



BUFLA

(**BANGLADESH UNITY FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES**)

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BUFLA Executive Committee Meeting (EC-Meeting)

Minutes of the BUFLA-EC Meeting
&
Inaugural Ceremony

November 22, 2 PM to 6 PM

Attendees:

The attendees of this BUFLA EC meeting on November 22, 2009, were:

Mr. Khandakar Alam (President),	Dhaka University Alumni Association
Mr. Quddus Khan (Vice President),	Sangbadik Union
Mr. Mushfiqur Chowdhury (Khasru)	General Secretary
Mr. Shafiul Alam (Friend Babu)	Public Relations Secretary
Mr. Nazrul Alam	Organizing Secretary
Mr. Khaleed Hossain	Cultural Secretary

Dr. Mahbub Khan

BUFLA-AC Chairman

Mr. Abul Kashem Toha
Mrs. Tahmina Morshed
Dr. Rezaul Karim
Dr. Rafiq Alam
Mr. Badiul Alam

BOT Chairman
BOT Vice Chairperson
BOT Member
BOT Member
BOT Member

Mr. Abdul Hakim,
Mr. Anisur Rahman,
Mr. Mahtab Ahmed
Mr. Jasim Ahmed
Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Denny Tayyib,
Mohammad Hossain Babul
Dr. Shah Alam,
Mrs. Naz Karim

Bangladesh Association of Greater valley, CA
Muslim Ummah of North America (MUNA)
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
CA Jalalabad Assn.
BWOC
Uttoron, Los Angeles
Jalshaghar Entertainment
Guest (Mrs. Rezaul Karim)

Mr. Khan
Mr. Khan
Mr. Maruf Hossain
Mr. Majib Siddiquee,
Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda,
Mr. Saif Kutubi,

Guest (Dr. Mahbub's brother)
Guest (Dr. Mahbub's brother)
LA Tiger Club
BAC and former BOT member
BAVOA
BDASEA

Attending Organizations:

1. BAC
2. Bangladesh Association of Greater Valley
3. Bangladesh Shanbadik Association
4. BAVOA
5. BDASEA
6. BNP
7. BWOC
8. Dhaka University Alumni Association,
9. Friends club of Valley
10. Jalalabad Association of California.
11. Jalshaghar Entertainment
12. LA Bengal Sporting Club
13. LA Tigers Club
14. Muldhara
15. MUNA
16. Uttoron Los Angeles

The Agenda of the Meeting was as follows:

- Agenda 1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of previous meeting.**
- Agenda2. BOT Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.**
- Agenda 3. AC Chairman Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.**
- Agenda 4. 2 Cabinet officers Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.**
- Agenda 5. Discussion about BUFLA Fundraising Dinner.**
- Agenda 6. Discussion on Bangladesh Academy registration issue.**
- Agenda 7. Next Meeting date**
- Agenda 8. Meeting Adjournment by the President.**

Agenda 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes was approved by the meeting despite an EC member's solitary request to have printouts of meeting minutes distributed among the meeting attendees. The President and his cabinet came to a consensus that a printout of the Meeting Minutes will be placed on the Cabinet

table during the meeting and because of the confidentiality issue it can not be distributed among the meeting attendees.

The meeting started with National anthems of Bangladesh and of United States. Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, Secretary of BUFLA conducted the meeting and Mr. Khandakar Alam, President of BUFLA presided over the meeting.

Agenda 2: BOT Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.

The BOT Chairman, Vice-Chairperson and BOT members' oath taking was conducted by the President Khandakar Alam. Flower wreath was presented to them by the President. They made brief speech before the meeting.

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| 1. Mr. Abul Kashem Toha | BOT Chairman, |
| 2. Mrs. Tahmina Morshed | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Dr. Rezaul Karim | BOT members |
| 4. Dr. Rafiq Alam | BOT members |
| 5. Mr. Badiul Alam | BOT members |

Agenda 3. AC Chairman Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.

The Newly inaugurated BOT Chairman, Mr. Abul Kashem Toha conducted oath taking of AC Chairman, Dr. Mahbub Khan. Flower wreath was presented to him by the BOT Chairman. He made a sensational speech before the meeting highlighting the orderly fashioned meeting, the gorgeous manner and well-etiquetted attendees. He also praised the meeting as a symbol of unity in the community never existed before and hoped that the community will be inspired by the exemplary meeting. Mr. Majib Siddiquee and Lt. Col. (Retd.) Omar Huda Dr. urged Dr. Mahbub Khan to properly form and maintain Advisory Council during this term.

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| 1. Dr. Mahbub Khan | AC Chairman |
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Agenda 4. 2 Cabinet officers Oath taking and Inauguration ceremony.

The Newly inaugurated BOT Chairman, Mr. Abul Kashem Toha conducted oath taking of the 2 new BUFLA Cabinet Officers. Flower wreath was presented to them by the BOT Chairman. They made brief personal introductions before the meeting participants asked for cooperation to carry out their responsibilities.

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| 1. Mr. Nazrul Alam | Jalalabad Association of CA | Organizing Secretary |
| 2. Mr. Khaleed Hossain | Jalshaghar Entertainment | Cultural Secretary |

Agenda 5. Discussion about BUFLA Fundraising Dinner.

