



THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on SATURDAY, 1 October 2022
at 11.00 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair/NGO Trustee	Mumbai - India	11.00 am
Pauline Singh	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	11.00 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer/NGO Trustee	Siliguri -India	11.00 am
Danny Khawas	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	11.00 am
Babita Chakraborty	Member/NGO Trustee	Delhi – India	11.00 am
Nannette Gomez	Member	Kolkota – India	11.00 am
Sushil Marda	Member	Siliguri – India	11.00 am
Melroy Sharpe	Member	Kolkota - India	11.00 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Delhi - India	11.00 am
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	5.30 pm
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	3.30 pm

Absent :	Garth Mitchell
	Bernard Trench Lyngdoh
Leave of Absence :	Rashmi Kabra

In Anirban opened the meeting at 11.00 am IST.

Noted 5 of the 5 GO NGO Trustees attended the meeting.

ITEM 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th August 2022.

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

ITEM 3 MATTERS PENDING/ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As the report had been submitted in advance, the Matters Arising document was received as read and noted. Items were updated and removed as completed, where appropriate.

ITEM 4 GO ACCOUNTS

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

• Funds held at the SBI Account	Rs. 4,48,285
• Cash Funds held by Members	Rs.13,40,834
• Cash Funds held in DGH Account, Kalimpong	Rs. 8,48,898

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



NGA New Delhi – Funds held

It was reported that the NGA was holding Rs.1,64,401/- on behalf of GO. However, a Tax payment of Rs.49,320.30 was deducted from the funds. Therefore, a total of **Rs.1,15,708.70** was credited into the GO Account in September 2022.

This will be reflected in the EOM September 2022 Accounts.

Grahamites Association, Kolkota

Rs.1,88,867 to be deposited. Due by October 2022

Shillong Funds, Bernard

Bernard to transfer Rs.2,00,000/- from the Shillong OGBs (August 2021)

- Action :**
- **All funds from the NGA New Delhi have now been credited to the GO SBI Account.**
 - **Matter Closed**

 - **Nannette and Bernard to arrange funds transfers**

GO COMMITTEE – Annual Subscription

Reported that the annual GO Committee Member subscription/donation of Rs.5000/- has now become due for 2022-23.

Committee Members were advised that all dues are to be paid by end-January 2023.

- Action** **All Members to make their payments by end of January 2023.**

GO BANKING – EOY Accounts

Anirban advised that the Audit Form 10B was signed by Babita and himself and returned to Mr. Mohan Koshi (CA) on 21 September 2022 to finalise the EOY Tax Return.

- Resolved** **EOY 2021-22 Accounts as at March 2022 are now closed.**

ITEM 5 OUTCOME 2022 ELECTIONS AND OFFICE BEARERS 2022-23

- **New GO Committee Member**

Four candidates submitted an EOI to join the GO Committee. Prior to the Voting being finalized, one candidate withdrew his nomination. Following the nomination and election process, Melroy Sharpe (Kolkota India) was successfully voted and appointed to the GO Committee, for a period of 3 years.

- **Office Bearers – No change required**

At the October 2021 Meeting the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were reappointed for a 3-year Term, or until such time that their respective, individual Tenure ended, whichever was the earlier.

Therefore, there were no changes to the 2022-23 Office Bearers.

In addition, Tenzing, was reconfirmed as the Membership Secretary, for another 3-year term.



- **Confirmed the new Terms :**

Term to 2023	Term to 2024	New Term to 2025
Garth	Anirban	George
Dawn	Alfie	Pauline
Danny	Nannette	Tenzing
Bernard	Rashmi	Melroy
Babita	Sushil	

RESOLVED

- ***The results of the Election was accepted.***
- ***The Office Bearers and new Terms of Office re-confirmed.***

ITEM 5 OTHER PROJECTS

1. **Gymnasium Upgrade** - On track for end of 2022
2. **Art Room** – Currently on hold
3. **Crozier Club** - Funds for a data Projectors and a Sound System have been accrued. Advised that an OGB from the USA has agreed to donate US\$10,000/-
4. **Ahava Guest House** –the take-up for this project has been slow. However, it was recommended, with the backing of the initial 5 backers, the repair of the Ahava roof would take priority. To commence in the Winter of 2022-23.

ITEM 6 BIKE RIDE – SEPTEMBER 2022

The Fund-Raising Bike Ride was successfully organized and completed by the 8 Riders. It commenced on 18 September 2022 from Siliguri to Pedong to Gangtok via the old Lava Road. Culminating in Kalimpong on 23 September 2022.

Tenzing thanked all the Members of the GO Team who were instrumental in arranging the officials Welcomes and Functions at each stop.

Anirban also expressed his appreciation for Tenzing’s effort and for maintaining his enthusiasm while waiting out the last two years of delay.

Action: ***Funds are still being received and final collection will be advised by end of October 2022.***

Pauline tabled the expenditure for hosting the Bike Riders in Kalimpong :

- Rs.5000 for the ceremonial khadas and flags - GO SBI Account
- Rs.12,000 for the Lunch hosted on 23 September 2022 - Cash held by Pauline

Action :

- ***The meeting approved the expenditure.***
- ***Noted the cash would be adjusted against GO cash held by Pauline***

ITTEM 7 COTTAGE RENOVATIONS

- **Heathland and Calcutta Cottage**

Still on track to undertake the Heathland and Calcutta Cottage refurbishment in January and February 2023. Pauline advised that the UK Committee has indicated that they would, in association with GO, assist with funding the future refurbishment of the Cottages.

