
BUFLA

Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles

BUFLA Website: www.bufla.com

Minutes of the Meeting

February 25, 2007, Sunday, 2PM to 4 PM

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

Summary of the Mtg-Minutes:

1. About 40 people attended this meeting representing various different Organizations from the list of 57 Organizations.
2. The Unity Celebration Day “Action committees” made their presentations for Bangladesh day celebration.
3. A motion was passed recommending every organization to contribute \$100, plus donation of \$400, making it a minimum total payment of \$500 to BUFLA for the Bangladesh day.
4. BUFLA is now recorded in the LA County Hall of Records.
5. BUFLA bank account was opened at Bank of America on 2-13-2007, and the Account number is: 000991-122000661-09935-66120.
6. The Mtg ended at 5:00 PM
7. Next meeting is on March 11, 2007, Sunday starting at 2 PM at Shatto.

Here are the details of the Minutes.

Attendees: (in alphabetical order):

Abu M. Hossain –Manju
Abu Majumder
Abul Kalam

Abul Kashem Toha
Ali Akbar
Anis Rahman
Dr. Hashem
Dr. Rafiq Alam
Emdadul Haque Bob
Habib Ahmed Tia
Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan
Jalil Khan
Jamshed A. Haider
Kamal Khan
Khaleed Hossain
M. A. H. Babul
Mahbub Khan
Majib Siddique
Majib Siddiquee
Manzur Chowdhury
Md. Anisur Rahman
Mohammad Enamul Hoque
Mohammad Jilani Sadiq
Mohammed A. Khair
Mourshad A. Haider
Mujibur Rahman
Nasimul Gani
Nazmul Ula
Quazi Moshurul Huda
Saif Kutubi
Saif kutubi
Salahuddin Ahmed
Saleh Kibria
Shafiq Rahman
Shah Alam
Shah M Alam
Shohel Rahman Badal
Syed M. Hossain Babu
Zahid Hossain Pintu

The above attendees represented various different organizations from the list of 57 organizations of the greater Los Angeles area, as listed below:

- 1. AABEA**
- 2. Agni Bina**
- 3. Ahle-Sunnah al-Jama'a**
- 4. Anjumane Rahman**
- 5. Aparajeyo Bidda Niketon**

6. ASBBS
7. Awami League California, USA
8. BAC – Bangladesh Association of California
9. BAFA (Bangladesh Armed Forces Association)
10. BALA (Bangladesh Association of Los Angeles)
11. Bangabandhu Foundation
12. Bangla Pathshala
13. Bangladesh Academy
14. Bangladesh Association of Valley, LA
15. Bangladesh Association of Greater valley
16. Bangladesh Awami League, California Branch
17. Bangladesh California Club
18. Bangladesh Cultural Organization
19. Bangladesh in America
20. Bangladesh Mela
21. Bangladesh Physicians' Association
22. Bangladesh Shiksha Kendro
23. Bangladesh Taxi Workers' Association, Los Angeles, CA
24. Bangladesh Valley Association
25. Bangladeshi American Democratic Party of California
26. Banoful
27. BAPAC (Bangladeshi American Political Action Committee)
28. Baul (Mizanur Rahman –Shaheen)
29. BDSAC (Bangladesh Students Association of California)
30. Bengal Heritage of California
31. BNP
32. Boishakhi Mela
33. BSLA (Bangladesh Society of Los Angeles)
34. BWAC (Bangladesh Women's Association of California)
35. California Jalalabad Association
36. Chittagong Association of S. CA
37. Christian Association
38. Dhaka University Alumni Association
39. Jalalabad Association of California
40. Jalshaghar Entertainment
41. Jatio Party
42. Jhumur Gushti
43. Khulna Society
44. LA-Sherrif's Advisory Committee
45. MUNA (Muslim Ummah of North America)
46. Munshiganj Bikrampur Samity
47. NANA (Narayanganj Association of North America)
48. Organization of Orange County
49. Rhythm
50. SABAN (South Asian Business Alliance Network)
51. Shishu Kishore Jagot

52. Tablig Jamat
53. Taranga (Nazrul Academy)
54. USBBF (US-Bangladesh Business Forum)
55. USBCC (US-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce)
56. Uttoron
57. Writers' Association

Out of the 8 Newspaper/TV Representatives, 5 were present (in bold black) at the meeting, as listed below:

1. *ATN Bangla*
2. **Channel-I**
3. **Ekush**
4. *Freelance*
5. **NTV**
6. **Thikana**
7. *News Asia*
8. **Vinnomot**

The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Introductions by the attendees.
2. Approval of February 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes.

