha Member Kolkata - India

#### Absent :

Garth Mitchell Member Dubai - UAE

A quorum was available. The meeting commenced at **10.30 am IST**.

#### ITEM 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

- **‘Guidelines for Visitors’ to the DGH Campus** – advised by the BOM that the Guidelines will come into effect commencing 1 September 2021 for all visitors on to the campus.

#### ITEM. 4 GO Financials – in India

The Committee reviewed the GO funds held in India as at 31 July 2021. As proposed at the June meeting the reallocation of funds were made to the different categories.

A.	Cottage Renovations	₹15,49,774
B.	General Funds	₹ 29,600
C.	Classroom Funds (reallocated from Cottage)	₹ 3,91,756
D.	Accrued for NGO/Bank	₹ 12,000
E.	Guttering - Cottages	₹ 1,82,903



The response from OGBs and well-wishers in the first 2 months has been promising. However, it was noted, the donations in August 2021 have slowed down. Committee Members were, again, encouraged to continue their effort in raising interest among their OGB peers.

Funds raised as at 31 July 2021:

India (new funds)	₹ 1,98,401
India – (old funds as indicated above)	₹ 3,91,756
Australia (Dawn)	Aus \$9,985
USA (Tenzing)	US \$4,700
UK (GO UK A/c)	UK £782
New Zealand (George)	NZ \$520

### 1. Transferring Funds to India from Australia

Dawn advised she has had discussion with President (Anthony Ridler) of the DGH Committee in Australia, in relation to transferring GO funds to India via their Committee.

Anthony has advised that their Committee would be willing to transfer GO funds to India on a couple of conditions.

- a) *Funds will be from individual donors/organisations. Dawn to provide all details.*
- b) *tax-deductible receipts would be provided to the doner, directly, from the DGH Committee (Vic)*
- c) *the DGH Committee (Vic), will send the funds to DGH in a lumpsum and/or smaller amounts, as required, and as advised by GO*
- d) *GO will be responsible for bearing the cost of all Bank transfers, on each occasion.*
- e) *once funds are sent to DGH, GO will be responsible for communication and managing the funds directly with the BOM and/or Bursar at DGH*
- f) *GO will be responsible for obtaining confirmation and receipt from Col.Gogoi (Bursar) for the exact value (Indian Rupees) received in India*

The Committee was happy to take up this offer.

### 2. **Class of '72 - Fund Raising**

Dawn further advised that the Class of '72 is in the process of raising funds for a Classroom. It was recommended, that if the Class of '72 organisers wished, invoices receipts could be sent directly to them for payment.

### 3. **Class of '88 – Fund Raising**

Bernard advised that the Class of '88 is also collecting funds for a Classroom.

Action :

- **Dawn to co-ordinate with the Dr.Grahams Homes Committee in Victoria, Australia, the transfer of funds as outlined above.**
- **Anirban to advise the Chair (BOM) and Col.Gogai (Bursar DGH) of the arrangements.**



At the close of nominations on Sunday 15 August 2021, only 2 written expressions of interest were received to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee from Rashmi Kabra - New Delhi and Nannette Nayyar (Gomes) – Kolkata

It was reported, one enquiry was made on FB. However, the enquiry was not followed up with a formal written nomination.

- The nomination for Rashmi was proposed by Sushil and seconded by Tenzing.
- The nomination for Nannette was proposed by Pauline and seconded by Danny.

Approved

***Following a review of the candidates and the value they bring with them, the Committee approved the appointment of both Rashmi and Nannette on the GO Committee, commencing October 2021.***

***In addition, the Committee, acknowledged the re-appointment of the 2 retiring members:***

- ***Anirban Bhattacharyya***
- ***Alfred Khan***

***All 4 appointments on the Committee will be for a period of 3 years – ending October 2024.***

***Noted – the GO Committee Executive Team office bearers will be elected at the October 2021 GO Committee meeting.***

Action :

- To schedule a formal induction and introductory meeting for the 2 new appointees with the GO Executive Team.
- Dawn to co-ordinate a meeting by mid-September

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#### Roof Painting/Restoration

Noted the roof painting of the Senior School (Science) block was completed in May 2021.

Previously advised, the roof painting of the Junior School block has been delayed as the roof has extensive water damage. The BOM arranged for a Civil Engineer/Surveyor to undertake an inspection of the damage. A thorough and extensive report from the Surveyor was tabled for information to the Committee.

