
Unity Celebration day:

Bangladesh Day

With Parade

On April 1, 2007, Sunday

BUFLA

Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles
BUFLA Website: www.bufla.com

Minutes of the Meeting

November 5, 2006, Sunday, 2PM to 4 PM

Shatto Recreation Center, 3191 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020

Summary of the Mtg-Minutes:

1. About 50 people representing 25 different Organizations attended this meeting.
2. Oct 1, 2006 Mtg Minutes were approved.
3. BUFLA-Logo discussion was referred to the next meeting.
4. The date of Unity Celebration Day, was changed to April 1, 2007, to be celebrated as “Bangladesh Day” with Parade.
5. Several Action-Committees have been formed for “Bangladesh Day” preparations.
6. 3 other items were not discussed because of shortage of time.
7. The Mtg ended at 4:20 PM

8. Next meeting is on December 3, 2006, Sunday starting at 2 PM at Shatto.

Here are the details of the Minutes.

Attendees: (in alphabetical order):

1. Abdul Matin
2. Abdullah Al-Mamun
3. Abu Hossain -Manju
4. Abul Kashem Toha
5. Abul Khair
6. Ahlan Habib
7. Alam Noor
8. Anisur Rahman
9. Badrul Brad Chowdhury
10. Delshad Rahman
11. Dr. M. A. Hashem
12. Dr. Zahangir Sayem
13. Emdadul Haque -Bob
14. F. Khan
15. Farid Khan
16. Ferdous Khan
17. Humayun Kabir
18. Ishtiaq A. Chisti
19. Jalil Khan
20. Jewel
21. K. M. Showkot Hassan
22. Kamal Khan
23. Khaleed Hossain
24. Khandakar Alam
25. Lincoln Khan
26. Mahbub Khan
27. Mahtabuddin Tipu
28. Majib Siddiquee
29. Md. Babul
30. Md. Denise Arnold
31. Md. Rafiqul Islam
32. Mizanur Rahman –Shaheen
33. Mohammad Enamul Haque – Emran
34. Mohammad F. Hossain
35. Mujibur Rahman
36. Mushfiqur Chowdhury –Khosru
37. Omar Huda

38. Quazi Moshurul Huda
39. Quddus Khan
40. Saleh Kibria
41. Shah H. Alam
42. Shohel Rahman -Badal
43. Syed Abed Nipu
44. Zaman

**All 50 Organizations are listed below in alphabetical order.
25 Organizations were represented (in bold black) with the names of the
representatives. The Organizations in regular Italic blue were not
represented.**

1. **AABEA** (Saleh Kibria)
2. *Agni Bina*
3. **Ahle-Sunnah al-Jama'a** (Abu Hossain -Manju)
4. **Anjumane Rahman** (Abu M. Hossain)
5. *ASBBS*
6. **Awami League California, USA** (Shohel Rahman Badal, F. Khan)
7. *BAC – Bangladesh Association of California*
8. **BALA (Bangladesh Association of Los Angeles)** (Ishtiaq Chisti, Emdadul Haque -Bob)
9. *Bangabandhu Foundation*
10. **Bangla Pathshala** (Quazi Moshurul Huda)
11. *Bangladesh Academy*
12. **Bangladesh Association of Valley, LA** (Mohammad Enamul Hoque –Emran, Ferdous Khan, Abul K. Toha)
13. *Bangladesh Association of Greater valley*
14. **Bangladesh Awami League, California Branch** (Mizanur Rahman - Shaheen)
15. *Bangladesh Cultural Organization*
16. **Bangladesh in America** (Mahtabuddin Tipu)
17. *Bangladesh Mela*
18. **Bangladesh Shiksha Kendro** (Syed Abed Nipu, Alam Noor)
19. *Bangladesh Valley Association*
20. **Bangladeshi American Democratic Party of California** (Mahtabuddin Tipu)
21. *Banoful*
22. **BAPAC (Bangladeshi American Political Action Committee)** (Jalil Khan, Omar Huda)
23. **Baul** (Mizanur Rahman –Shaheen)
24. **BDSAC (Bangladesh Students Association of California)** (Abdullah Al-Mamun, Kamal Khan)
25. *Bengal Heritage of California*
26. **BNP** (Emdadul Haque -Bob)
27. **Boishakhi Mela** (Lincoln Khan)
28. *BSLA (Bangladesh Society of Los Angeles)*
29. *BWAC (Bangladesh Women's Association of California)*