Action Committee Reports:

- i) Venue Reservation & Parade Route determination
- ii) Budget and fund Raising
 - ii-a) Bank Account
 - ii-b) Budget
 - ii-c) Fund raising
 - [ii-d\) Donors](#)
 - ii-e) Donation Collection:
 - ii-f) Ad from Various Businesses:
- iii) Treasurer
- iv) Souvenir
- v) Program
 - (v-a) Parade:

- (v-b) Speeches by the Dignitaries:
- (v-c) Cultural Program:
- vi) (a) Inviting dignitaries (b) Reception of Dignitaries.
- vii) Stage set-up, Booth setup-&-Collection
- viii) Publicity (Media, Flyers etc.):
- ix) Sound system
- x) Coordinators (To coordinate all Committees):
- xi) Miscellaneous:

Item – 4: Discussion on Ekushe February 2008.

Item – 5: Bangladesh Caucus at US-Congress (-Nasimul Gani).

Item – 6: Clothes Container Shipment to Bangladesh (-Shohel Badal)

Item – 7: Ad-hoc Committee for BUFLA Constitution:

Item – 8: BUFLA Registration Update:

Item – 9: (Next meeting Date)

Item – 10: Close of the meeting.

The meeting continued as follows:

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: (February 4, 2007 Mtg-minutes)

The February 4 Mtg minutes was discussed and unanimously approved.

Item – 3: The “Unity Celebration Day” → Bangladesh day with parade.

Reports of Action Committees:

i) Parade Route determination and Venue Reservation

Abdur Razzaque	213-389-1208
Emdadul Haque Bob	323-314-8275-c, 323-466-1523-h
Ferdous Khan	818-401-3579
Mujibur Rahman	213-327-9229
Mohammed Ahsan	818-843-8686x23, 213-248-7886-c

Emdadul Haque Bob (Coordinator) reported that the application to the City council has been submitted requesting the permission to do the parade on the Road on Harvard blvd (between 3rd and 6th street). The revised motion will be placed to the Council on Tuesday, February 27.

ii) Budget and fund Raising

ii-a) Bank Account

BUFLA bank account was opened at Bank of America on 2-13-2007, with a donation of \$1000 from Mahbub Khan. The BUFLA Account number is: **000991-12200661-09935-66120**

ii-b) Budget

Budget

for Bangladesh Day, April 1,
2007

Item	Amount
Booth	\$5,000
Stage	\$2,000
Sound + Generator	\$5,000
Generator	\$2,000
Loght + Generator	\$2,000
Mobile Latrine	\$300
Security	\$500
Souvenir	\$3,600
Dignitaries-food	\$300
Ad in Paper + TV	\$1,000
Poster-Banner-StageDec	\$1,000
Gate with Baloons	\$500
Guest from Bangladesh	\$3,000
Insurance-AppIFee	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$3,000
Total	\$30,200

ii-c) Fund raising

For fund raising, Omar Huda suggested all attendees to contact about 30 people each, making it a total of about 1000 people, who then can contribute \$30 each, making it a total of \$30,000. A very few people raised their hands to volunteer to contact 30 people.

At this point, Dr. Hashem proposed \$100 contribution by each organization, plus another \$400 donation from within each organization, making it a total of \$500 minimum per organization. This motion was seconded by Abul Kashem Toha, and it was unanimously approved by the whole team.

At this point, the whole list of organizations were discussed one by one. The Organizations in bold black committed for Finance (F), Souvenir (S), Parade (P), and Cultural program (C). The pledge amount is \$500, \$500+, and \$1,000. The committed amount, and the F-S-P-C symbols are written at the end of the Committed organizations. The Organizations in italic blue were either absent, or needed more time to decide.

