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BUFLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018, 5:00 PM -10:00 PM. Location: BUFLA office, 1133 S Vermont Ave, Suite 20, Losangeles, CA-90006

BUFLA Mission:

BUFLA is a Federation of many different Bangladeshi Organizations of Greater Los Angeles Area in California, USA. BUFLA is the symbol of Unity among the healthy diversity of our multi-talented community and beyond. BUFLA synergizes the mutual benefit of our great community through (1) Unity, (2) Charity, (3) Community development and (4) Bangladesh Day Parade, to lift our motherland Bangladesh and our homeland USA.

Followings were the Executive Committee (EC) meeting #8 Agendas/Minutes:

1. The President will call the meeting to order with Gavel.

At 7:50 PM President Nazrul Alam orders the Gavel and requests General Secretary, Shahid Alam to open the meeting with welcome greetings. President Nazrul Alam thanked to all for the successful parade, 2018. He also mentioned a sad news about the mother of Jashim Ashraf that she was in Coma at Burbank hospital. For a fast recovery of her, a heartfelt dua was administered by Dr. Abul Hashem.

2. The General Secretary will open the meeting with welcome greetings, and then will introduce the President to preside over the meeting.

At 8:00 PM, the GS. Engr. Shahid Alam opens the Meeting with his welcome greeting by thanking all the EC members, all Associate Member, all current and former Cabinet members, all AC Member, all BOT



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member, all Media Personal and Honorary Guest. Then he requested President Nazrul Alam to preside over the meeting.

3. National Anthems of (i) USA and (ii) Bangladesh, (iii) BUFLA Anthem

Three anthems were played: US-Anthem, Bangladesh-Anthem, and BUFLA-Anthem.
GS Shahid Alam requests President Nazrul Alam to Preside over the Meeting.

4. Motion to approve the Agenda of the EC meeting.

Proposed to approve the agenda of the EC meeting #8: Dr. Abul Hashem
2nd – Khondokar Alam

In favor -all / Nay: none- EC meeting agendas were approved.

5. Motion to approve the last EC Meeting Minutes, held on March 25, 2018.

Motion to approve the last EC meeting #7 minutes held on March 25, 2018: Illias Sikder
2nd – Shahidul Islam

In favor -all / Nay: none / Abstention-none, EC meeting # 7 minutes were approved.

6. BUFLA office Rent updates.

President Nazrul Alam showed financial report on Rent that till June 30,2018, it will be \$3500 shortage even though all EC has paid their mandatory \$300.00 towards rent. Since the rental expense has become a delicate issue, an open discussion took place to find an alternative to resolve for the future years. Abul Hasnat Raihan, Illias Sikder, Khondokar Alam, and Shahidul Islam pointed that since BUFLA charity do use the BUFLA office and therefore Charity should share some cost for rent. It is also discussed that a separate rent committee should be created for better coordination.

A draft breakdown stood as follows:

Out of the yearly \$18000 needed for rent, \$7200 would be collected from 24 EC organization @ \$300 per EC. Then from the remaining \$10,800, Charity would share the cost by \$4500 and the then remaining \$6300 would be collected from the Cabinet and respectable individual donors.



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7. Discussion on Bangladesh Day parade (lessons learned/public comments).

BUFLA parade, 2018 was a successful parade. However, at least 9 members took part on the detail discussion about the parade's success and shortfall (if any).

Illias Sikder: He felt blessed and thanked the cabinet and all dedicated BUFLA senior officers, volunteers for a very colorful parade. He pointed that numbers of children's presence had made this parade more significant and historical.

Abul Hasnat Raihan: He thanked the cultural secretary, Anjuman Ara Sheuly for a great cultural program with the help of Khondokar Alam and GS Engr. Shahid Alam and other volunteers. He thanked PRO Abdus Samad for preparing a nice magazine. However, he felt that some individual's challenging work was not valued and this practice would have demoralized them in future. He also added that the detail procedures of parade organization including permit procedures needs to pass to Cabinet members as well as others to prepare future BUFLA soldier.

Khondokar Alam: He applauded for the successful parade and thanked to all. However, he pointed that Enamul Hamid did more work than his fair share and he suggested that next time GS and VP should do work on getting all permit application, submission, and approval process. He also mentioned that cabinet well coordination was missing and work load was not distributed properly. He thanked for awarding him with BUFLA award.

Colonel Omar Huda: He was very proud to see the parade video. He shared the video worldwide including Pakistan, India, and Mexican labor organization.

Enamul Hamid: he observed that first 6/7 months, there were very less coordination among cabinet members, though the vary last month before parade, it had improved. He thanked PRO for bringing important messages from distinguished Bangladesh Government officials including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Saleh Kibria: He mentioned that it was good parade but not the best. During any EC meeting, agenda should be limited to not more than 2 hours.



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Shahidul Islam: He also pointed on the time duration of the EC meeting not more than 2 hours. In addition, he talked about Little Bangladesh Neighborhood Council. He, however, thanked cabinet members for their dedication voluntarily for BUFLA.

Mr. Swraj: He thanked the cabinet members and others for good parade. He was happy to see young generation present in the parade.

Dr. Abul Hashem: He appreciated all cabinet members and BUFLA senior officers for beautiful parade. He was happy to see live performance by Pink Turban. Group of young children with banner and portrait of father of the nation, Bangobhundhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, were very remarkable for the parade and BUFLA history. BNP added the portrait of late president Ziaur Rahman was also remarkable. He suggested that in future more leaders including four national (jatio) leader's pictures would be brought to the parade.

He also talked from his heart as he was very thankful for acknowledging and awarding him with BUFLA Padak after more than 12 years of dedication and service to BUFLA and community. He is optimistic that Cabinet will be more matured and well communicated for future events.

8. Parade Financial Report

No discussion on this agenda

9. Each Committee (Seminar, Souvenir, Cultural, stage control/sound, dignitaries' reception, booth, etc.) report.

No discussion on this agenda

10. EC Membership Status update

No discussion on this agenda

11. Publicity

No discussion on this agenda



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12. Miscellaneous

President Nazrul Alam mentioned that there was a petition against Consul General Mr. Priotosh Shah signed by at least 42 persons to the Bangladesh Government high official in foreign ministry. In the petition, his presence in many events including LOTUS Festival and BUFLA parade (2017 & 2018) reported negatively. In this regard, it was decided that a rebuttal memo will be prepared to send to Bangladesh Government showing and proving the real historical background of the events and his involvement as a government official to represent Bangladesh and its culture to the main stream through BUFLA parade & Festival and LOTUS Festival.

13. Next EC meeting date

The next EC meeting is on Sunday, July 1, 2018, from 2:00 PM to 06:00 PM at BUFLA Office.

14. Meeting Adjourn

Motion Moved by The President Nazrul Alam, proposed by Major. Enamul Hamid and seconded by Khondokar Alam

Yes vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0

Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Signed In Sheet: Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles (BUFLA)

April 15, 2018

Date: Sunday, ~~March 4~~, 2018,

Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

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