30. *California Jalalabad Association*
31. **Chittagong Association of S. CA** (Mujibur Rahman)
32. *Christian Association*
33. **Dhaka University Alumni Association** (Quazi Moshurul Huda)
34. *Jalalabad Association of California*
35. **Jalshaghar Entertainment** (Shah H. Alam, Khaleed Hossain)
36. *Jatio Party*
37. *Jhumur Gushti*
38. *Khulna Society*
39. **LA-Sherrif's Advisory Committee** (Jalil Khan, Omar Huda)
40. **MUNA (Muslim Ummah of North America)** (Anisur Rahman, Mohammad F. Hossain)
41. *Munshiganj Bikrampur Samity*
42. **NANA (Narayanganj Association of North America)** (Shohel Rahman Badal, Zaman)
43. *Organization of Orange County*
44. *Shishu Kishore Jagot*
45. *Tablig Jamat*
46. *Taranga (Nazrul Academy)*
47. *USBBF (US-Bangladesh Business Forum)*
48. **USBCC (US-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce)** (Dr. Zahangir Sayem, Md. Denise Arnold)
49. **Uttoron** (Dr. M. A. Hashem, Md. Babul, Farid Khan, Ahlan Habib, Emdadul Haque - Bob)
50. **Writers' Association** (Quazi Moshurul Huda, Mahtabuddin Tipu)

Out of the 8 Newspaper/TV Representatives, 4 were present (in bold black) at the meeting, as listed below:

1. **ATN Bangla** (Dr. M. A. Hashem, Emdadul haque -Bob)
2. **Channel-I** (Quazi Moshurul Huda)
3. **Ekush** (Quazi Moshurul Huda)
4. *Freelance*
5. *NTV*
6. *Thikana*
7. *News Asia*
8. **Vinnomot** (Quddus Khan, Syed Abed Nipu)

The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. **Introductions by the attendees.**
2. **Approval of Oct 1 Meeting Minutes.**
3. **BUFLA Logo review.**

4. Review of BUFLA Website www.bufla.com

5. Re-visiting the date of the “Unity Celebration Day”.

6. Re-visiting the Location of the “Unity Celebration Day”.

7. Formation of several Action committees for the “Bangladesh Day” preparations

i) Parade Route determination and Venue Reservation, ii) Stage set-up and Booth setup,

iii) Booth collections, iv) (a) Inviting dignitaries (b) Reception of Dignitaries. v)

Coordinators, vi) Program: (a) Parade, (b) Speeches by the Dignitaries, (c) Discussion

session on Special topics, (d) Cultural Program, viii) Sound system, ix) Fund raising, x)

Brochure, xi) Treasurer.

8. Invitation to Dr. Yunus to LA / Southern California

9. Selection of Ad-hoc Committee for Draft Constitution.

10. Selection of several Sub-Committee members (4 to 5 members per Sub-Committee), as

follows: (i) Community Center, (ii) Job-training, (iii) Job-finding, (iv) Immigration help,

(v) New-Comers’ help, (vi) Political liason with local/state officials, (vii) Youth Network

liason, (viii) Outstanding Service or Achievement selection, (ix) Burial Service, (x)

Bylaws, (xi) Website (xii) Other specific community needs.

11. Next meeting date.

12. Close of the meeting.

The meeting continued as follows:

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Agenda Discussion:

At first the Agenda of the meeting was presented and discussed. It was unanimously approved. Then the meeting started.

Item – 1: (Introductions)

All the attendees introduced themselves individually.

Item – 2: (Oct 1, 2006 Mtg-minutes)

The October 1, 2006 Mtg-Minutes was discussed in this meeting for any errors, and then it was unanimously approved.

Item – 3: (BUFLA Logo)

Shah Alam offered in the last meeting that he will present several Logo drawings by a professional Bangladeshi artist in this meeting for the team's review. But Shah Alam was absent in this meeting. So, Dr. Hashem has been requested to coordinate with Shah Alam or another community member and present some Logo designs in the next meeting.

Item – 4: (Website)

(a) Suggestion was received to improve the website. It will be done by forming a website sub-committee. (b) Suggestion was also received to organize the Community Calendar, so that people do not have to go through a long list of events to find the next events. So, the events list will be re-arranged to have the upcoming events first.

Item – 5: Re-visiting the date of the “Unity Celebration Day”.

In the last meeting, the Unity Celebration day was selected to be the “Bangladesh Day” on March 25, 2007, Sunday. For our community, the celebration day needs to be on a Sunday because of the work schedule of our community members. March 25 is the closest Sunday to March 26 in 2007. But March 25 is a sad day for Bangladesh, and there were mixed reaction in the community about celebration on that sad day. So, there was a very long, hour long discussion in this meeting about this date. Finally, the following motion was moved:

BUFLA Unity Celebration Day will be the “Bangladesh Day” on the last Sunday of March of every year. However, if in any year, the last Sunday falls on March 25, then the “Bangladesh Day” will be celebrated on the following Sunday (April 1).

