

FIJI ASSOCIATION
Wellington INC

Annual General Meeting Minutes held on Sunday, 14th August 2016 at 2pm
at FA Hall, Helford Place, Petone.

1.0 Attendance

1.1.1	Prem Singh	President - Chair
1.1.2	Krishna Goundar	Vice President
1.1.3	Malti Walsh	Secretary
1.1.4	Pastor Atish Sukhu	Communication Officer
1.1.5	Dharam Raj Singh	Committee Member
1.1.6	Nirmala Singh	Committee
1.1.7	Kamlesh Sharma	Committee Member
1.1.8	Lal Singh	Board of Trustee
1.1.9	Prakash Narayan	Board of Trustee
1.1.10	Veerendra Bhim	Board of Trustee
1.1.11	Salim Singh	Immediate Past President
1.1.12	Ajendra Jokhan	Honorary Auditor
1.1.13	Prabodh Mishra	Member
1.1.14	Jitendra Pratap	Member
1.1.15	Suman Lata Sharma	Member
1.1.16	Ruchir Gaur	Member
1.1.17	Rattan Prakash	Member
1.1.18	Sesh Ram	Member
1.1.19	Paresh Hari	Member
1.1.20	Remend Singh	Member
1.1.21		

Apologies

1.2.1	Umesh Chandra	Treasurer
1.2.2	Laurence Naidu	Committee Member
1.2.3	Shashi Jokhan	Member
1.2.4		

Observers

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2.0 Opening and Welcome

- 2.1 The meeting was opened by the President Mr. Prem Singh and commenced with a prayer by Mr Lal Singh Mama. Mr Singh acknowledged and thanked the executive members for their hard work throughout the year. The President also acknowledged Mr. Lal Singh, Mr. Prabodh Mishra, Mr. Salim Singh and Mr. Jitendra Pratap for their continued support throughout the year.
- 2.2 Minute silence was observed in the memory of all those loved ones and all those who contributed to the association and are not here today.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 3.1 The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 26 July 2015 was tabled and after minor correction were accepted as correct record. (Moved Sesh Ram and seconded Mr. Salim Singh)

4.0 Matters Arising from Last Minutes

- 4.1 There were no matters raised from the minutes.

5.0 Others Matters for Discussion

- 5.1 Mr. Prabodh Mishra went through the new amended constitution. Mr. Mishra also acknowledged and thanked Mr. Prakash Narayan for his contribution to the amended constitution.
- 5.2 Mr. Salim Singh informed that he has received a text message from the Treasure (Mr. Umesh Chandra) about the accusation that the organization executive has taken \$10,000.00, ten thousand dollars. The accusation came from someone in the dinner night to Mrs. Nirmala Singh. After repeated requested from the President and the members Mrs. Nirmala Singh failed to disclose the name. The members requested the Executive to take the matter further and if need be involving the authorities to investigate the accusing person's identity and hand it to the police. The Auditor confirmed that there was no miss use of the funds.
- 5.3 Mr. Rattan Prakash commented that communication to the members should be by e-mails and not be through the face book and also said that he did not receive any communication from the communication officer throughout the year.
- 5.4 The president responded to Mr. Rattan Prakash comment that all-important communication to members have been through e-mails and as well as through face book. The President also emphasis that all executive members have put in a lot of their time and effort to the running of the associations activities.

6.0 Presidents Report

- 6.1 The President (Mr. Prem Singh) presented detail written Annual Report. For more information please refer to the Presidents detail written report.
- 6.2 He commended and thanked the Executive for their continued support throughout the year.
- 6.3 Mr. Lal Singh (Chairperson of the Board of Trustees) commended the president for a very well written report for the first time. The President's Report was accepted seconded by Mr. Lal Singh

7.0 Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 The President (Mr. Prem Singh) reported as at 2015 AGM The Association had deficit of \$374.87. This year we have surplus of \$8444.48 Please note some of the fund in the surplus is tag for the project (Apna Awaaz)
- 7.2 The treasurer's audited report was presented by the President and seconded by Salim Singh

8.0 Motions

- 8.1 Mrs. Nirmala Singh suggested that some of the funds should be donated to hospice. The President suggested that for such donations a special fund raising project should be held. The existing funds with the Association are for the Association Hall development
motion not carried

9.0 Acknowledgements

- 9.1 The President acknowledged and thanked the following sponsors for supporting the functions organized by the association:
Mr. Abhishek Sharma – Director of Wowrox Ltd.
Mr. Jiten Pratap- Director of Cairns Motors Ltd
Mr. Ruchir Gaur- Director of Pass N Go Driving School
Diana Tan- Director of Packs International Health and Beauty.
Mr. Pritilal Bhindi from Amber Jeweller
Mr. Bakhtier Hussein from Curry Village.
Mr. Nilesh Prasad from Koya Joinery
Mr. Vijeshwar Prasad from Riverside Immigration
Mr. Rattan Prakash from Kiwi Immigration

10.0 Elections

- 10.1 Mr. Prabodh Mishra took the Chair during the election. Only one nominations received for all executive positions:
President: Prem Singh was nominated by Salim Singh, seconded by Umesh Chandra.
Prem Singh elected unopposed
- 10.2 **Vice President:** Krishna Goundar nominated by Salim Singh, seconded by Prem Singh
Krishna Goundar was elected unopposed
- 10.3 **Secretary:** Malti Walsh nominated by Prem Singh, seconded by Umesh Chandra
Malti Walsh was elected unopposed
- 10.4 **Treasurer:** Umesh Chandra nominated by Salim Singh, seconded by Prem Singh
Umesh Chandra elected unopposed
- 10.5 **Publicity Officer:** Atish Sukhu nominated by Salim Singh, seconded by Prem Singh
Atish Sukhu elected unopposed
- 10.6 **Committee:** Ramend Singh nominated by Prem Singh, seconded by Malti Walsh
Ramend Singh elected
- 10.7 **Committee:** Laurence Naidu nominated by Umesh Chandra, seconded by Prem Singh.
Laurence Naidu elected
- 10.8 **Committee:** Dharam Raj Singh nominated by Ramend Singh, seconded by Salim Singh
Dharam Raj Singh elected
- 10.9 **Committee:** Kamlesh Sharma nominated by Ramend Singh, seconded by Suman Lata
Sharma.
Kamlesh Sharma elected

11.0 Board of Trustee Report

- 11.1 Mr. Lal Singh (Chairperson of the Board of Trustees) said that the Board of Trustees are very happy with The President's Annual written report and with the activities carried out by the executives.
- 11.2 Mr. Lal Singh informed that NZ\$16,245.60 was collected for Fiji Cyclone Winston's Appeal. Great effort by the Executive team.
- 11.3 Mr. Lal Singh also thanked the Executive team for the upgrade of the Kitchen Hall, a well-organized Girmit Remembrance Day and a very successful Dinner night. Nice to see different cultural groups performing.

12.0 General Business

- 12.1 Mr. Ruchir Gaur suggested that the closing time for the meeting should be recorded in the minutes.
- 12.2 Mrs. Nirmla Singh suggested that Fiji Association needed to do some kind of activities for the senior citizen.
- 12.3 Mr. Prem Singh informed that the Fiji Association is working closely in partnership with the New Zealand Police, MSD (Ministry of Social Development) and NGOs.

With no other matters the meeting closed at 4.10 pm

Malti Walsh

for
Malti Walsh
Secretary