1. **AABEA (Syed Ashfaquul Huq 562-809-6074, Dr. Nazmul Ula 310-645-6759) ((500) (F, S, P)**
2. **Agni Bina (Chinmoy Roy Chowdhury 909-478-3951)**
3. **Ahle-Sunnah al-Jama'a (Abu M. Hossain –Manju 909-614-1560) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
4. **Anjumane Rahman (Abu M. Hossain –Manju 909-614-1560) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
5. **Aparajeyo Bidda Niketon**
6. **ASBBS (Dr. Wali Mondal 909-648-2120)**
7. **Awami League California, USA (Sohel Rahman Badal 562-972-0042, F. Khan)**
8. **BAC – Bangladesh Association of California**
9. **BAFA (Bangladesh Armed Forces Association) (Cornel Omar Huda 310-825-3542, Major Hamid 323-254-1161, Major Kutubi) (\$500) (F, S, P)**
10. **BALA (Bangladesh Association of Los Angeles) (Ishtiaq Chisti 818-370-5259, Mominul Huq Bachu 213-820-4564) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
11. **Bangabandhu Foundation (Dr. Wali Mondal 909-648-2120) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
12. **Bangla Pathshala (Syed M. Hossain Babu 323-394-2961, Shah Alam) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
13. **Bangladesh Academy (Zahid Hossain Pintu 213-923-0877, zhacademy@aol.com) (\$1000) (F, S, P, C)**
14. **Bangladesh Association of Valley, LA (Enamul hoque Emran 818-625-5031, Ferdous Khan 818-401-3579, Salam Ahmed 818-231-2518, Siddique 818-536-1011, Abul Kashem Toha 818-624-1551) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**
15. **Bangladesh Association of Greater valley, CA (President- Shafiqur Rahman 818-787-8488, Vice President- Mizanur Rahman 818-769-4111, Secretary- Niaz Muhaiman 818-759-5177, Organizing-Secretary- Saiful Islam 818-209-3970) (\$500) (F, S, P)**
16. **Bangladesh Awami League, California Branch (Mizan Shaheen 714-262-8425) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)**

17. Bangladesh California Club (Ali Akhter 213-258-9564, Khukon 323-828-4136) (\$500) (F, S, P)
18. Bangladesh Cultural Organization
19. Bangladesh in America (Mahtabuddin Tipu 310-743-3032)
20. Bangladesh Mela (Tarek: 323-382-4129, Anis: 213-321-0267, Taslim: 213-948-7879, Helal: 213-925-2871, Dhuli: 213-382-0296, Belal: 213-500-7046)
21. Bangladesh Physicians' Association (Dr. Moazzem Hossain 909-307-9688)
22. Bangladesh Shiksha Kendro (Syed Abed Nipu 562-234-6199)
23. Bangladesh Taxi Workers' Association, Los Angeles, CA (President - Touhid Khan Tutul 323-972-4568, Treasurer – Abdul Mohin Chowdhury 213-446-2592, Secretary – Shamsul Islam Choudhury Shams 323-839-3874) (\$500) (F, S, P)
24. Bangladesh Valley Association
25. Bangladeshi American Democratic Party of California (Mahtabuddin Tipu 310-743-3032, Mominul Huq Bachu 213-820-4564)
26. Banoful (Dr. Moazzem Hossain 909-307-9688-home, Dr. Ruby Hossain 909-754-0448-cell, Dr. Ruby Hossain 951-212-7933, Bashir and Nahid Ather 951-500-0607, Shilpi and Kazi Hossain 909-793-7872, Dr. Khasru and Nilu 909-783-2903, Mr. Matiur Rahman and Mahela 909-796-1688, Mr. Mondol and Keka Mondol 909-796-8451, Dr. Rafique and Maya Alam 951-788-2140, Sadeq and Zaria Khan 951-275-9855.)
27. BAPAC (Bangladeshi American Political Action Committee) (Jalil Khan 562-402-4818) (\$1,000) (F, S, P)
28. Baul (Mizanur Rahman –Shaheen 714-262-8425)
29. BDSAC (Bangladesh Students Association of California) (Abdullah Al-Mamun 323-309-1945, abdullah89@sbcglobal.net, Riad: 213-300-9037)
30. Bengal Heritage of California (President- Nil Krisna Kundu, 626-825-9375, Vice President- Deepak Mistry 818-427-6351, Puja Committee Convenor- Tapan Kundu 323-627-8720, Secretary- Rupam Biswas, 714-299-0356, Cultural Secretary- Sri Shyamal Nath 818-717-9272, Krishna Majumdar 323-360-3882, Pradip Majumdar 909-772-7637)
31. BNP (Nazrul Islam Chowdhury –Kanchon 213-270-4567, Dublo Amin 213-663-4121) (\$1,000) (F, S, P)
32. Boishakhi Mela (Abul Ibrahim 213-948-7908, 213-3989-8006, Lincoln Khan 818-763-4986)
33. BSLA (Bangladesh Society of Los Angeles) (Zainul Abedin 818-547-1330) (\$1,000) (F, S, P)
34. BWAC (Bangladesh Women's Association of California) (Lina Zaman, Dr. Ruby Hossain 909-307-9688, Kaniz Fatima Shimul 213-268-8956)
35. California Jalalabad Association (Habib Ahmed Tia 818-430-5726, Abdul Basit 818-231-7635) (\$500+) (F, S, P, C)
36. Chittagong Association of S. CA (Taher Rahim [Anwar] 818-917-6000, Majib Siddiquee) (\$500+) (F, S, P)
37. Christian Association (Rupom)
38. Dhaka University Alumni Association (Golam Mustafa 805-350-1267, Khandaker Alam 909-732-8800, Mushfiqur Chowdhury 323-422-5479, Manzur Molla 626-854-8886 x 185, M.A. Karim 562-903-5835, Quazi Moshurul Huda 213-925-4652, Selima Akhter 213-210-8752) (\$500) (F, S, P)

