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[Minutes of the BUFLA-EC Meeting](#)

June 14, Sunday 12 PM to 3 PM

Attendees:

1. Dr. M. A. Hashem
2. Majib Siddiquee
3. Mahbub Khan
4. Khandakar Alam
5. Quddus Khan
6. Anis Rahman
7. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru
8. M. A. Razzak
9. Dr. Shah Alam
10. Quazi Moshurul Huda
11. Sarder Khalek
12. Shamsur Rahman Khan
13. Abul Kalam Khan

The Agenda of the Meeting was as follows:

- 1. Post Mortem of Bangladesh Day Parade 2009**
- 2. Finance Report for 2008-2009**
- 3. Inauguration planning for the newly elected BUFLA Cabinet Officers**
- 4. Introducing the BUFLA Constitutional Amendment Proposals, to be moved after at least 30 days thereafter.**
- 5. Ismail Hossain, any other important items**
- 6. Miscellaneous**

1. Agenda 1:

Post Mortem of Bangladesh Day Parade 2009

The following members participated in the discussion

1. Mr. Khandakar Alam, President Elect
2. Dr. M. A. Hashem, President
3. Mr. Abul Kashem Toha, Vice-President

4. Mr. Anisur Rahman, Treasurer
5. Mr. Majib Siddiquee, BOT Chairman
6. Mr. Moshurul Huda, Journalist and EC member
7. M. Quddus Khan, Vice President Elect and journalist
8. Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, Secretary Elect
9. Mr. M. A. Razzaque, Treasurer, Elect
10. Mr. Khalek Sarder, Freedom fighter and EC member

Mr. Khandakar Alam, President Elect

- a) Discussed about improper placement of commercial advertisements and suggested next parade should take appropriate measures for advertisement
- b) Stage, lighting and sound system were of poor quality and suggested next parade should take appropriate measures for better quality stage, sound and lighting.

Dr. M. A. Hashem, President

Discussed about souvenir and made suggestions as follows;

- a) Souvenir committee, in his opinion should start as early as 3 months before the parade.
- b) Souvenir designing job should be given to Kamran Alam.
- c) Workload of the action committee members should be properly distributed, so it reduces load on a few individuals.

Mr. Abul Kashem Toha, Vice-President

Discussed the following issues;

- a. Irregular placement of commercial advertisements and suggested next parade should take appropriate measures for advertisement.
- b. Committee should keep commitments made to advertisers.
- c. Inappropriately placed pictures of national leaders that upset certain individuals and made the issue controversial.
- d. Bringing artists from Bangladesh is highly expensive and not cost-convenient for the cultural shows.
- e. Parade should be aimed at mainstream American community.
- f. Voiced opposition against 2 day long parade costing twice as much and making the program very complicated.
- g. BUFLA should avoid its involvement into other major community issues, such as Little Bangladesh project, International Mother Language day monument project etc.
- h. Election should have been with more of the organizations participation.
- i. Organizations for BUFLA should be considered based on their organizational strength and capacity. Organizations which are only family based do not truly represent a viable organization.

Mr. Anisur Rahman, Treasurer

- a) Invited the meeting participants to MUNA seminar to be held at Shatto Recreation Center.
- b) BUFLA, in his opinion is a great achievement.
- c) BUFLA Election 2009, in his opinion is a great success.
- d) For Bangladesh Day Parade 2009, \$45,000.00 has been raised which at the first place was beyond expectation.
- e) Expressed high optimism about the Bangladesh Day Parade 2010.
- f) Voiced support for 2 day long parade. Mentioned that number of days involving the Bangladesh Day Parade is not a big issue.
- g) Existing BUFLA Cabinet members should not be involved into any activities beyond BUFLA.
- h) The cultural program has suffered from lack of proper stage control.
- i) The cultural program has faced a huge challenge and succeeded. Thank to all, particularly to Dr. Hashem, Dr. Mahbub, Maj. Kutubi, Mr. Toha, Dr. Shah Alam, Mr. Quddus Khan etc.
- j) We need to keep in mind that the President should have enough authority to do work.
- k) Appreciated Majib Siddiquee for conducting successful election.

l) Mr. Majib Siddiquee, BOT Chairman

- a) Appreciated all committed individuals involved in the successful Bangladesh Day Parade 2009.
- b) The parade, in his opinion, has been a great exposure of our culture before the mainstream community.
- c) Suggested to improve the quality of next Bangladesh Day Parade.
- d) Suggested to assign enough people to properly coordinate the parade events.
- e) Suggested to form action committee for next Bangladesh Day Parade soon.
- f) Expressed his optimism about outgoing cabinet members that they would strengthen new cabinet.

Mr. Moshurul Huda, Journalist and EC member

- a) Proposed formation of BUFLA Fan Club in order to promote the message of unity and have more people involved in the BUFLA activities.
- b) Called for upholding of BUFLA member organizations and do more for more participation; keep up the number of tables in meetings.
- c) Suggested BUFLA should try to bring more people and more organizations.

