

Friends of India Network Inc
Minutes of AGM
18/8/17

7.30 PM

Chairperson: Sanjay Sharma

Members present:

Sanjay Sharma (President)
Abdul Khalid (Vice President)
Rajul Tandon (Treasurer)
Hitesh Ghai
Sonia Ghai
Manish Mittal
Manisha Mishra
Yasmeen Khalid
Lekha Praveen
Priyam Patel
Nikunj Patel
Jigna Patel
Gaurav Patel
Dixit Patel
Rakesh Patel
Bhavik Patel
Deepika Monga
Preeti Grover
Priti Mehta
Ashvin Mehta
Satnam Aulakh
Arun Aggarwal
Sanjay Lohat
Susheel Sharma
Kiran Tippur
Reshma Tippur

Apologies:

Rajat Taneja
Kanika Taneja
Nidhi Tandon
Ramesh Chandra
Seema Chandra
Sudha Lohat
Sachin Dahiya
Shalini Dahiya
Shikha Aggarwal

Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes:

Proposed: Manish Mittal

Seconded: Susheel Sharma

Chair welcomed all attendees and acknowledged of efforts for success of maiden fundraising effort and of social function (Diwali 2016). Chair also thanked all those who contributed with time and effort including cultural program, printing / designing of fliers and souvenirs and other organising input.

Business arising:

1. Membership: All members encouraged to register at website, and invite their friends to register as well. All Indians and non- Indians welcome.
2. Website: Is now active and has members page, with area for registration. Plan for more information including accounts to be made transparent and public on this website.
3. Facebook page: recognising importance of social media, FIN is trying to increase activity on Facebook page. Acknowledgement to Dixit Patel for volunteering his time to take over running of FIN's social media platforms.
4. Ratification of Constitution:
 - a. Legal advice sought, advise was to align constitution based on Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) model rules.
 - b. In the recommended format, committee runs the network, and there is no provision for a Board.Motion put across to the members: Members are happy to ratify constitution to be aligned along the model rules format of CAV and abandon the provision of board in governance structure – accepted unanimously.
5. Committee membership:
 - a. From elected members, Bobby Mehta stepped down as Secretary
 - b. Rajat Taneja (elected Vice president) took over role of Secretary.
 - c. Abdul Khalid kindly accepted the role of Vice President when invited by the committee.
 - d. The tenure of the committee is 4 years. At every 4th AGM, the positions will all be declared vacant, and election of office bearers conducted as per due process.
6. Accounting update:
 - a. The network has ABN number so as to transact business and generate invoice/ receipt
 - b. Working towards obtaining DGR status, which would allow donations to be tax deductible.
7. Treasurer report (enclosed)
8. Next Diwali Function 14th October, 2017
9. Fundraiser: 3 Feb 2018
10. Other issues:
 - a. Membership – open to everyone including non-Indians
 - b. Sponsorships- all members encouraged to get sponsors

Meeting closed at 8.15 PM