39. Jalalabad Association of California (Ahmed Kabir 818-448-1398, Farzu Subhan, 818-517-2318, Shah Nazrul 323-516-9791)
40. Jalshaghar Entertainment (Shah Alam, President 818-705-0472, Masud Zaman, Akmd Rahaman, Khaleed Hossain, Mizanul Hoque Chowdhury, Mohamed Rahaman) (\$500) (F, S, P, C)
41. Jatio Party (Shaikh Raza –Milu Bhai 949-855-1673)
42. Jhumur Gushti (Ali Ashraf Runu 909-896-5500)
43. Khulna Society
44. LA-Sherrif’s Advisory Committee (Jalil Khan 562-402-4818) (\$1,000) (F, S, P)
45. MUNA (Muslim Ummah of North America) (Anisur Rahman, 213-840-7264, Secretary, anis1971@gmail.com, anis1971@hotmail.com, Ali Akbar 714-670-7211, Ashraf 213-926-2959) (\$500+) (F, S, P, C)
46. Munshiganj Bikrampur Samity (Muhammad Shamim Hossain President, 213-388-0790)
47. NANA (Narayanganj Association of North America) (Sohel Rahman Badal 562-972-0042, Zaman)
48. Organization of Orange County
49. Rhythm (Ali Ashraf Runu 909-896-5500, Abu Hanifa 818-389-2849)
50. SABAN (South Asian Business Alliance Network) (Mohammad Islam)
51. Shishu Kishore Jagot
52. Tablig Jamat (Belal Uddin Ahmed 323-301-2555, Isa Khan 213-327-7535, Islam 213-948-4613)
53. Taranga (Nazrul Academy) (Mohammad Shiper 805-551-0392, 805-551-0393, Major Hamid 323-254-1161) (\$500) (F, S, P)
54. USBBF (US-Bangladesh Business Forum) (Khaled Gazi - kgazi@cox.net, M. Osman Choudhury - chandga13@aol.com, Tanvir: fzahidi02@yahoo.com, M Zafar Ullah - mzullah1954@aol.com Details: www.usbbf.com)
55. USBCC (US-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce) (Zahangir Sayem)
56. Uttoron (Dr. M. A. Hashem 323-720-9062-h, 213-200-0984-c, Emdadul Haque Bob 323-466-1523-h, 323-314-8275, Habibur Rahman Swaraj 630-739-6000) (\$1000+) (F, S, P, C)
57. Writers’ Association (Muktadir Chowdhury Tarun 213-327-8212, 213-305-0892, mdabdc@aol.com)

