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BUFLA GA Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 13, 2015, 1PM – 9 PM

Location: BUFLA Office, 1133 S. Vermont Ave, Suite 20, Los Angeles, CA 90006.

Attendees

MEMBERS & GUEST PRESENT AT THE GA MEETING			
#	Name	Position	Organization
1	Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid	President	Taranga of California
2	Sayeedul Hoq Sentu	Vice President	Greater Faridpur Association
3	Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam	General Secretary	Valley Asssocation
4	Romy Hafeez	Organizing Secretary	BNP
5	Mohammed Asraf Hossain Babul	Finance Secretary	Manikgonj Somity
6	Saiful Alam Chowdhury	Public Relation Secy	Uttoron
7	Shahnaz Bulbul	Cultural Secretary	Uttoron
8	Faruq Howlader	Executive Member	BNP
9	Anjuman Ara Sheulee	Executive Member	Uttoron
10	Shiper Chowdhury	Executive Member	Torongo
11	Syed M. Hossain Babu	Executive Member	Bikrampur Association
12	Dr. Abul Hashem	Executive Member	Bikrampur Association
13	Shahidul Islam	Executive Member	Uttoron
14	Khandaker Alam	Executive Member	Dhaka Univ Alumni Assoc
15	Jashim Ashrafi	Executive Member	Osmani Smriti Sangshad
16	Shamsuddin Manik		Former President- BUFLA
17	Denny Tayib	Executive Member	BWOC
18	Amzad Hossain	Executive Member	Manikgonj Somity
19	Ahmed Faisal	Executive Member	Ideal School
20	Saleh Kibria	Executive Member	Distressed Children International (DCI)
21	Nazrul Alam	Executive Member	Osmani Smriti Sangshad
22	Illias Sikder	Executive Member	Greater Faridpur Assoc
23	Mourshad Haider	Executive Member	AABEA
24	Col (Retd.) Omar Huda	Chair	Advisory Council
25	Nasimul Goni	Chair	BOT
26	Md Chunnou Mollick	Executive Member	Greater Faridpur



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27	Humayun Kabir	Executive Member	Boishakhi Mela
28	Habib Ahmed Tia	Executive Member	Sylhet World Council
29	Dr. Mahbub Khan	Member	Advisory Council
30	Mohammad Ali Khan	Executive Member	Boishakhi Mela
31	Rumi Solaiman	Member	Advisory Council
32	Abul Rayhan	Executive Member	Osmani Smriti Sangshad
33	Mohammed Siddiqui	Executive Member	MUNA
34	Iftexhar Ahmed	Guest	
35	Moshirul Huda	Guest	Press
36	Md Ibrahim Chowdury	Guest	Youth Standing Committee
37	Faisal Hossain	Guest	Youth Standing Committee
38	Raihan Hossain	Guest	Youth Standing Committee
39	Abdus Samad	Guest	LA Bangla Times
40	Mahdi Ahmed	Guest	Youth Standing Committee
41	Mujibur Rahman Khoka	Guest	
42	Saiful Huq	Guest	
43	Abrar Hasan Taha	Guest	Youth Standing Committee

At 2:30 pm, General Secretary Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam asked the new members of the youth committee to introduce themselves as they had to go to work by 3 pm. The new members who introduced themselves are:

1. Faisal Hossain
2. Raihan Hossain
3. Mahdi Ahmed
4. Abrar Hasan Taha

At 3:00 pm, the BOT Chair Mr. Nasimul Goni conducted the oath taking ceremony of the Finance Secretary Mr. Ashraf Hossain Babul as he was in Bangladesh during the Inauguration dinner.

At 3:05 PM, the meeting was called to order by the General Secretary Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam. After the opening greetings, the GS requested the President to preside over this EC meeting. President Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid presided over this meeting.

Anthems

Three anthems were played: US-Anthem, Bangladesh-Anthem and BUFLA-Anthem



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Adoption of Agenda

Motion moved by: Illias Sikder, Seconded by: Mrs. Denny Taib
Yes Vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0
Motion passed. Agenda was adopted.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

No past GA Meetings in this year. No Action taken.

President's State of the Federation Address

President Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid delivered his annual State of the Federation Address.

Comments on the President's State of the Federation Address

After the President's State of the Federation Address, the AC Chair Col (ret.) Omar Huda adorned the stage to give his speech which could not be delivered during the inauguration of the current cabinet due to time constraints. The speech highlighted the obstacles BUFLA had to face in the past and how we all overcame them. He also spoke on the role of Advisory Council and highlighted some of the steps to increase the role of Advisory Council.

