



SHREE GEETA BHAWAN

(FIRST HINDU TEMPLE IN THE MIDLANDS)

Established 1967

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Reg. Charity No.258195



President: Dr. A.N. Verma
Secretary: Dr. Hemant Ojha

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 31st October 2010

In the Conference Hall in Shree Geeta Bhawan at 2.30 pm

Present: President (Dr. Srivastava) Chairman and Shree Geeta Bhawan members

Apologies: Mrs. J. Deshpande (overseas), Mr. J K Duggal, Dr. S K Sinha (overseas)

All present stood and Gayatri Mantra was recited. The total number count was 62 (the quorum number was in excess of thirty five).

Welcome by the President: The President briefly explained the work accomplished (noted below) by the present committee in particular the Shikhara Project which is ongoing and nearing completion.

- Signposts to Shree Geeta Bhawan Temple have been erected at four different locations following negotiations with Birmingham City Council.
- Kalash Puja was organised and performed at the temple before the Kalash was installed on the Shikharas.
- A generous donation of £1,100 was received from each puja participant and a plaque to honour this was presented.
- Plans have been drawn up for the new kitchen and dining hall extensions and the new committee will continue with this project.
- Extensive lighting is in the process of being fitted to all Shikharas.
- Block paving of the front and side elevations of the temple is nearing completion.
- Traditional Indian heavy wooden doors depicting Hinduism have been ordered from India and will be installed at Wolverhampton University.

Announcement of Election Results by Anne Hock of Popularis: Names of five Holding Trustees and ten Managing Trustees who were elected unopposed were announced. General questions to include why the AGM occurred after the election were asked by members present. Anne offered her assistance and recommended that a Working Party be formed to look into any suggested amendments to the constitution.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were read out by the General Secretary, Mr. A. V. Chandan and were unanimously approved by all present as a correct record and signed by the President and General Secretary. It was noted that the names of three devotees had not been mentioned in the previous minutes. Mr. & Mrs. Bhandari, Mr. Sham Lal and members of Bhagwati Bhajan Mandli had all devoted their time and services to the temple.

Accounts (presented by Treasurer): The accounts were read by the Treasurer and the members were given the opportunity to put forward any questions related to the accounts ending 31st March 2010. A member



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queried the matter regarding the withdrawal of £200,000 from Lloyds TSB Bank and the deposit of the same into a fixed deposit account with Punjab National Bank. This matter was discussed by the full board of trustees 6 weeks after the account was opened. The treasurer answered that the account was opened because of the low interest being offered by Lloyds TSB.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: After perusal of the accounts, the members were not in agreement to re-appoint Modi & Co. as an independent examiner for the present year. The General Secretary proposed to all members Brindley & Co. (contacts details were not available). The members unanimously agreed to appoint this firm as Independent Examiner.

Question and Answer Session:

1. An amendment in the constitution should be made that one third of the total board of trustees committee should be represented by women.
2. A suggestion that the new committee should consider that members to meet two-three times a year to review progress in regards to the management of the temple.
3. The large number of new membership applications received and approved during the period 2004-2006 needs to be investigated further as this matter is still pending.

Chairman thanked all members for attending the AGM. All stood and Shanti Mantra was recited.

Close 5.30pm

General Secretary

Sd/- Mr H Ojha

President

SD/- Dr A N Verma