In this list, a total of 24 organizations were marked as F with Finance of \$500 minimum, with 6 of those organizations with \$1000 each, making it a total of $24 \times \$500 + 6 \times \$1000 = \$15,000$

ii) Stage set-up, Booth setup-&-Collection

Abdullah Al-Mamun	323-309-1945
Abul Ibrahim	213-948-7908
Anis (Bangladesh Mela)	213-321-0267
Babul	213-281-2771
Dr. Jewel	
Farid Khan	213-219-0390

Habibur Rahman (Sawraj)	213-380-3650
Humayun Kabir	213-926-1830
Kamal Pasha	
Lincoln Khan	818-763-4986
Liton	
Matin	
Monwar Hossain	213-487-1942
Syed Abed Nipu	562-234-6199
Tarek	323-382-4129

Humayun Kabir (Coordinator) was absent from the meeting.

iii) (a) Inviting dignitaries (b) Reception of Dignitaries.

Jalil Khan reported the invitation to the Lt. Governor John Garamendi, State Controller John Chiang, LA-Mayor Antonio Villaraigusa, LA County Sheriff Lee Baca, Board of Equalization Chair Judy Chu, Congresswoman Loretta. Mohammad Jilani Sadiq reported invitation to Mayor of Anaheim and Orange County Board of Supervisor, and plans to invite several other Mayors. Saif kutubi reported that Dr. Yunus replied to his invitation, and said that he has plans to come in September, but April 1 is not sure. (Firoze Fakhri reported outside of this meeting that he hand-delivered the BUFLA invitation letter to Dr. Yunus in Dhaka). Omar Huda who drafted the invitation letter, reported overall plans to invite various other dignitaries.

Ishtiaq Chisti	818-370-5259
Jalil Khan	562-402-4818-h, 213-897-8335-o, 562-716-3208-c
Jilani Sadiq	714-776-0214-h, 949-724-2840-o
Nazmul Ula	310-645-6759-h, 310-338-5102-o
Omar Huda	818-831-9286, 310-825-3542
Shamim Hossain	213-388-0790
Zainul Abedin	818-606-7660-c, 818-547-1330
(Major Kutubi)	323-793-1277
Firoze Fakhri	714-680-9876-o, 714-470-6438-c

v) Program

(a) Parade:

Major Hamid	323-254-1161
Major Kutubi	323-793-1277-c, 323-726-7372-h
Syed M. Hossain Babu	323-394-2961

Syed M. Hossain Babu (Coordinator) and Major Kutubi are working on it.

(b) Speeches by the Dignitaries:

Members of the Dignitaries invitation committee will coordinate the speeches of the Dignitaries during the Program.

(c) Cultural Program:

Ali Ashraf Runu	909-896-5500
Dr. Hashem	213-200-0984
Khaleed Hossain	818-681-3710-c,818-705-0472-o
Munirul Islam Badal	
Shahana Parveen	310-259-3627, 310-259-2736
Shanku Aice	
Zahid Hossain Pintu	213-923-0877

The cultural committee did not have a meeting to plan for the cultural program. They will report it in the next meeting.

vi) Sound system

Jalshaghar	818-705-0472 (Shah Alam)
Jhumur Gushti	909-896-5500 (Runu)

Shah Alam (Coordinator) had a prepared proposal.

vii) Fund raising

Abdul Baset	
Abu Hossain Manju	626-675-0637-c, 909-614-1560-h
Ahmed kabir	818-448-1398
Ali Tayab	818-549-9003
Amzad Hossain	213-407-0519-c, 323-309-1945
Anisur Rahman	213-840-7264
Badiul Alam	626-627-7462-c
Chinmoy Roy Chowdhury	909-478-3951
Dr. Moazzem Hossain	909-307-9688
Dr. Pradip Chowdhury	
Enamul Haque Emran	818-625-5031
Habib Ahmed Tia	818-430-5726
Ismail Hossain	909 800 2640
Khandakar Alam	
M. Alam	
Mafiz (Chittagong)	
Majib Siddiquee	213-820-9511

