

The Hindu Temple & Cultural Centre of the ACT (Inc.)

Draft Minutes - Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23 Sept 2012 - 1:30 PM

81 Ratcliffe Crescent, Florey, ACT

No	Item
1	Welcome and Apologies by Chair (2.00PM) Action: Nil Decision: N/A
2	Condolences Action: Nil There were notices of 3 condolences and for respect of the departed soles 2 minutes silence was observed.
3	Minutes of the previous AGM & SGM Action: The minutes of previous AGM and SGM were presented to the membership. Decision: The minutes of the previous AGM and SGM were adopted with deletion of Para 3 of the Item no 11 on page 7 of the draft minutes of the AGM 2011.
4	Presenting the audited accounts for FY 2011-12 Action: The Treasurer clarified: (a) The question in relation to the expenditure/account of Murari Bappu's visit; updating valuation of the property; and (b) The Treasurer also clarified the situation about the use of the credit card machine of a private organisation for HTCC and assured that there was no accounting oversight of any sort. Decision: The suggestion on carrying out the revaluation of the property was accepted and agreed that incoming EC would undertake the task as a matter of urgency. The AGM asked the EC to make arrangements to have HTCC's own Eftfos machine. With above clarifications and suggestions received at the meeting, the audited accounts for FY 2011-12 were adopted.
5	Annual Report of the Executive Committee Action: i. Sri Subhash Dang, the President reported the major events and achievement recorded in the annual report of year 2011-12. ii. The President acknowledged and thanked the volunteers who contributed their invaluable time and energy for the organisation. iii. The President also mentioned some key points, including initiatives taken for the

	<p>improvement of Governance and Accountability of the report to the membership.</p> <p>Decision: The presented annual report was accepted.</p>
6	<p>Election (3.00PM)</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sri Amrit Pal Sidhu, Returning Officer explained the election process and protocol of the election. ii. Sri Muneshwar Sahadeo and Sri Subhash Dang; the leaders of the two contending teams were given opportunities to address the membership for 10 minutes each. <p>Decision: All concerned acknowledged the process as outlined by the RO and the election process was commenced.</p>
<p>Note: The meeting was adjourned after the voting closes at 6.00 PM and was reconvened on Wednesday, 26 September 2012 at 7.00PM.</p>	
7	<p>Strategic issues and project/s</p> <p>(a) Priest Employment Framework</p> <p>Action: Following brief introductory remarks by the president, Sri Parikh presented the draft paper on “draft framework on the priest employment” on behalf of the EC. He also clarified concerns raised by the members.</p> <p>Decision: Generally, the members were supportive of the approach and suggested the way forward. It was resolved that the incoming EC will develop full proposal as time lines indicated in the draft proposal. It was also agreed that it will be put for approval at a special general meeting to be held in early 2013.</p> <p>(b) Election Process and Constitution Review</p> <p>Action: The President outlined the need for further development of election process and constitution review as matter of urgency. A number of senior members supported the President’s views. The members offered their services to progress the tasks.</p> <p>Decision: It was unanimously resolved that the election process and constitution review should be undertaken by the incoming EC.</p> <p>(c) Shantiniketan</p> <p>Action: A presentation giving an outline of the progress made on the Shantiniketan project was given by the President and Sri Atul Kumar. For urgent needs of the community, the EC presented a design of a Multi-Purpose Room that can be accommodated by removing some of the toilets. This design and concept was overwhelmingly endorsed by the membership.</p> <p>Decision: (i) The membership acknowledged the contribution by Sri Atul Kumar and he</p>

	<p>was requested to continue on the project. The Shantiniketan design needed to be further refined under Sri Kumar's guidance to make the build more functional.</p> <p>(ii) The membership also endorsed that the incoming committee builds the Multi-purpose Room after obtaining the full occupancy certificate for the building.</p>
8	<p>Appointment of the auditor for FY 2012-13</p> <p>Action: The President provided a brief background of the Auditor Ms Caralyn Bauerle who did professional work of auditing last year's accounts. The presidents also asked that membership endorses appointment of the same auditor for the next year.</p> <p>Decision: The membership acknowledged the professional work done by the auditor and approved her appointment for the next year.</p>
9	<p>Any other business, including proposed motions with the permission of the Chair</p> <p>(a) Resolution on the review of priest appointment proposed by Sri Hari Prakash</p> <p>Action: Sri Prakash outlined his proposed resolution for the conduct of a review of the process used for the selection of the current priest, sponsoring him for the PR and changing his salary etc in order to use the lessons learnt in the selection of next priest.</p> <p>Decision: Majority of the members resolved to include proposed review of processes undertaken for the selection, facilitating in the Priest's migration process, fixing the employment conditions to benefit the development of full-blown proposal as resolved in item 7(a).</p> <p>(b) Resolution on extending the employment contract of the current priest by the proposed by Prof R Jha</p> <p>Action: The proposed resolution was moved by the seconder of the resolution, Sri Muneshwar Sahadev in the absence of the proposer, Prof Jha.</p> <p>Decision: Following extensive discussion, the majority of members resolved that there was no need to further consider the resolution in view of the resolutions on the agenda item no 7 (a) and 9 (a).</p> <p>(c) Dr Partap Khanna moved a resolution with the permission of the Chair on the enhancement of the current membership fees.</p> <p>Action: Dr Khanna proposed new membership fees structure and provided his rationale for the enhancement.</p> <p>Decision: It was resolved that it would be timely to review the membership fee structure along</p>

	with the proposed constitution review. EC was tasked to review the membership fee.
10	<p>Election Results</p> <p>Action: Under the leadership of the Returning Officer, Sri Amritpal Sidhu, the entire election process was carried out professionally and peacefully.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>i. Sri Sidhu announced the outcome of counting the ballots and the final results to the membership.</p> <p>ii. The membership resolved unanimously to acknowledge efforts and time contributed by Sri Sidhu and his team for the conduct of successful election.</p>
11	<p>Current Committee vacates the office</p> <p>(a) Introduction of new committee by the President (Elect)</p> <p>(b) Speech by incoming President (Elect)</p> <p>Action: The successful team led by Sri Dang at the election introduced themselves to the membership and reassured they would work to the best of their ability for the advancement of our beloved organisation; HTCC.</p> <p>Decision: Nil.</p>

(Vishnu Sharma)
Secretary

(Subhash Dang)
President

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