

Held on Saturday, 7 November 2020
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
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
Vanda Campbell	Member	Scotland, UK	6.00 am
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	5.00 pm

APOLOGIES :

Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA
Sushil Marda	Member	Kalimpong – India
Babita Chakraborty	New Members	Delhi – India
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India
Danny Khawas	Member	Delhi – India

A quorum was available and the meeting commenced at 11.45 am IST.

ITEM NO. 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 October 2020.

NOTE – No minutes were kept/tabled for the short emergency meeting held on 17 October 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.

- **Winter Projects 2020/21** – has been put on hold due to the Covid-19 situation.
- **NGO Registration** – the Application has been submitted for processing in New Delhi as a Charitable Trust. However, the Chartered Accountant assisting Danny Khawas in New Delhi has asked us to update the GO Constitution to better support the application. Danny will be contacting the CA to discuss further.

Action : Danny and Dawn to co-ordinate the amendments to the Constitution to comply with the Trust Deed requirements

- **GO General Meeting** – the next General Meeting was due to be held in September 2020 in DGH. However, due to Covid-19 and the closure of the School – the meeting has been postponed until a future date – to be advised.

FINANCIALS

As at 5 October 2020 – GO is holding an accumulated total of Ind.Rs. **13,90,293** funds in India.

It was resolved at the 25 September 2020 GO Meeting – that these GO funds will be accrued for continuing Cottage building renovations.

Until such time as GO is able to open a Bank Account in Account the funds are being held by Anirban Bhattacharyya, Alfie Khan, Sushil Marda, Pauline Singh and Danny Khawas.

New Funds

Action : It was further resolved, that any “new” funds not specifically received for Cottage renovations, will be accrued as “General Funds” for future GO/DGH projects – other than Cottage renovations.

ITEM NO. 4.0 BOM – MEETING UPDATES

As previously advised, the new BOM commenced operations in early October 2020 with Shane Calvert as the President/Chair.

Pauline Singh, as GO Representative on the BOM had attended several BOM meetings during the month and gave a brief summary on some of the issues, relevant to the GO Management Team. Of note :

- There are now 8 Sub-Committees operating within the BOM.
- Responsible for different aspects of the functions in DGH namely – Finance; Academic; Child Safe-guarding; Sponsorship; Birkmyre Hostel; Restoration & Maintenance; Legal; HR & Manpower sub-committees.
- GO is represented by Pauline on 4 BOM sub-Committees, the Finance; the Restoration & Maintenance; Child Safe Guarding; and Sponsorship

The GO Management Team thanked Pauline for her time and participation on all the BOM meetings and for ably representing GO at the BOM Meetings.

ITEM NO. 5.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE – GO BOM MEMBER

The Terms of Reference for the GO BOM Representative was ratified by the meeting. Noted that a copy has been made available on the GO Website.

ITEM NO. 6.0 GO/IC BLUE-PRINT for DGH

A major portion of this meeting, (approx..3 hrs) was spent on further progressing the blueprint document.



Since early September 2020, the GO and International Committees have been developing a consolidated blueprint document to submit to the BOM. The GO Management Team reviewed the Strategic Goals and Objectives developed by the GO/IC Team. It was noted that the Strategic Goals have been developed to align with the respective BOM sub-Committees.

The meeting deliberated on the Goals and Objectives and established the business activities/actions required to achieve the Strategic Goals and Objectives. It was noted that GO has indicated an interest in being involved in the Goals developed for the Academic; the Restoration/Maintenance; Birkmyre sub-Committees and also the School Management Committee (SMC).

The other 5 ICs have also been asked to do the same exercise and to return their input by Tuesday 10 November 2020.

Action : If the responses from the ICs are received as required, it is expected that the final Blueprint document could be submitted to the BOM by end of November 2020.

Anirban/Dawn

ITEM NO.	GENERAL BUSINESS
7.0	

Nil

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.45 pm IST