Maksudur Rahman Jewel	
Mohammad Ali	213-500-6371
Mohammad Hanif	818-389-2849
Muktadir Chowdhury Tarun	213-327-8212, 213-305-0892
Nazrul Islam Kanchan	213-270-4567
Nil Kundu	626-825-9375
Parish	323-377-1957
Serajul Islam Khukon	213-216-8021-c, 213-382-9592-Aladin
Siddiqur Rahman Siddique	

Enamul Haque Emran (Coordinator) reported on behalf of the committee. He requested the team to select another Coordinator, because he is very busy at this time. So, the team has to identify the coordinator for this very important committee.

viii) Brochure

Jashim Ashrafi Ahmed	818-987-7454-c, 616-861-8500-o
Mahtabuddin Tipu	310-743-3032
Quazi Moshurul Huda	213-925-4652
Rafiquzzaman jewel	213-305-3625
Shamsul Islam	323-463-1700-o 323-896-1964-c
Shanku Aice	818-606-4253
Tariq Babu	714-262-6610
Toufique Choudhury	323-935-9388-h, 323-307-1328-c
Yunus Rahi	
Zafarullah	562-804-1500

Quazi Moshurul Huda (Coordinator, Editorial Board Chair) reported on behalf of the committee. He had a committee meeting earlier. He reported that the Brochure will contain the following items: (a) the messages from all of the 57+ Organizations of our community, (b) the messages from the Dignitaries, (c) An account of the Businesses and other professional and nonprofessional rainbow of our community, (d) Specialty articles addressing the inception and growth of the Bangladesh community in greater Los Angeles area during the last half a century, including the various avenues and sentiments of this great community. (e) Advertisements. The writings can be in the form of essay, story, article, poem, humor, drama, cartoon, etc. Quazi Moshurul Huda requested everyone to please submit the writings-and-materials to him by February 21, 2007.

ix) Publicity (Media, Flyers etc.):

Bappi Barua	
Jahan Hasan	818-266-7539-c, 323-462-9300-o
Quddus Khan	562-879-4374-c, 562-928-2609-h

Shafiqur Rahman

Quddus Khan (Coordinator) reported on behalf of the committee. He pointed out the need for funding to do the publicity. He also requested a copy of the contents for the flyers and posters.

x) Treasurer

Badrul Chowdhury	
Saleh Kibria	323-404-1386-c, 323-666-4425-h, 213-897-5328-o
Shafiqur Rahman	310-370-7706-h, 213-897-4118-o
Shah Alam (Bangla Pathshala)	323-974-1434-c, 213-381-3490-h

Saleh Kibria (Coordinator) was not present in this meeting. Shafiqur Rahman and Shah Alam were present. There is no activity of this committee yet. This committee will open a bank account of BUFLA soon in Bank of America.

iv) Coordinators (To coordinate all Committees):

Abul Kashem Toha	818-624-1551
Dablu Amin	213-663-4121
Jamil Ahmad	
Mizan Shaheen	714-262-8425
Mofazzal Hossain	
Moinul Chowdhury	
Mominul Haque Bachu	213-820-4564
Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khasru	323-422-5479
Shafiqul Alam Khukon	323-828-4136-c (Nisa)
Shohel Rahman Badal	562-972-0042
Zahangir Sayem	323-382-3159

Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khasru (Coordinator) was not present in the meeting.

xi) Miscellaneous:

- (a) Security:
- (b) Parking Control: Akhter (Sylhet)
- (c) First-Aid: Bilkis Parveen, Some Doctors

Item – 4: Discussion on Ekushe February 2008.

The team felt that this is a healing time, and therefore decided to discuss about this item at a later meeting.

Item – 5: Bangladesh Caucus at US-Congress (-Nasimul Gani).

Nasimul Gani (a long time member of AABEA) reported that there are several members of the Congress from the east coast who are in the Bangladesh Caucus, but there is only one congress person from the west coast. He requested all the attendees to please contact their respective Congressperson individually requesting them to join the Bangladesh Caucus.