The EC/AC/BOT members who spoke on the different aspects of the speech are Ilias Sikhder, Syed M Hossain Babu, Anjuman Ara Sheuli, Faruk Howladar, Abul Rayhan, Shiper Chowdhury, Shamsuddin Manik, Jasim Ashrafi, Denny Taib, Nasimul Goni, Mujibur Rahman Khoka and Humayun Kabir.

Syed M Hossain Babu also handed out a Certificate from Lotus Festival to the President as he represented BUFLA in the festival.

Recognition of the Press Officials and Guests

Vice President handed out the flowers and mementos to the press officials present in the meeting. They are:

1. Kazi Moshihurul Huda – Probash Bangla (<http://probashbangla.info>)
2. Syed M Hossain Babu – ATN and <http://antordristi.weebly.com>
3. Abdus Samad – LA Bangla Times (<http://www.labanglatimes.com/>)
4. Faisal Ahmed Tuhin – Amar Desh (<http://www.amardeshonline.com>)

The following guests were also honored by the President for their significant contribution to the community and to BUFLA:

1. Iftekhar Ahmed



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2. Rumi Sulaiman
3. Morshed Haider
4. Saiful Huq

BUFLA Office Rent-and-Bills

BUFLA Office Rent commitments from last year and payments already made were presented by the President Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid, as shown in the spreadsheet below. The President requested the same pledge amount from the listed EC, AC and BOT members below. Mr. Chunno Mallick was the addition to the list. President and Vice President already paid \$1,000 each to pay for the rent of the last 3 months along with Dr. Hashem who paid \$500. In the meeting some of the EC, AC and BOT members paid their pledged amount. Total amount collected today was \$4,500 bringing the total to \$7,000. We are still in the deficit for the year for the amount of \$6,000.

Revenue (2015 - 16)				
	Donor's Name	Expected	Agreed	Paid
1	Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
2	Sayedul Hoq Sentu	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
3	Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam	\$300	\$300	
4	Ahsan Hafeez Rummy	\$300	\$300	
5	Ashraf Hossain Babul	\$300	\$300	
6	Dr. Mahbub Khan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
7	Dr. M. A. Hashem	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
8	Mr. Khandaker Alam	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
9	Mr. Shamsuddin Manik	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
10	Mrs. Denny Tayyib	\$1,000	\$1,000	
11	Md. Shahidul Islam	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
12	Mr. Saleh Kibria	\$300		
13	Mr. Anis Rahman	\$300		
14	Mr. Nazrul Alam	\$1,000	\$500	
15	Mr. Jashim Ashrafi	\$300	\$300	
16	Illias Sikder	\$500	\$500	\$500
17	Amzad Hossain	\$300	\$300	
18	Col (Retd.) Omar Huda	\$500	\$500	\$300
19	Mr. MK Zaman	\$500		
20	Mr. Rumi Solaiman	\$300		
21	Mr Shiper Chowdhury	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
22	Mr. Javed Masud	\$500		



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23	Mr. M Hoassain Babu	\$200	\$200	
24	Mr. Mahtab Ahmed	\$500		
25	Mr. Md Tarek	\$500		
26	Mr. Md. Akhter Mia	\$300		
27	Mr. Abul Hossain Raihan	\$300		
28	Chunno Mollick	\$200	\$200	\$200
29	Mr. Md Ali	\$200		
30	M. Murshedul Islam	\$300		
31	Mr. Ali Akbar	\$300		
32	Saiful Hoq	\$300		
		\$17,500	\$10,900	\$7,000

Expenses				
Date	Chk#	Rent	Chk#	Utility
7/1/2015	1003	\$900.00	1004	\$115.22
8/1/2015	1006	\$900.00	1008	\$108.25
9/1/2015	1011	\$900.00	1012	\$91.14
10/1/2015				
11/1/2015				
12/1/2015				
1/1/2016				
2/1/2016				
3/1/2016				
4/1/2016				
5/1/2016				
6/1/2016				
		\$2,700.00		\$314.61
Current Expenses		\$3,014.61		
Cash in Hand		\$3,985.39		



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Rent for 12 Months (\$900 X 12)				\$10,800
DWP for 12 Months (\$100 X 12)				\$1,200
Misc. Off/ Stuff Cabinet, Covers etc)				\$1,000
	Total Expenses			\$13,000
	Deficit			(\$6,000)

Standing Committees

The President Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid suggested some names for the Standing Committees below and requested feedback on the

(1) BUFLA Charity Committee:

Dr. M. A. Hashem (Cordinator), Mr.Khandakar Alam, Mr.Jashim Ashrafi Ahmed, Mr.Shamsuddin Manik, Mrs.Denny Tayyib, Mr.Shiper Chowdhury and Eng.Saleh Kibria.

(2) Fund Raising Committee:

Mr.Mohammed Sayedul Hoq (Cordinator), Mrs.Anjuman Ara Sheuli, Mr.Khandakar Alam, Mrs. Denny Tayyib, Mr.Illias Sikder, Mr.Mahtab Ahmed.

