



DATE: Sunday, April 11, 2021

TIME: 03:00 PM

LOCATION: Karori Community Centre

WELLINGTON MAHARASHTRIAN ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED (WMAI)

AGM 2020-21 MEETING MINUTES

MEETING

Dayanand Deshpande

MINUTE TAKER:

Shekhar Barpande

MEMBERS PRESENT:

| | | | |
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| Abhishek Joshi | Jyoti Gosavi | Pramod Deshpande | Shalini tai Zodgekar |
| Anurag Nanote | Lakhan Deshpande | Raju Zodgekar | Smita Kulkarni Joshi |
| Arvind Zodgekar | Mahesh Joshi | Rekha khasnis | Sugandha Bhonsule |
| Dayanand Deshpande | Makrand Velhal | Revati Nanote | Suneel Bhonsule |
| Deepa Mhatre | Mandar Kulkarni | Rohit Nanekar | Sunil Vadnerkar |
| Deepak Mhatre | Mangal Zodgekar | Sangeeta Deshpande | Sushama Kulkarni |
| Deepti Joshi | Megha Barpande | Shekhar Barpande | Sushant Thatte |
| Deepika Joshi-Thatte | Nilesh Gosavi | Simantini Pattekar | Vaishali Kharkar |
| Girija Deshpande | Prachee Gokhale | Sayali Narawade | Yatin Kharkar |
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Proxies

| | Name | Proxy given to |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Varsha Vadnerkar | Jyoti Gosavi |
| 2 | Juilee Bhandekar | Rohit Nanekar |
| 3 | Smita Shangarpawar | Mandar Kulkarni |
| 4 | Sachin Shangarpawar | Mandar Kulkarni |
| 5 | Vivek Paranjape | Dayanand Deshpande |
| 6 | Aparna Paranjape | Dayanand Deshpande |
| 7 | Prachi Deshpande | Pramod Deshpande |
| 8 | Neeta Gadgil | Prachee Gokhale |
| 9 | Mrudula Velhal | Makrand Velhal |

MINUTES

DISCUSSION

WMAI Secretary Shekhar Barpande opened the AGM meeting with Introduction to the WMAI and Health and safety details.

1. President's Report

- President Dayanand (Atul) Deshpande presented President's Report.
 - WMAI's achievements during the last 2 years of WMAI term
 - WMAI has transformed from just a Marathi movie showing organization to a bigger and better one.
 - Ayushyavar bolu kahi was the highlight of our first year
 - COVID forced the Marathi Film industry to a grinding halt
 - WMAI wanted to keep the community together and worked hard on that
 - Instead of showing movies, WMAI committee has organized various community events like
 - Ashadhi Ekadashi
 - Kojagiri
 - International Women's day
 - Good relationships were established with
 - Our sponsors – Comprende , Phil Mac – real Estate Agent, Our own Marathi sponsors
 - Indian High Commission Wellington
 - Auckland Maharashtrian Association
 - Melbourne Marathi Mandal
 - Brisbane Marathi Mandal
 - Zee TV representative in Australia
 - WMAI Team Retrospective
 - There was a bit of a reshuffle at the start of the term. Shekhar Barpande joined the team as WMAI Secretary.
 - The current committee consists of
 - Dayanand (Atul) Deshpande – President
 - Shekhar (Guruji) Barpande – Secretary
 - Abhishek Joshi – Treasurer
 - Vaishali Kharkar – Member
 - Revati Nanote – Member
 - Deepa Mhatre – Member
 - Rohit Nanekar – Member
 - During the last 2 years, everybody in this team has developed excellent community leadership capabilities
 - Many meetings were face to face, but even COVID did not stop us and we had virtual meetings

- All decisions were well conversed, debated, challenged, and agreed with majority
- Equal opportunity was offered and grabbed - most of the times
- What is community Leadership
 - Lead by example
 - Care for every team member
 - Discipline – understand responsibilities, rights and privileges
 - Delegate, respect and Improve
 - Open Communication
 - Challenge – but - accept group decisions
 - Accept tasks and complete them
- What can WMAI do in the next 2 years
 - Select/Elect an efficient and passionate team to lead this work
 - Continuously develop the established relationship
 - Always think about opportunities to get the community together (every 2 months)
- What we do (did) regularly
 - Keep regular contacts with the Indian High Commission.
 - Publish their important updates on Whatapp groups
 - Engage actively with various whatsapp groups
 - Maintain our Facebook page
 - Maintain our website – www.wmai.site ; process photos and videos
 - Maintain the current members list
 - File IRD tax returns
 - File companies office returns on time
 - Check the bank account regularly.
 - Effective communicate the program details, prices and also follow up to attract more people. Always keep the fees \$5 less for WMAI members than non members
- Possible future initiatives that the new WMAI committee to consider
 - Think about inviting Arya Ambekar to Wellington, Auckland, Melbourne and Brisbane
 - Consider hosting an all of New Zealand Maharashtrian get together in Wellington.
 - Prepare for ANZ Marathi get together in New Zealand – Wellington
 - Think about more innovative ideas to keep the community together.
 - Continue to introduce our own people doing extra-ordinary work using our website
 - Promote and provide platform for our own performing and non performing artists