Item – 6: Clothes Container Shipment to Bangladesh (-Shohel Badal)

Item – 7: Ad-hoc Committee for BUFLA Constitution:

Item – 8: BUFLA Registration Update:

Applied for BUFLA to be recorded in the LA County Hall of Records. That document was used to open the Bank Account of BUFLA.

Item – 9: (Next meeting Date)

Item – 10: Close of the meeting.

Item – 4: Clothes Container shipment to Bangladesh

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Emdadul Haque Bob	323-314-8275-c, 323-466-1523-h
Humayun Kabir	213-926-1830
Shafiqul Alam Khukon	323-828-4136-c (Nisa fashion)
Shohel Rahman Badal	562-972-0042

Shohel Rahman Badal (Coordinator) reported on behalf of the committee. He said that the shipment will be done through an Agency. He explained that a total of 1,15,200 pounds of clothes are needed in order to make the container shipment to Bangladesh free. This amounts to a total of 2 containers. The calculation of the Agency is as follows: Each container holds 48 boxes, and each box holds 1200 pounds of clothes. So, each container holds $1200 \times 48 = 57,600$ pounds of clothes. Therefore 2 containers hold $57,600 \times 2 = 1,15,200$ pounds of clothes. The Agency does the sorting, washing, dis-infecting, boxing under high pressure, loading and shipping. If the amount of clothes is less than 2 containers, then the shipment will go to some Muslim country, but that shipment will not be guranteed to Bangladesh. In order to gurantee the shipment to Bangladesh, a minimum of 2 containers of clothes are required. So, a target of 1,20,000 pounds (one Lack twenty thousand pounds) of clothes is a reasonable goal for us, considering the sorting by the Agency. Shohel Rahman Badal emphasized the need for storage area for these clothes during the collection period. So, he is requesting all of our community members to please let him know if you can kindly offer your garage or some room storage area to store these clothes for this interim collection period of a few weeks. The next date for collection of clothes will be announced later on. The contact information of this committee members are given above, and they are: Badal, Babul, Bob, Humayun and Khukon.

Item – 5: BUFLA Registration Update:

BUFLA has been registered as a nonprofit organization of the State of California. The application for this registration was submitted on January 18, 2007, and the Secretary of State Debra Bowen approved and signed it on January 20, 2007. This approved document was presented to the whole team in this meeting. The state ID number for BUFLA is 2910737. The Franchise Tax Board has recorded this number as the California state tax ID number, and has confirmed it with a letter. This nonprofit status was required to get the venue on Harvard Blvd for the Bangladesh day celebration on April 1, 2007.

The IRS has also issued a tax ID number on phone for the Federal tax purposes. This ID number (EIN) is 83-0471430. This ID number has been confirmed by a written letter by the IRS. This IRS letter will be used to open the bank account for BUFLA.

The remaining item to make it a 501(c)(3) entity is to fill out the 1023 form along with the Bylaws. The Ad-hoc committee for constitution (as stated in the next item) is working on the Bylaws, and as soon as it is ready, then the 1023 form will be submitted.

Item – 6: Ad-hoc Committee formation for BUFLA Constitution:

An Adhoc committee has been formed by the team to draft the BUFLA constitution. The committee members are as follows:

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Ismail Hossain	909 800 2640
Jilani Sadiq	714-776-0214-h, 949-724-2840-o
Majib Siddiquee	213-820-9511
Zahid Hossain Pintu	213-923-0877

This Adhoc committee for Constitution has been requested to please prepare the draft of the Bylaws and submit it to the whole team within a reasonable amount of time.

Item – 7: (Next meeting Date)

The next meeting date was set for February 25, 2007, but because of the 2 community events on that day (evening) (as posted in the Community Calendar Section of the BUFLA website at www.bufla.com), it has been recommended to hold the BUFLA meeting on March 4, 2007, 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).

Note: Since the April 1, 2007 is very near, and the monthly BUFLA meeting is not adequate to accommodate all the preparations that are needed within this short remaining period of time, so, it has been planned to hold weekly meetings of a small group of people which will mostly consist of the coordinators of different committees. They will then report the details of the updates to the whole team on March 4, 2007

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully,

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