

MINUTES OF MEETING
VICTORIAN SIKH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1st JUNE 2013

1. Presidents Welcome Address

- Harvin Dhillon, the President of the VSA called the meeting to order and thanked everyone present.
- Harvin proposed that we observe a minute of silence for Balbir Chail and Dr. Harry Sekhon, two pillars of VSA who passed away during the term of the current MC

2. Confirmation of AGM Minutes

- Gurbinder Gill read out the minutes of the last AGM as Secretary Simarjit Chhabra was unable to attend the AGM.
- On the subject of refund of life membership, Narinderpal advised that 3 members are still to be paid namely Pal Singh Kalra, Baljeet Sanger and Bhupinder Singh Suri (partial payment). It was resolved that the incoming MC will make effort to contact these members and ensure refunds
- Having no further amendments, the minutes were accepted having proposed by Devinder Dhillon and Seconded by Manjit Sidhu

3. Presidents Report

- Harvin started by giving everyone present a background of VSA and its history for the past 25 years
- He thanked all our sponsors namely AusIn, 7 Eleven and Nunawading Toyota in addition to Victorian Multicultural Commission and Monash City Council for annual grants.
- Harvin went on to present the reports on the various committees within the MC

Sports

- a. Golf – we are still having challenges within Golf as some members do not want to identify with VSA, instead treating VSA Golf as a separate entity. This is being addressed and we are hopeful of a good outcome
- b. Cricket – we had the first ever participation in the Sikh Games this year and are working to make this a permanent feature at every Sikh Games. The incoming MC will be encouraged to form a VSA team that can play at social competitions. Challenges are in getting a permanent home ground.
- c. Volleyball – participation at the recent Sikh Games was in collaboration with Sanj of the western suburbs.
- d. Tennis and Netball – we restarted this events for the Sikh Games and hope to build on the momentum that was gained. With tennis, there were some issues with the respective individuals that will be resolved at future games.

- e. Badminton – Ravi and Gurmit did a great job in not only starting a badminton team but also organising the games and going on to win in a few categories. We see this growing in the future.
- f. Hockey – we won the Sikh Games again for the second time in a row. Hockey has always been identified with VSA and our team has been encouraged to play different competitions with different teams to get more exposure.
- g. Soccer – we won the Division 2 for the first time in the history of the Sikh Games. We now have 2 teams participating in different leagues throughout the year.

Womens Issues

- a. Worked together with the Sikh Welfare Council and other associations to address women's issues
- b. Organised cooking demonstrations for Degh and Panjiri
- c. Challenge was getting participation from the community

Events

- a. Sharon had to shoulder a heavy responsibility after the resignation of Randeep but put up a great effort in organising our Dinner and Dance which was a great success.
- b. In addition to the Dinner and Dance, we organised the Vesakhi Dinner and had movie nights throughout the year.
- c. We organise a few Trivia nights and had good participation
- d. Lodhi was jointly organised with Sikh Welfare Society

Grants and Sponsorship

- a. We managed to secure a \$12,000 sponsorship from AusIn and 7 Eleven
- b. In terms of grants we received \$10,000 from the VMC for organisational support and Festivals

4. Treasurers Report

- a. Jag Bal advised that the financial report was sent out to all members via email and invited questions. There being no questions, the accounts were accepted by members with Awtar Dhillon as proposer and Balbir Dhillon seconding the motion.

5. Dissolution of VSA Management Committee

- a. The VSA MC was dissolved and Devinder Dhillon was elected as returning officer to conduct the elections. Gurbinder Gill acted to record proceedings of the elections.
- b. The following persons were elected to the new MC with voting only being held for the position of President. Harvin was elected to be president with Jag Bal assuming the Vice Presidents role

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
Harvin Dhillon	President	Jaswin Bal	Awtar Dhillon
Jagdip Bal	President	Harvin Dhillon	Rishi Dhillon
Gurbinder Gill	Secretary	Sharon Dhillon	Balbir Dhillon
Jaspal Singh Bhalla	Treasurer	Devinder Dhillon	Rishi Dhillon
Gurbinder Singh	Grants/Sponsorship	Taranjit Singh	Rishi Dhillon
Taranjit Singh	Grants/Sponsorship	Sharon Dhillon	Jagdip Bal
Narinderpal Singh Bhalla	Sports	Ravi Bhail	Devinder Dhillon
Harjeet Kaur	Womens Affairs	Harvin Dhillon	Manjit Sidhu
Harvinder Gill	Events	Harvin Dhillon	Gurbinder Gill
Sharon Dhillon	Special Projects	Manjit Sidhu	Rishi Dhillon

In addition to the above elected positions the following were nominated to head the sub sections of the sports

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| 1. Kamaljit Shergill | Hockey |
| 2. Manvinder/Jashwin | Soccer |
| 3. Ravi/Gurmit | Badminton |
| 4. Jag Bal | Volleyball |
| 5. Sunpreet | Netball |
| 6. Gurbinder | Cricket |
| 7. TBA | Golf |
| 8. TBA | Tennis |

6. Other Matters

- a. Membership Fee – Manjit Sidhu proposed that we increase membership fee as current fees are too low for ongoing management expenses. Devinder Dhillon concurred and suggested we have a Life Membership fee as a once off fee. Narinderpal Singh Bhalla added that Life Membership Fee be used or earmarked for capital expenses and not be used as management expenses. The members were in agreement with the proposal and suggested that the incoming MC work on a suitable rate and get it approved at a EGM.
- b. Ashwood Hall – proposal to charge for the use of Ashwood Hall with members getting special rates. Incoming MC to decide on rates
- c. Sponsorship – Manjit Sidhu pledged a \$1200 sponsorship for next 5 years for the VSA paid monthly.
- d. Subsidised Events – Manjit Sidhu proposed that the VSA do not subsidise future events and members pay advertised price. There was overwhelming support for this motion.
- e. Internal Auditors – Manvinder Sidhu and Awtar Dhillon were elected internal auditors for the term of this Management Committee.

- f. Australian Sikh Games shortfall – Awtar Dhillon questioned whether the VSA being a part of the organising committee will be required to fund the perceived shortfall of the ASG budget. Manjit Sidhu advised that the accounts are being audited and a formal request will be made at a later date if necessary. The MC decided to wait for the request before deciding.

7. Conclusion

- a. There being no other matters raised Harvin Dhillon closed the meetings and invited everyone to have refreshments and help the incoming committee with the running of the VSA for the coming year.

Minutes Prepared By:

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