(3) Parade and Festival Permits Committee (with City and Schools)

Mr. Shahidul Islam (Cordinator), Mr.Shafiul Alam Babu, Dr. M. A. Hashem, Dr.Mahbub Khan.

(4) Parade Committee (Parade Planning and Execution):

Lt (Retd) Zia Islam (Cordinator), Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Akbar Ashraf., Mr.Nazrul Alam, Mr.Jashim Ashrafi, Mr.Mourshedul Islam, Eng.Saleh Kibria, Mr.Mehdi Hasan, Mr.Akhter Mia, Mr.Shahidul Islam, Prof Ali Akbar, Mr.Bodrul Chowdhury.

(5) Souvenir Committee:

Mr.Saiful Alam Chowdhury (Cordinator), Eng.Saleh Kibria, Mr.Nazrul Alam, Mr.Syed Zabul Ahmed, Mrs.Farhana.

(6) Dignitaries Invitation & Reception Committee:



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Lt.(Retd.) Zia Islam (Coordinator), Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Mrs. Denny Tayyib, Mr. Shamsuddin Manik, Mr. Jashim Ashrafi, Mr. Mourshed Islam, Dr. Mahbub Khan, Mr. Mohammad Ali Khan

(7) Festival Committee (Stage, Sound, Booths, Tents, Guest Coordination, etc):

Mr. Shiper Chowdhury (Coordinator), Mrs. Denny Tayyib (Guest Coordination) Mr. Jashim Ashrafi (Venue Coordination), Anjuman Ara Sheulee (Venue Coordination), Faruque Howlader (Guest coordination), Khandaker Alam (Stage), Nazrul Alam (Stage) Syed M. Hossain Babu (Stage & Sound), Dr. M. A. Hashem (Stage & Sound), Mr. Badrul Chowdhury (Guest coordination), Mr. Ashraf Akbar (Guest Coordination)

(8) Awards Committee:

Cabinet, AC Chair, BOT Chair and 4 EC members.

(9) Publicity Committee (Media, Fliers, YouTubes, e-Mails, TV adds)::

Mr. Mohammed Ali Khan (Coordinator), Mr. Amzad Hossain, Mr. Abdus Samad, Mr. Moshurul Huda

(10) Community outreach committee (including New Membership):

Mr. Ahsan Hafeez (Coordinator), Mr. M. K. Zaman, Mr. Mominul Haque Bachhu, Mr. Nasimul Gani, Mr. Mourshed Haider, Professor Ali Akbar, Mr. Shiekh raza, Mr. Ali Ashraf Runu, Mr. Moshurul Huda, Mr. Kanchon Chowdhury.

(11) Youth committee:

Faisal Hossain, Raihan Hossain, Maruf Khan, Mahdi Ahmed, Abrar Hasan Taha, Md Ibrahim Chowdhury, Saika Kibria, Adnan Tayyib, Zara Zia, Zoeb Kibria, Jennifer Hashem, Sadiya Hashem.

(12) Cultural Program Committee:

Mrs. Shahnaz Bulbul (Coordinator), Mr. Ali Ashraf Runu, Mrs. Farhana Sayeed, Mrs. Anjuman Ara Sheulee, Dr. M.A. Hashem

(13) Tax and Audit Committee [including 501(c)(3) with IRS and SI-100 with State of CA]

Mr. Solaiman Rumi, Dr. Abul Hashem, Mr. Jashim Ashrafi, Dr. Mahbub Khan, Lt.(Retd) Zia Islam, Anisur Rahman.

(14) Website Committee (including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter etc)

Dr. Mahbub Khan, Lt (Retd) Zia Islam, Dr. Shah Alam, Mr. Saiful Alam Chowdhury, Mr. Syed M Hossain Babu.

(15) Seminar Committee

Mr. Anisur Rahman, Col. (Ret) Omar Huda, Mr. Ali Tayyib, Eng. Saleh Kibria

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Syed M Hossain Babu came up with a draft of the BUFLA online Portal. We can get 100 GB for free and if additional space is needed, we can always subscribe by paying weebly.com. The URL/address is <http://antordristi.weebly.com>, but we can name it anything we want it to be.

Next EC meeting date

The next EC meeting is on Sunday, February 22, 2015, from 1 PM to 5:30 PM at BUFLA Office.

BUFLA Charity Fundraising Dinner

BUFLA Charity Fundraising Dinner took the center stage after all the discussions were over. Charity Committee took over the meeting after the GA Meeting was adjourned by the President.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion Moved by: The President, Seconded by: Khandaker Alam
Yes vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0
Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam

General Secretary

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