This motion was moved by Majib Siddiquee and seconded by Jalil Khan

After a very long discussion, this motion was unanimously approved.

So, the first Unity Celebration day will be the “Bangladesh Day” on April 1, 2007.

Item – 6: Re-visiting the Location of the “Unity Celebration Day”.

There were two suggestions about the location of the celebration. Those are: (a) Shatto Recreation center, and (b) Harvard Street between 3rd Street and 6th Street. There was a good length of discussion about the positives and negatives of these two locations. At this stage Ishtiaq Chisti suggested to refer it to the **Venue Reservation Action Committee**, and everyone agreed to that suggestion.

Item – 7: Formation of Action Committees:

At this stage of the meeting, several **Action Committees** were formed in the open forum, in order to prepare for the “Bangladesh Day” celebration. These Action committees are flexible, and are not closed. Anyone whose name is not in any of these Action committees, but would like to help, or would like to suggest any changes, then please contact the relevant Action-committee directly. **As a result of feedback from the team, each person has now been assigned to one committee only.** The Action Committees are now as follows:

Action Committees:

i) Parade Route determination and Venue Reservation

Abdur Razzaque
Emdadul Haque
Ferdous Khan
Mujibur Rahman
Mohammed Ahsan

ii) Stage set-up and Booth setup

Abdullah Al-Mamoon
Dr. Jewel
Farid Khan
Humayun Kabir
Kamal Pasha
Lincoln Khan
Monwar Hossain
Sawraj

iii) Booth collections

Abul Ibrahim
Anis
Babul
Imad
Liton
Matin
Syed Abed Nipu
Tarek

iv) (a) Inviting dignitaries (b) Reception of Dignitaries. (Guests to be invited are: Governor, Mayors, Senators, Congressmen-women, City Council members, Police Chief, Sherrif, County supervisors, UC-CSU-President-Chancellor, some Hollywood stars, some local Business Executives, Bangladesh Ambassador and Consul General and their full staff, Bangladesh Prime Minister and some other Bangladesh officials, some celebrity Artists of Bangladesh, etc):

Ishtiaq Chisti
Jalil Khan

Nazmul Ula
Omar Huda
Quazi Moshurul Huda
Rafiquzzaman
Shamim Hossain
Zainul Abedin

v) Coordinators (To coordinate all Committees):

Abul Kashem Toha
Dablu Amin
Mizan Shaheen
Mofazzal Hossain
Moinul Chowdhury
Mominul Haque Bachu
Shohel Rahman Badal
Siddiqur Rahman
Zahangir Sayem

vi) Program

- (a) Parade: Major Hamid, Major Kutubi
- (b) Speeches by the Dignitaries: Members of the Dignitaries inviting team
- (c) Kids' Cultural Program: 3 - 5 Youths will plan, organize and Conduct. the program
- (d) Adults' Cultural Program: Ali Ashraf Runu, Zahid Hossain Pintu, Dr. Hashem

vii) Sound system

Jalshaghar, Jhumur Gushti

viii) Fund raising

Abdul Baset
Abu Hossain Manju
Ahmed kabir
Amzad Hossain
Anisur Rahman
Babu
Chinmoy Roy Chowdhury
Delshad Rahman
Dr. Moazzem Hossain
Enamul Haque Emran
Habib Ahmed Tia
Ismail Hossain
Khandakar Alam
Mafiz (Chittagong)
Majib Siddiquee
Maksudur Rahman Jewel
M. Alam
Mohammad Ali
Mohammad Hanif
Muktadir Chowdhury Tarun
Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khasru

Nazrul Islam Kanchan
Nil Kundu
Parish
Dr. Pradip Chowdhury
Serajul Islam Khukon
Shanku Ice
Shafiqur Rahman

ix) Brochure

Quddus Khan
Yunus Rahi
Jasim Ahmed
Shamsul Islam
Mahtabuddin Tipu
Zafarullah

x) Treasurer

Badrul Chowdhury
Saleh Kibria
Shah Alam (Bangla Pathshala)

xi) Miscellaneous:

- (a) Security:
- (b) Parking Control:
- (c) Printing and Stationaries:
- (d) Ad & Publicity in TV-Radio-NewsPapers-Flyers-etc:
- (e) First-Aid:

The following 3 agenda items could not be discussed in the meeting because of shortage of time:

Item – 8: Invitation to Dr. Yunus to LA / Southern California

Item – 9: Selection of A-hoc Committee for Draft Constitution.

Item – 10: Selection of several Sub-Committee members (4 to 5 members per Sub-Committee)

Item – 11: (Next meeting Date)

The next meeting date is December 3, 2006, Sunday, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Shatto Recreation Center, 3191 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020. (on 4th Street near Vermont).

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully,

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