- Possible Strategic initiatives
 - We are all growing up year by year
 - May be we need to think about planning for our own retirement facilities
 - This will provide very Marathi / Indian cultural atmosphere with catering and caring considering Indian needs
 - If we start it now, we will be ready to grace fully age - together
 - Phil Mac has kindly agreed to work as our representative
 - This is just an idea. Only if we get enough interest, we can start exploring it further.
 - Think about all of us in our 70s and 80s, being together, supporting each other, enjoying our own type of food, entertainment and company.

2. Secretary's Report

- Secretary Shekhar Barpande presented Secretary's report
 - The current committee has completed the 2-year term
 - Total WMAI membership count during the year was 65.
 - Communication with members and non-members was mostly in WhatsApp group
 - 1.WMAI Members Group
 - 2. WMAI Movie Group
 - 3. एकमेका साह्य करू Group
 - COVID pandemic situation has caused uncertainty for program planning
 - WMAI Committee has got its own WhatsApp group and it was the main channel for discussions.
 - All decisions are made with mutual understanding within the committee
 - Nine (9) committee meetings were organised to discuss and plan for the events
 - Committee meeting minutes were captured, shared and stored on WMAI Google drive
 - Committee meetings agenda items to plan for event were
 - Event Idea
 - Finalising the date
 - Communication plans
 - Venue
 - Catering arrangements
 - Event price for members, non-members
 - Event responsibilities
 - Event itinerary
 - Post event - Retrospective

- The president, Dayanand (Atul) Deshpande has taken pro-active initiatives, shown leadership and provided guidance.
- Treasurer Abhishek Joshi managed the financials of the events including tickets collections and payments.
- All other committee members actively participated in the decision making
 - Deepa Mhatre
 - Revati Nanote
 - Rohit Nanekar
 - Dr. Vaishali Kharkar

3. Treasurer's Report

- WMAI Treasurer Abhishek Joshi presented Treasurer's Report
 - Despite 2020-2021 being a challenging (not so good) year in the wake of Covid19 pandemic, WMAI did manage to host 3 events during the year with great success. Thanks to the support of the community and to the successful containment of the pandemic across New Zealand.
 - WMAI has consistently maintained healthy reserves enabling to spend more on key elements of event planning like selection of right venues, providing good catering, proving quality sound systems etc to be able to host successful events.
 - WMAI also offered a \$5 discount on yearly membership fees who joined during the Kojagiri event. We had 6 new members join during the event.
 - This year we had 19 new people (in total) join the WMAI member's club
 - Maintain regular account keeping
 - Maintain and control payment details per event
 - File IRD and Companies office returns on a regular basis
 - Provide regular monetary benefits to members per event
 - Observation: A very small number of the non-members have been paying member fees for the events. Thanks to its healthy reserves, WMAI was able to absorb the shortfall. WMAI recognises the fact that absorption of the shortfall is unfair to the members and going forward WMAI will not entertain the shortfall and ensure that fees are collected appropriately.

Account statement of the past year (2019-20)

Collection

| | No. | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Membership Renewal | 43 | \$473.00 |
| New Members | 8 | \$168.00 |
| Miss u Mister | | \$677.00 |
| Smile Please | | \$743.00 |
| Dhurala | | \$785.00 |
| Sunandan Lele | | \$730.00 |
| Ayushywar Bolu Kahi | | \$10721.40 |
| Payments received for the movie(s) | | \$31.00 |
| Others (Interest ,Tax) | | \$1.90 |
| | Total | \$14,330.30 |

Expenses

| | No. | Amount |
|--|-------|------------|
| Miss u Mister | | \$741.02 |
| Smile Please | | \$742.48 |
| Dhurala | | \$708.81 |
| Sunandan Lele | | \$466.08 |
| Ayushywar Bolu Kahi | | \$10485.25 |
| Expenses towards movie | | \$50.00 |
| Farewell Felicitation to outgoing WMAI President | | \$24.99 |
| Give a Little donation to support Christchurch Mosque Attack | | \$101.00 |
| Others (Interest, Tax) | | \$0.63 |
| | Total | \$13320.26 |

Balance

| | Amount |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | \$1506.15 |
| Collection | \$14330.30 |
| Expenses | -\$13320.26 |
| Account Balance | \$2516.19 |

