

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Date Held: 27 October 2013
Venue: Shree Geeta Bhawan Conference Hall

	<p>Forty five members attended and the quorum was attained. The meeting was held under the Patronage of Mr R K Sethi (RKS). Dr A N Verma, President chaired the meeting. Minute taker: Kusum Lata Bhanot (KLB).</p>
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President Dr A N Verma (ANV) welcomed members and thanked all for giving their time up to attend the AGM. The Gayatri Mantra was recited by all. A one minute silence was held for devotees of Shree Geeta Bhawan for Mr. M L Sudera who had passed away this year. <p>Apologies received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. P Bagga Mr. N Bali Mrs. J Despande Mr. A R Sharma
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous AGM – Posted to all members and copies were available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj (AB) has question about the previous election results and whether The Charity Commission would recognise it? <i>ANV answered AB question in detail and confirmed that the Charity Commission would approve the procedure and process of the election.</i> <i>ANV and RKS if he wanted further clarification they would be happy to meet up and discuss further at an appropriate time.</i> <p>The minutes were agreed by all.</p>
3.	<p>Secretary's Report - The Secretary's Report was posted to all members.</p> <p>ANV confirmed that when details of the AGM were sent, there was a written request that "If you require detailed answers concerning Shree Geeta Bhawan's (SGB) accounts or any other matters then please write to us.</p> <p>Mr K K Sethi (KKS) was the only written request ANV had received. ANV asked KKS if it was OK to discuss details of the issues, which KKS agreed. ANV and KKS met on the 25 Oct 2013. The items discussed were e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 117 Heathfield Road – Bins cleared Collection of milk bottle tops <p><i>KKS felt confident that his issues had been listened to and addressed and wished other members also had wrote in.</i></p> <p>Raman Thakur (RT) read out points from the annual Report. RT thanked both the priests for their hard work along with the volunteers who help when SGB is celebrating festivals/spiritual programmes in the temple.</p> <p>All agreed contents of the report and no issues were raised.</p>
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was posted to all members. ANV proposed to re-appoint Mr Tony Chawla (Brindleys), this was seconded by Mr O P Sharma Divedi (OPSD) RT mentioned the cost and time of producing annual reports/accounts, ANV agreed to look into uploading them onto the temple website. All agreed contents of the report and no issues were raised</p>
5.	<p>Future Projects</p> <p>The Extension of Dining Hall/Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Prem Sagar (PS) - asked how far in the process of getting permission for the new Kitchen/extension of the Temple? <i>RT answered PS question giving a detailed account of the planning process and procedure submitted to Birmingham City Council.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ram Gogna (RG) – Commented on how 'excited' he was that the temple was being extended, and asked about the consultation process and in future projects could all members be consulted. • Mrs Chanchal Jain (CJ) - asked about the progress so far and asked if all members could be kept up-to-date. • AB commented about the extension and requested that members were consulted. • Dr Srivastava (NKS) suggested that all plans and updates should be posted on the temples notice board. • Mr. Kanti Bhai Rathod (KBR) and other members asked about the financing the project <p><i>ANV agreed that the plans submitted and any updates about the extension would be displayed on the temples noticeboard.</i></p> <p><i>ANV talked about how SGB would finance the extension.</i></p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mrs Jyoti Bhardwaj (JB) raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanuman Chalisa – that products/food be given free to devotees to prepare, CJ answered JB. <i>ANV confirmed that only if the Hanuman Chalisa was not sponsored by a devotee then the temple would cater for that day and provide whatever is required.</i> • JB raised an issue that she had asked a committee member if she could buy a bag of flour for a friend that was with her. The committee member replied that they do not sell individual items; they would consider a bulk purchase. ANV confirmed that this to be discussed in the committee monthly meetings. • JB also stated that she experienced a personal attack. <i>CJ replied talked about a code of conduct. RT and ANV confirmed that any incidents should be reported to a committee member straight away, not wait until the AGM to report it. Any witness should be named.</i> <p>AB commented on the temples website, saying how impressed and what a good website it was. Also agreed that updated should be posted on the temple noticeboard.</p> <p>CJ and other members asked about how much time/hours committee members work in the temple. <i>ANV confirmed that all committee members were volunteers and work the required hours as stated in the constitution.</i></p> <p>Mr. H Jain (HJ) raised the point that the attendance of the AGM was declining and felt the temple was not welcoming.</p> <p>Mrs P Sagar raised issue of Prasad – she asked for Prasad for her grandchildren and was refused. <i>ANV confirmed that only authorised personnel would be responsible for distributing Prasad.</i></p> <p>Mr. Sunny Sharma commented on the success on the Diwali Rangoli competition and asked if the committee consider future projects for the youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ANV would be raising these issues in the committee monthly meetings. ○ RT requested members that any minor issues should be reported immediately to a committee member.
7.	<p>Close of the meeting</p> <p>Dr Srivastava thanked the temple committee for all their hard work and wished them good luck in the extension of the temple and asked members not to be aggressive.</p> <p>The meeting ended with the Shanti Mantra being recited.</p>