

TAMIL ASSOCIATION OF WA [Inc.]
P.O.Box 102, Bullcreek, WA 6149

Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting held on 25th February 2007-Sunday
At Mandala Hall, Batemen, WA.

A] Attendance & Apologies: As per attached register

B] Management Committee 2006 (Outgoing)

President: Mr.Ravi Ravindran Vice President: Dr.S.kunalan
Secretary: Mr.Paul Bangar Acting Treasurer: Dr.S.Kunalan

Committee Members:

Mr.C.B.Stephen
Mr.V.Vijayakumar
Mr.Casey Francis
Miss Fiona Arisen

Upon reaching the minimum quorum required for the AGM the meeting is called to order at 2.24pm
by the **Hon. President Mr.Ravi Ravindran.**

In his welcome speech, The President acknowledged with special thanks to members for their kind presence and allocating their valuable time to participate in this 27th AGM. especially being a Sunday

The layout of the Agenda is accepted and members agreed to conduct today's proceeding as per the
Agenda.

[1] Minutes of The 26th Annual General Meeting 2006 and its Adoption.

Since the minutes of the 26th AGM has been circulated to all members prior to this AGM via TAWA newsletter, members acknowledged they have read it before hand and to the question put forward by the Hon.Secretary for any correction, and or amendments required, there were none and as such the 26th AGM minutes is put forward for adoption,

Proposed By. **Mr.S.Subramaniam**

Seconded By: **Mr.Willie Rasaiah**

The 26th AGM minutes is adopted

[2] The President's Report 2006

All members had the opportunity to read the President's report.

The President touched upon the various activities/events held during his term namely, Festival Lights, Tawa Annual Deepavali Dinner & Dance. In addition to the above, two fellowship dinners were held and the Children's' Christmas Party in December.

The President appreciated the hard work carried out by all Committee Members. Moreover being a small Management Committee, it was still able to organize all its major events/functions.

[3]Matters Arising From President's Report

The President then asks the floor members for their comments.
There was none.

[4]Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer Dr.Kunalan, firstly apologized for the last minute submission of the accounts to members this time again, it was not possible to present an audited accounts report to members via the newsletter prior to the AGM.

The overall picture reflected a far healthier balance sheet then the previous year.
All sectors reflected positive income except for the Radio Program that incurred a deficit.

[5] Matters Arising from the Treasurer's report.

The Hon.Jegathesan queried the allocation/approval of \$5000.00 at the previous AGM and as to why the flooring is such a bad condition.

The Acting Treasurer replied the full allotment of funds was not used up except for the minor purchases. The City of Melville had not approved the Management Committee's plan to paint the inside of the hall.

Unfortunately, the Mandala Coordinator was not available to comment about the floor condition.
The Hon.Mr.Nadraj observed that no funds have been donated towards any charitable or research Institutes, in the past TAWA made yearly donations towards a good cause and he proposed that The Management Committee should continue with this practice.

As for the Radio Programme, it has improved in gaining sponsorship funds nevertheless, it still posted a deficit. The Hon. Secretary explained the whole situation and to overcome this, this year it may be necessary to reduce the airtime that will be looked into, soonest.

The Hon.Dr.Gurumoorthy announced to the General Assembly that the community should know that both Dr.K.Krishnasamy & Paul Bangar have worked very hard to run the two-radio slots purely on voluntary basis and we should continue to encourage them with their dedication.

[6] Adoption of the President and Treasurer's Reports

6a) The Presidents Report:-

Proposed By: Mr.V.Vijakumar

Seconded By: Mr.Senathrajah

6b) The Treasurer's Report

Proposed By: Dr.Gurumoorthy

Seconded By: Mr.Jeyamohan

There being no objections both the reports are adopted.

[7] Election of the Management Committee for 2006

The President Mr.Ravi Ravindran thanked all present for a lively exchange and upon his request the Hon.Dr.Gurumoorthy agreed to be the Returning officer to conduct the election of the Management Committee for 2007

The Returning Officer was informed by both The President and the Hon. Secretary that there were no nominations received as at 16th March 2007, 6.00pm the closing date/time.

There being not a single nomination, the Returning Officer announced he would now call upon nominations from the floor. He called out for volunteers from the floor beginning with the Presidents' post. Serious attempts by The Returning Officer, several well-wishers and Past Presidents to entice Members to come forward to take up positions in the Management Committee was not successful.

As such let the record show the election of the Management Committee for 2007 failed which now raised the prospect that TAWA may have to wind up, a warning already reflected in the outgoing President's report.

This being the situation the matter was elected to be discussed under General Business.

8] The 2007 President's Opening Remarks

Not Applicable

9] The Appointment Of Honorary Auditors for 2007

Not Applicable

10] General Business.

The Hon. Mr.K.Jegathesan, strongly urged the Association members to rethink/chart its future- "is the association relevant" and if not,-do we stop altogether. Is the Association really useful to members or is it being patronized by non-members who are *not* willing to support the Association but wish to enjoy the benefits. Has it lost its original concept?

The Hon.Dr.S.Sivacoloundhu warned the assembly if we move towards winding up the association it will not be irreversible, 26 years of history would be lost.

The Hon.Mr.Eric John suggested we take a positive approach to "salvage "the situation. and so said the Hon.Mr.K.Vijeyan.

The Hon.Dr.Gurumoorthy mentioned the Association's political standing would be lost.

Several ideas positive and negative were put forward by many members including contributions from Mr.Nadraj, Mr.W.Rasiah, Mr.Senathirajah, Dr.Gurumoorthy, Dr.S.Kunalan, Mr.Balan Stephan, Mr.Mohan Raj, Mr.V.Vijakumar.

Nearly all present supported the idea of getting the youth involved as a new approach.

The Hon. Secretary asked do we really want the Association wound-up?

Generally all felt if we do wind up the Association it will be a very sad end, nevertheless we have no other choice but to face reality if we don't get the full support from the Tamil community.

The main focus is to wind up the association asap and accept the consequences or make another attempt to form a Management Committee for 2007 failing which then only the Association will be wound up.

After a lengthily exchange the General Assembly decided that the Association should be given a second opportunity to survive but it will be a decision taken at a special meeting.

In view of this development the following motion is proposed:-

MOTION 1:-

To hold an EGM on or before 24th April 2007 i.e. within two months from date hereof.

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*MOTION 2:-*

The existing Management Committee of 2006 is permitted to continue with the Management of TAWA until an EGM is called for.

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MOTION 3:-

To put to a vote at the EGM wherein to amend the constitution of TAWA Inc.,

Para 3-Management of the Association, Sub-para (b)

From:-

“The nomination for the position of President of the Association shall be open only to members who have previously elected to serve on the Management Committee of the Association for at least one (1) full term”

To:-

“The nomination for the position of the President of the Association shall be open to any approved financial member”

This motion is proposed by Hon.Jegathesan & Seconded by Hon.Chris Balan

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*MOTION 4:-*

To co-opt Dr.S.Sivacolundu, Mr.Eric John, Mr.K.Jegatheasan & Mr.K.Vijeyan into the existing Management Committee of 2006(Transitory) to collectively prepare/assist the Management Committee towards the proposed EGM.

All four Motions were put to a vote count.

All four motions accepted and passed with an overwhelming positive vote with not a single objection shown.

The AGM is concluded at this juncture and the General Assembly agreed to meet again in two months time-in an EGM.

The President thanked members for their enthusiasm and welcomed them for some refreshments.

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm