IWA – BTCCGL MEETING MINUTES DATE- 10TH JAN 2013 VENUE- BTCCGL

TIME: 8PM

IWA Attendees – Renu Bajaj, Rashmi Chaturvedi, Anju Dev, Deepa Divakaran, Kumari Govindraju, Lakshmi Garimella, Poonam Mittal, Meena Narsimanan, Veena Sagi, Hema Suresh

Btccgl Attendees – Indrajeet Chaubey, Vishal Lodha, Jagdish Patel, Subra Narayan, Umesh Patel, Sunil Prabhakar, Tanuja Seth, Shalini Shah

AGENDA-

- 1. Use of facility
- 2. Identify methods of communication between the two groups
- 3. Identify potential areas of collaboration
- 4. Share goals and objectives of both organizations for 2013

Goals and objectives of both organizations were presented.

- IWA would like to continue their 20-year tradition and continue to organize the functions they have been doing in the past.
- IWA presented their calendar of events for 2013.
- IWA plans on doing Holi and Diwali cultural events along with other events like summer picnic, welcome party, garba and a holiday party.
- IWA clarified that according to their bylaws, they cannot donate to political or religious organizations
- IWA would like to sponsor one day of Garba at BTCCGL. They have given two dates for the consideration.
- IWA has not yet decided if they will host a COI event in 2013, but they suggested that future IWA boards may choose to hold a COI event.
- IWA requested that if BTCCGL would like to hold an event similar to Celebration of India (COI) then they would like BTCCGL to have a new name for the event.

Umesh presented BTCCGL goals and objectives, and stated that

- BTCCGL would like to have multiple fundraising events, both religious and cultural. Some suggestions were family fun night, Republic day celebration, movie night, cookouts, Diwali puja and various fundraising events.
- BTCCGL would like to conduct classes for all age groups- e.g., yoga, bal vihar, and language classes. It was discussed if IWA would like to sponsor or take the initiative in conducting some such classes at BTCCGL.

Use of the BTCCGL facility

- IWA stated that they may consider renting BTCCGL facility for some of their functions provided the event requirements are met.
- BTCCGL offered IWA the use of the facility free of charge for their board meetings.
- It was also discussed that IWA can also use the facility for their talk series if needed.
- BTCCGL requested IWA to give their thoughts on how to make the facility more usable for IWA events.
- IWA was made aware that their supplies are kept in an unsecured area and might inadvertently

- be used. IWA can continue to keep their supplies at BTCCGL if they want to do so.
- IWA was made aware of the rental procedure (rental form on the website).

Method of communication:

- All communications from BTCCGL to IWA will be directed to IWA board email address, and all emails from IWA to BTCCGL will be directed to BTCCGL email address (info@btccgl.org or ccglaf@gmail.com).
- Both organizations can use each other's email database for informational emails according to each organization's email distribution policies.
- IWA and BTCCGL decided that there was no need to have combined quarterly meetings. Both organizations' representatives can meet as needed.

Action items:

- IWA will let BTCCGL know if they plan to host a COI event in 2013
- IWA requested that BTCCGL provide them their yearly schedule of the events.
- IWA will let BTCCGL know if they will continue to store supplies in the building.