



SHREE GEETA BHAWAN

(FIRST HINDU TEMPLE IN THE MIDLANDS)

Established 1967

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Minutes – Annual General Meeting – 9th October 2022

Meeting Chair: Mr. Mukesh Murria (President)
Minute Taker: Dr. Arun Sinha (General Secretary)
Meeting Location: Dining Hall, Shree Geeta Bhawan

More than Thirty-Eight (38) SGB members attended the meeting, hence, there was a required quorum for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to take place.

The AGM was held under the Patronage of Mr RK Sethi (RKS) and Dr AN Verma (ANV).

The President Mr Mukesh Murria (MM) conducted the meeting.

1. Welcome

The Patron RKS and the President welcomed and thanked everyone for giving their valuable time to attend the AGM.

The Gayatri Mantra was recited.

MM then paid gratitude and appreciation to individuals who made a significant difference to strengthen the cause of the SGB – Extracts from the President’s address at the AGM are attached.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

MM stated that on 26th August 2022, we posted you the Agenda for the meeting, General Secretary’s annual report, minutes of the last meeting of 2019 and the President’s Briefing explaining what has been achieved with regards to the building project and our future plans. He also stated that the accounts for end of March 2022 have been uploaded on the SGB’s website and a copy displayed on the noticeboard.

MM said that he hoped that those attending would have perused all the reports and minutes of the last meeting, and that some may have brought copies along with them.

Approval of last AGM Minutes

MM requested confirmation that the minutes of the last meeting are a true and accurate record of the last AGM.

Mr Raj Dutta (RD) and Mr Naresh Sabarwal (NS) commented that the minutes were a true record.

The minutes were agreed by all.

3. Secretary’s Report – The Secretary’s Report was posted to all members.

All agreed with the contents of the report and no issues were raised.

4. Treasurer’s Report – The Annual Accounts were posted on the SGB website and displayed on the noticeboard of SGB seven days prior to the AGM.

Copies were available for members at the meeting, if required.

The President praised the hard work of Mr Tony Chawla and his team of Brindley’s Accountants for preparing SGB’s accounts.

All agreed with the contents of the report and no issues were raised.

ANV proposed the approval and NS seconded this.



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5.	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner AS proposed to re-appoint Mr Tony Chawla of Brindley’s Accountants as Independent Examiners and RD seconded this proposal. All agreed.</p>
6	<p>Existing & Future Projects MM stated that provided we have sufficient funds, the Committee is planning to carry out following future work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Refurbishing 5 rooms above the kitchen to create storage & office space, 2) Library facilities for the study of Sanatana Dharma- bringing out hidden spiritual gems in our rich Sanatana literature and philosophy, 3) Auditorial room for the presentation of Sanatana Dharma to visitors and devotees in a professional & positive manner, 4) Uplifting the first-floor roof to create storage space, 5) Installation of solar energy panels to reduce energy bills, 6) Lifting the right wing of the main temple to increase head room and provide better access to the proposed Shani Mandir, 7) Refurbishing the Brecon Road entrance with additional toilets to create an excellent opening entry to the temple, 8) Refurbishing the first-floor hall & stairs area to the first floor to make it suitable for registered wedding ceremonies, 9) Installation of lift to the first and second floor, 10) Installation of partitioned doors between 2 halls along with shutters around the kitchen area, 11) Start new Community Services like Computer training for 50 plus & Cooking classes for youngsters, 12) Yoga classes.
7.	<p>Election Result: Chair of the Election Board Mr. RK Sethi declared the election result:</p> <p>Candidates list for 2022 -2024 Committee:</p> <p><u>Holding Trustees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raj Kumar Dutta • Naresh Kumar Sabharwal • Jagdish Sharma • Vijay Kumar Sudera • Harshad Trivedi <p><u>Managing Trustees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jyoti Basandrai • Kusum Lata Bhanot • Kamlesh Duggal



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohit Gautam • Sharon Kalia • Mukesh Kumar Murria • Deepak Murria • Kashav Sehra • Sanjay Sharma • Arun Sinha
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MM reported to the members that the case filed against SGB by Factory Building Services on the instigation of some former committee members had been defeated with the grace of Shree Lord Krishna. 2) Attempts were made to remove Murria Solicitors for defending SGB which was successfully resisted by Murria Solicitors. The solicitors acting for the builders disclosed 2 tenders with different prices for the same work. Murria Solicitors waived their entire legal fee. We have been considering bringing a claim against those who instigated the builder to sue SGB. 3) Investigation by the Charity Commission was satisfactorily concluded. Some members tried to mislead the Charity Commission by providing false information with the sole aim of harming the interest of SGB and cancellation of its charity status. Murria Solicitors acted for SGB which took the professional time of several hours and included the preparation of a 40 pages report with an additional 500 pages of supporting documents. This investigation was a massive distraction, but the entire committee remained united with the grace of Shree Lord Krishna. Murria Solicitors had written off several thousands of pounds of legal fees. 4) Several members at the SGB praised the work and the commitment of the committee. 5) Mr Rajinder Sehdev suggested that that the surviving spouse of the deceased member ought to be given membership of the SGB free of charge. MM stated that the new committee will consider his request. 6) Mr Ram Gogna suggested that SGB ought to publish a regular newsletter. MM stated that the new committee will consider his request. 7) Dr Arun Sinha praised the sheer dedication, hard work and commitment of MM to SGB'S work carried out with honesty and integrity. 8) Mr RK Sethi commented that this AGM has been one of the best AGMs he attended. 9) Seshwar Sehra wanted the youth to be committee members, MM stated that to be a committee member, a person must be mature, and they also need to prove that they are committed & prepared to do selfless seva without seeking any position. MM told him that the committee is introducing youth into the committee, however, the youth are always welcome to serve as sevadars.
<p>9.</p>	<p>Close of AGM Meeting</p> <p>The President thanked everyone who attended and closed the meeting. Gayatri Mantra was recited.</p>