

BTCCGL EXCOM & IWA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 3, 2015

Meeting Attendees

BTCCGL - Bhavin, Amit, Padma, Devang, Raghu, Sailaja, Surya

IWA – Lakshmi, Rashmi, Rwitti, Debjaya

Bhavin opened the meeting with round of introductions.

Bhavin started by giving a synopsis of IWA & BTCCGL history of relationship including the following:

IWA requests for practices i.e., Holi, COI, other activities.

IWA is a major Donor of BTCCGL and maximum interaction

Purpose of meeting is to have mutual beneficial agreement thus improving efficiency and understanding. Also, minimizing loss of time over email exchanges and confusion.

Have plan for known events and MOU.

Thinking forward about needs and common ground between IWA and BTCCGL.

Rwitti said agree, agree, agree...

Bhavin requested a list of requirements from IWA and elaborated on BTCCGL expenditures and costs and income to pay for bills. BTCCGL wants to be fair and compassionate towards needs of IWA.

Existing (Rental) Policies states BTCCGL event takes precedence.

Bhavin would like to see IWA using more of BTCCGL facility.

Rwitti agreed positively to this. Further discussion ensued on Events.

Holiday party free last year but this year it was a paid event and held at BTCCGL.

IWA Events: Welcome Party at BTCCGL, Holi at BTCCGL, Picnic is an outside event, Holiday party at BTCCGL. COI not at BTCCGL, Another project in the making (to be determined).

Collaboration Discussion:

Lakshmi wanted more elaboration on collaboration.

Sailaja suggested having Collaborative event.

Amit said how about some help with Pt. Abhyankar concert on April 17th which is joint venture with ICMAP.

Expense for concert is \$3000 and not including the expenses for the stay. Abhyankar will be giving one hour workshop on Tuesday April 14th? But no singing by him or the students. Planning for dinner but no details yet.

What can IWA bring to this event? Sponsor, sell tickets, drum up enthusiasm and awareness to their members due to their reach for the Concert. Potentially be a co-sponsor of the event.

Rwitti said she personally would like to help but needs to discuss with IWA and requested Amit to send a proposal for IWA. Thus IWA can see what they can do.

Concert not a fundraiser because it draws only that part of the community interested in such music.

Rwitti further said she personally would like to see if and how they can help with dinner but has to talk with IWA about the possibilities and see what they can contribute. She further said that the concert gives a cultural enrichment for our community and it will be wonderful.

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Rent & Practices/Rehearsal Discussion:

Rashmi asked about the Fundraiser last year and what BTCCGL raised. \$50,000 was raised and \$25,000 went towards the Temple. IWA was amazed at how much was raised. But, BTCCGL pointed out that we have liability expenses and costs to own the BTCCGL facility are \$50,000/yr plus other expenses, that IWA does not have to deal with.

Bhavin shared that in 2014, per the agreement with IWA, BTCCGL donated 53 hours of practice time (assuming average \$12 per hour = total \$636 value)

In 2015, new policy, due to BTCCGL needing income to cover the facility expenses, will not be able to provide free rentals.

IWA is bronze level donor therefore as per 2015 Rental Policy rates: \$20 for weekdays and \$40 for weekends (for upstairs room for a 6hr booking slot) is available. BTCCGL suggested booking for 6 hours slot per the rental policy, which could be enough to accommodate all group practices in a day for IWA holi.

IWA responded:

COI rehearsals/practices are IWA managed.

Holi rehearsals/practices are not controlled by IWA. IWA Members are responsible for their own practices. IWA sometimes facilitates Holi practice.

IWA agreed that it will inform its membership of the above rule at the earliest.

IWA wants 5 or 6 hour slot for stage rehearsal and set up which will be done simultaneously on Apr 3rd evening or Apr 4th morning.

In 2014, IWA was charged \$150 for rental of BTCCGL for IWA Holi.

In 2015, BTCCGL rental rate depends on if an Event is ticketed or not ticketed to offset the expenses for the facility. The costs for hiring 2 people crew to clean the Hall, bathrooms and various other places takes the crew 5 to 6 hours and they charge hourly. Along with cleaning expenses, there is the lighting, heating and so forth expenses.

In lieu of IWA Holi 2015 being a ticketed event then the rental charge will be around \$300 (calculated as 2x non-ticketed rate). It was pointed out that these are competitive rates and are already equivalent to an annual member rate as shown in the 2015 policy. Tables (10 round & 20 rectangle) and chairs are all included.

Also when renting BTCCGL the liability insurance would need to be required as with previous years. Lakshmi informed they will be providing the renewal of liability insurance document soon.

Bhavin also informed IWA that for one time BTCCGL will give the April 4th 2015 IWA Holi rental at the stated \$150 rate (2015 Rental Policy for Bronze Level donor) as a goodwill gesture.

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Rwitti suggested working towards a one year MOU for an initial trial as IWA presidents have one year terms. If it works out future IWA board can consider 2yr terms for MOU.

IWA Upcoming Events:

IWA thinking of starting Yoga classes.

COI will not be at BTCCGL due to non-veg food.

FYI- BTCCGL Upcoming Events

Holika Dahan – March 6

Abhyankar Workshop – Tuesday April 14

Abhyankar Concert – April 17

Violinist Concert- April 19

Conclusion:

IWA and BTCCGL concurred that the tone of the meeting was very positive and more possibility for collaboration in the future. Meeting ended on pleasant terms.

Action items:

IWA - to send list of events and their needs for 2015. Including information like ticketed or non-ticketed, duration and extra-time needs.

BTCCGL - will come up with rental rates once it knows the needs.

Amit - to send the Abhyankar Concert proposal to IWA.

IWA - to send notification of Holi practice responsibility to its members.

BTCCGL - to send meeting minutes to IWA.

IWA – review and add to meeting notes from respective note taker

Both – record finalized meeting notes.

Both – arrange follow-up meeting as necessary to finalize terms for MOU

-----Above this are approved meeting notes per BTCCGL notes keeper-----

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