Financial Statement for Ashadhi Ekadashi

Collection

| | No. | Per Person | Amount |
|--------|-----|------------|----------|
| Adults | 49 | \$5.00 | \$245.00 |
| Child | 13 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | Total | \$245.00 |

Expenses

| | Amount |
|-------------|----------|
| Hall Hire | \$112.00 |
| Disposables | \$25.75 |
| Total | \$137.75 |

Balance

| | Amount |
|------------|-----------|
| Collection | \$245.00 |
| Expenses | -\$137.75 |
| Total | \$107.25 |

Financial Statement for Kojagiri Pournima Event

Collection

| | No. | Per Person | Amount |
|--------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Members | 55 | \$10.00 | \$550.00 |
| Non-Members | 19 | \$15.00 | \$285.00 |
| Child (5–15 years) | 11 | \$5.00 | \$55.00 |
| | | Total | \$890.00 |

Expenses

| | Amount |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Hall Hire | \$140.88 |
| Disposables | \$149.45 |
| Rotis | \$45.00 |
| Ladoos | \$94.00 |
| Catering (Dinner) | \$752.00 |
| Gifts & Misc | \$97.51 |
| Total | \$1278.84 |

Balance

| | Amount |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Hall Hire | \$140.88 |
| Disposables | \$149.45 |
| Rotis | \$45.00 |
| Ladoos | \$94.00 |
| Catering (Dinner) | \$752.00 |
| Gifts & Misc | \$97.51 |
| Total | \$1278.84 |

Financial Statement for International Women's Day program

Collection

| | No. | Per Person | Amount |
|--------------------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Members | 48 | \$15.00 | \$720.00 |
| Non-Members | 32 | \$20.00 | \$640.00 |
| Child (5-15 years) | 18 | \$10.00 | \$180.00 |
| | | Total | \$1540.00 |

Expenses

| | Amount |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Hall Hire | \$150.00 |
| Disposables | \$117.20 |
| Sound System | \$265.00 |
| Snacks | \$70.00 |
| Catering (Dinner) | \$1500.00 |
| Gifts & Misc | \$68.00 |
| Juice Bottles | \$24.00 |
| Total | \$2194.20 |

Balance

| | Amount |
|------------|------------|
| Collection | \$1540.00 |
| Expenses | -\$2194.20 |
| Total | -\$654.20 |

Account Statement 2020-21**Collection**

| | No. | Amount |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Membership Renewal | 46 | \$506.00 |
| New Members | 13 | \$273.00 |
| New Members (Registered during Kojagiri Event and were offered \$5 discount on yearly membership fees) | 6 | \$96.00 |
| Membership Renewal (Renewed during Kojagiri Event and were offered \$5 discount on yearly membership fees) | 2 | \$12.00 |
| Ashadi Ekadashi Programme | | \$245.00 |
| Kojagiri Programme | | \$890.00 |
| International Women's Day Programme | | \$1540.00 |
| Others (Interest ,Tax) | | \$1.88 |
| | Total | \$3563.88 |

Expenses

| | No. | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Ashadi Ekadashi Programme | | \$137.75 |
| Kojagiri Programme | | \$1278.84 |
| International Women's Day Programme | | \$2194.20 |
| WMAI website hosting yearly plan | | \$107.88 |
| 2019 - 2020 AGM expenses | | \$115.45 |
| Others (Interest, Tax) | | \$0.84 |
| | Total | \$3834.96 |

Balance

| | Amount |
|-----------------|------------|
| Opening Balance | \$2516.19 |
| Collection | \$3563.88 |
| Expenses | -\$3834.96 |
| Account Balance | \$2245.11 |

4. Retrospective from WMAI Committee Member – Deepa Mhatre

WMAI Committee Member -Deepa Mhatre reflected on her experience working with WMAI committee. She has appreciated the efforts and support received from the WMAI Committee.

5. WMAI Suneel Bhonsule – Vote of thanks

WMAI member Suneel Bhonsule proposed vote of thanks for the outgoing committee to appreciate their efforts and contributions towards the progress of WMAI. It was unanimously passed on the AGM floor.

6.New Committee Appointment

As per the WMAI Constitution, the term of the elected committee members shall be for a period of two membership years. The currently committee has completed two membership years. The committee has invited nominations for the WMAI roles using Google Forms tools. The nominations were discussed during the AGM meeting and following members got elected to the committee positions

- WMAI President - Dayanand Deshpande
- WMAI Secretary -Mandar Kulkarni (Voting Conducted)
- WMAI Treasurer - Abhishek Joshi
- WMAI Committee Members (Voting Conducted)
 - Girija Desphande
 - Smita Kulkarni
 - Sushant Thatte
 - Varsha Vadnerkar

WMAI Secretary thanked all the members for attending the AGM. WMAI AGM meeting concluded at 5.00pm.