Action :

***Anirban to write to the BOM seeking clarification when the repair work to the Junior School block will be finalized, which will then enable the Classroom renovations to proceed.***

ITEM 7 B

#### Cottage Guttering

- 2<sup>nd</sup> consignment of material to complete Lucia King and the remaining Girls Cottages was delivered to the School on 5 August 2021.
- Cost Rs. 1,93,318. Invoice forwarded to Col.Gogoi to pay from GO funds held at DGH.

**Terms of Reference – Go Committee Member**

Dawn tabled a proposal and a draft Terms of Reference that outlined the role, responsibility, and criteria for a GO Committee Member appointee.

The Committee reviewed and considered the draft Terms of Reference.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference :

- would come into effect from October 2021.
- all current and future Committee Members would be bound by the conditions of these Terms of Reference
- all Committee Members would be required to contribute Rs.5000 per annum to a GO General Funds. Funds would be payable as soon as the GO Bank Account is established.
- These Terms of Reference would be discussed with the 2 new Members at their Induction in September 2021.

**Approved**     ***Subject, to a couple of minor amendments the Terms of Reference was received and approved.***

**Authorised Signatories – Criteria and Use**

The resolutions from the 19 June 2021 meeting were reviewed and minor adjustments made to as follows :

- For practical reasons, only the Treasurer/BOM Rep./NGO Managing Trustee be registered as authorised signatories i.e., Alfred/Pauline/Babita. This will allow for 2 signatories and 1 person as a backup
- All transactions will be conducted online – after receiving approval by 2 additional Members of the GO Executive Team.
- Noted that the **State Bank of India** is the preferred Bank for GO – due to easy access.
- It was further agreed that creating a SBI Account could, in the future, simplify the establishment of the FCRA Account in New Delhi.
- As the NGO's registered address is in New Delhi – it will be necessary for the Account to be open in New Delhi. The Account can be operated in any SBI in India.

As soon as this Card is received, GO will be entitled to open the Bank Account in GO's Name as a group.

It was noted, all applications for a PAN Card (Personal Account Number), the 12A and 80G are being delayed due to the Government requiring all current card holders to renew their applications.

**Action :**     ***Danny to follow-up if any progress has been made in the application for a new PAN Card (Personal Account Number), the 12A and 80G applications submitted in July 2021.***

**Resolution:**

- That Alfred Khan; Pauline Singh; Babita Chakravorty be authorized to open the Bank Account at the State Bank of India on behalf of the Global OGB Association (GO)
- That Alfred Khan; Pauline Singh; Babita Chakravorty be the Authorised Signatories to operate the GO Account
- Additional Signatories will be added to the Account in the future, as required.



- **Next Town Hall Meeting** - Northern Grahamites USA – 25 September 2021. Tenzing to write to the Chair BOM to invite him to attend. Anirban to represent the GO Committee
- **September GO Newsletter** - to commence preparation for the next Newsletter.
- **Rev. John Webster's Birthday Appeal** – GO agreed to distribute Rev.Webster's appeal to the GO Members. Tenzing to DM to Members by end-August 2021.
- **Yule House Project** - Noted that Andrew Yule was not able to assist in this project. Therefore, the initial proposal to contact Andrew Yule to seek their support for the reestablishment of Yule House was withdrawn. GO to progress this. Not urgent.
- **Greenhouse Project** - Sushil advised that he has been unable to find any suitable entrepreneur, interested in taking up the Greenhouse as a business proposal. To advise the BOM.

The NGO Trustees agreed, a couple of ground rules would be established regarding meeting of the Trustees:

- The NGO Trustees are also Members of the GO Committee and attend all GO Meetings.
- Therefore, as the Issues and Projects discussed and approved by the GO Committee at GO Meetings are the same for the NGO Trustees and to avoid double handling of issues and projects, it was not necessary to hold a separate meeting of the Trustees.
- The Minutes of the GO Committee meeting would be treated as a true and accurate record of the NGO Trustees meeting.
- The NGO Trustees would call and hold a separate meeting, as required.
- The NGO Trustees would meet in October 2021 in Kalimpong.

**Action :** **Pauline to co-ordinate the Meeting for October 2021.**

**Action :** **Next Meeting – 16 October 2021 - Time TBA**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30 pm IST