M. Quddus Khan, Vice President Elect

- a) Maintained that artists from Bangladesh are the main attraction of Bangladesh Day Parade though costly.
- b) He expressed his concern about the downsizing number of BUFLA member organizations.
- c) Mentioned about Boishakhi Mela's demand of 1 day event of Bangladesh Day Parade instead of 2 days event.
- d) Mentioned that Boishakhi Mela should be brought in to BUFLA.
- e) Expressed his happiness about the fact that mainstream population has learned about Bangladesh Day Parade which is a remarkable achievement of BUFLA.
- f) Mentioned that DMV will consider adding Bengali language and we would have to work to achieve it.
- g) Suggested GOP and Democrats are to be involved in BUFLA activities.
- h) Commented that organizations which are not BUFLA members are not important enough to consider. He maintained that most of them are either 1 or 2 individual's organizations or just family oriented.

Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, Secretary Elect

- a) Applauded for successful Bangladesh Day Parade 2009.
- b) Questioned about Boishakhi Mela's concern about Bangladesh Day Parade and number of days in Bangladesh Day Parade.
- c) He opposed the idea of reducing of Bangladesh Day Parade from a 2 days event to a 1 day event.
- d) Suggested that there is a harmful trend of members staying away from BUFLA following a defeat in the election and also suggested that this trend should end and hoped that it will be fixed in time.

Mr. M. A. Razzaque, Treasurer, Elect

- a. He expressed his concern about the worries of some of BUFLA member organizations that BUFLA is competing with their activities.
- b. Suggested that BUFLA should support member organizations activities.

Mr. Khalek Sarder, Freedom fighter and EC member

- a. Expressed his concern about the downsizing number of BUFLA member organizations.
- b. Suggested that Federation should support member organizations.
- c. BUFLA members should stop confronting each other.
- d. Suggested that souvenir proof-reading should be done at least 1 week before it goes to printer.
- e. Advised that Souvenir should highlight Bangladesh independence.

2. Agenda 2: **Finance Report for 2008-2009**

Mr. Anisur Rahman, Treasurer

- a) Expressed gratitude to all monetary contributors.
- b) Made brief highlights on the finance report and distributed printed report to the committee.
- c) Incomes were \$44,538.00 and expenses were \$49,977.00 with resultant deficit of \$5,400.00.
- d) Mentioned that \$500.00 was refunded to Syed M Hossain Babu of Bangla Pathshala.

Dr. Shah Alam, EC member

- a) Mentioned Maj Kutubi claim of his loan to BUFLA and urged that money needs to be refunded to him.

Dr. Mahbub Khan, Chairman, Advisory Council

- a) Explained about how some other EC members and Dr. Mahbub Khan himself lent money to BUFLA.
- b) He suggested that except for which were clearly mentioned as loan, the expenditures by the Action Committee members for BUFLA events beyond budget, are over-expenditure and should not be considered as loan given to BUFLA. Therefore, a motion was moved regarding the over-expenditures, as stated below.

Dr. M. A. Hashem, President

Regarding the over-expenditures, a motion was moved by Dr. Hashem, as follows:

“There are some deficits of BUFLA Budget in 2007 and 2008. The future BUFLA Committees will try to raise adequate money to pay it back”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Quddus Khan. The Motion was passed by the EC unanimously.

3. Agenda 3: **Inauguration planning for the newly elected BUFLA Cabinet Officers**

Mr. Khandakar Alam, President Elect

Made the following suggestions;

- a) Inauguration ceremony will be arranged by both Cabinets
- b) Venue has been set at Virgil Middle School. Targeted number of guests and audience is 300. About 50 cars parking may be accommodated in the school parking for free of charge.
- c) Dinner will be arranged in the Cafeteria as a Buffet dinner.
- d) Invitation should go out soon, in the form of flyers, posters, Youtube videos etc.
- e) Details about Inauguration, Cultural program, stage and other to be discussed in the next CabinetPlus meetings and in inauguration committee meetings.
- f) He proposed year 2009 would be a 'Friendship Year'. All other organizations will be cordially invited.

4. Agenda 4 **Introducing the BUFLA Constitutional Amendment Proposals, to be moved after at least 30 days thereafter**

- a) Dr. Mahbub Khan read the proposed amendment draft before the Executive Committee members.
- b) There will be 30 days of discussion about the proposed amendments.
- c) Meeting minutes will include proposed amendments.

5. Agenda 5 **Ismail Hossain, any other important items**

- a) The EC members contended that Mr. Ismail Hossain of Muldhara has not responded to the show-cause notice within the given time frame.
- b) Discussion took place on the validity of show-cause. Last EC meeting approved its validity.
- c) It was expressed in the meeting that the clock should have started on May 24th, 2009.
- d) A fresh submission of 30-days show-cause notice has been authorized by the EC. The President has been authorized by the EC to issue that 30-days show cause notice to Mr. Ismail Hossain., based on the show cause notice that has already been sent to Mr. Ismail Hossian earlier.

6. Agenda 6:

Miscellaneous

- e) A BUFLA logo will be forwarded to Majib Siddiquee which will be provided to Community Redevelopment Agency, CRA. CRA will add the BUFLA logo to their banner.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:55 PM.

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