Bernard indicated he would attempt to contact the old Heathland boys.



Ruby Chowdhury – USA

- Ruby has advised that she will be donating US\$10,000/-
- Expressed interest that funds be utilised to upgrade of the Girls Toilet as a priority
- And part-funding of the AV Room (Crozier Club).

Action : *Tenzing to follow-up with Ruby method of transferring the funds to India*

Offer from Alister McCabe - McCabe Education Trust (MET)

Alister McCabe has contacted GO to discuss the upgrade of **Murray Cottage**. He has, once again, generously agreed to fund 50% of the renovations. An inspection to be carried out and a report and costing will be forwarded to MET.

Action :

- *Anirban to write and advise Alistair McCabe of the plan for Murray Cottage*
- *Pauline to arrange a quote for the upgrade and repairs*

- **Murray Cottage – Temporarily Closed**

Recent report from John Ball has highlighted maintenance issues at Murray Cottage. This has been further exasperated by false update on social media.

Pauline advised that the Houseparents are away on medical/stress leave; there are no substitute houseparents; therefore, the Cottage has been temporarily closed for one-month with the boys being returned to their respective Cottages for the month.

In the meantime, Murray will get a thorough spring-clean and repairs to the toilets and bathroom areas.

For noting only

ITEM 8 Two NEW INITIATIVES

- **Sponsorship Office, DGH**

The GO Core Team have recently been discussing how child sponsorship from within the Indian sub-continent, could be introduced in DGH.

It was, therefore, recommended and agreed that Dawn, during her visit to Kalimpong in November 2022, take the opportunity to visit the Sponsorship Office in DGH to ascertain the process and capability within that Office. If possible, in discussion with the Sponsorship In-Charge, develop a draft Policy and Procedure for the management of Child Sponsorship.

Action

- *Dawn to write to the Chair BOM to seek approval to visit the Sponsorship Office and undertake a review*
- *Policy and Procedure will require BOM approval prior to implementation*

- **Career Counselling at DGH**

GO has received an offer from, Charles Rajan (OGB), to provide his expertise in **Career Counseling** for the students from Year IX to XII.

The meeting discussed the offer. It was recommended that Charles be invited to run a pilot-program in DGH in early November 2022. If the program is suitable for the Students purpose, it would be proposed to the BOM and School Management to be considered as an on-going school extra-curriculum.



It was further recommended that Charles, initially, meet with the Core Group to address any questions in relation to the specific content of the Counseling program.

- Action :**
- *Dawn to arrange a meeting with Charles Rajan on Saturday 8 October 2022*
 - *Anirban to advise Charles Rajan*
 - *The Core Group to be invited to attend.*
 - *If relevant to the Students – submit proposal to the BOM*

ITEM 9 BOM ISSUES

Pauline brought the meeting up to date on the following issues:

1. **JIRC Review** – noted that the Committee has been revised and meetings have commenced. The first full meeting was held on 28 September 2022. Arijit Mallick,(OGB from Australia) is representing GO on the JIRC Committee.

- Noted that Pauline will be an informal member on the JIRC and attend, as and when required.
- Dawn received approval from Pauline to work with Arijit to develop the necessary School Policies

2. Teachers Agitation – 6th Pay

The Teachers at a meeting with the Chair BOM on 21 September 2022, was advised categorically that following meetings with several Senior Officials (Minister-in-Charge; the Principal Secretary and the Joint Director of Anglo-Indian Schools) that DA-Getting Anglo-Indian Schools are not entitled to the 6th Pay Commission increase. However, the Teachers have asked for further discussion and clarification!

The BOM is looking at a pay review for the non-DA Getting staff to bring some parity to their salary in line with the salary of the DA-Getting Staff. Any increments would be implemented in 2023.

Submitted for information only.

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Volunteers at GO Projects

- It was confirmed all volunteers during GO projects are required to make their own arrangements for travel to Kalimpong and back home.
- Accommodation is currently provided FOC by DGH. The volunteer is required to pay an allowance for their daily meals.,
- It was noted if there were any volunteer, who was in a poor financial situation, GO would cover the cost of the Daily Meal Allowance. However, the volunteer would need to make their own travel arrangements.

OGBS4Change – Proposal to the BOM

- Anirban advised; this Group has forwarded a proposal to the BOM to rebuild the unoccupied Boys Cottages.
- Noted the BOM is reviewing the feasibility of the proposal and, if required, will schedule a meeting with the Group.
- The BOM has invited GO and a representative from the UK Committee to be part of this meeting.

Townhall Meeting of OGBs

- Following discussion, it was agreed that considering the above recent issue from the OGBS4Change group to the BOM, the scheduled Town Hall Meeting be differed until the outcome is realized.
- Noted that the Q&A provided from the BOM has been duly received in preparation for this meeting.

Next Meeting December 2022 (Tentative)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.15 pm IST