1. Mr Khandakar Alam, President
2. Mr. Quddus Khan, Vice President
3. Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, General Secretary
4. Mr. Shafiqul Alam Babu, Public Relations Officer
5. Dr. Mahbub Khan, Chairman Advisory Council
6. Dr. Shah Alam, EC member
7. Dr. Sirajullah, FOBANA 2010 Chairman
8. Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda
9. Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi, Former Secretary

10. Mr Anisur Rahman, Former Treasurer
11. Mr. Majib Siddiquee, Former BOT Chairman
12. Mr. Ismail Hossain, EC member
13. Mr. Mohammad Hossain Babul, EC member
14. Mr. Mahtab Ahmed, EC member
15. Mr. Ilyas Hossain, Business man
16. Mr. Maruf Hossain, EC member

Following topics were in the discussion about BUFLA Fundraising Dinner:

1. The Donation Pledge form has been distributed among the meeting attendees.
2. A \$100,000.00 (One hundred thousand dollars) targeted for the Bangladesh Day Parade and other projects as listed below;
 - a. Bangladesh Day Parade
 - b. Shaheed Minar
 - c. Little Bangladesh
 - d. Taranga for Nazrul Endowment Fund
 - e. Local Charity
 - f. Bangladesh Charity
3. A number of tables (each table for 10 guests) have been taken by the organizations and individuals. The California Jalalabad Association has taken highest 6 tables.
4. Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda raised his opposition to have other projects included in the Donation Pledge form. He mentioned that if money allocated for projects other than the Bangladesh Day Parade is used for Bangladesh Day Parade, which would be a breach of trust to the donors.
5. The President assured that Donation amount in different categories will be removed from the Donation Pledge form and that BUFLA will ensure appropriate allocation of fund raised.
6. Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda raised his concern about bad economy and A \$100,000.00 (One hundred thousand dollars) target is not realistic though he mentioned that FOBANA has much higher target to meet (But he did not mention bad economy related to FOBANA fundraising)
7. President Khandakar Alam mentioned that FOBANA has half a million dollar target even during the bad economy.
8. Mr. Ilyas Hossain, a known businessman mentioned that he pledged money for FOBANA and he would also do that for BUFLA but he urged that BUFLA should work together with FOBANA. He also mentioned that he is joining BUFLA with a number of members though he did not mention his organization's name.
9. Dr. Sirajullah, Chairman FOBANA 2010 urged BUFLA to shift Bangladesh Day Parade 2010 to merge with FOBANA 2010.
10. Mr. Maruf Hossain said that we do not sacrifice one of the 2 Eid festivals just because there is only 2 months and 10 days interval.
11. Mr. Anisur Rahman mentioned that last year despite the speculation that BUFLA would not be able to raise \$25,000.00 but in essence BUFLA Fundraising in 2008 successfully collected over \$45,000.00, only \$500.00 less than its budget. He told the meeting to rest assured that BUFLA will be able to raise fund more than it needs.
12. Dr. Shah Alam mentioned that BUFLA is neutral in regards to FOBANA. He equated the FOBANA to a comet who is bound to the sun's strong gravitational force periodically comes near the sun and goes away to come back again. FOBANA is being attracted by the Golden State California, came to Los Angeles and will go away. BUFLA will stay here and BUFLA should effort to accomplish unity in the community through its Bangladesh Day Parade and other projects without paying much attention to FOBANA.

Agenda 6: Discussion on Bangladesh Academy registration issue

A discussion was scheduled in this agenda as per request of Maj (Retd) Saif Kutuby. The meeting was on the verge of adjournment due to time restraints. Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda, Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi, Former Secretary has reacted angrily and the President announced the extension of the meeting until 6:00 PM. The issue of Bangladesh Academy registration was brought up by Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda, by Mr. Majib Siddiquee and by Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi 3 months ago.

Mr. Quddus Khan, Vice President stated;

1. He did not register Bangladesh Academy just under his name.
2. He did not do it in the name of BUFLA.
3. He already transferred the registration to other 2 individuals.
4. He did it to avenge Zahid Hossain Pintu's consistently humiliating him (Mr. Quddus Khan)
5. He mentioned some of the major violations of constitution by Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda, by Mr. Majib Siddiquee and by Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi which would invite disciplinary actions against them such as;
 - a. Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda has threatened to call the BUFLA EC meeting if BUFLA president does not bend on his pressure.
 - b. Mr. Majib Siddiquee revealed confidentiality of the CabinetPlus meeting.
 - c. Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi has once turned violent and was about to physically assault Dr. Hashem, former BUFLA President.

Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda spoke to the meeting for over 15 minutes while he accused the President for his;

1. Reluctantly dealing with this important (!!) issue.
2. Not respecting an EC member's request of adding the issue to the agenda.
3. Not giving it a chance to have a discussion since it was raised.
4. Being under the fine tuning of the secret group.
5. Irresponsiveness to this important (!!) issue.
6. Taking unusually long time to respond to Zahid Hossain Pintu's letter to President.

For all the alleged failures he said, "**Shame on you (President)**" several times.

Dr. Shah Alam vehemently protested against Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda Omar Huda's

1. Falsely accusing the President.
2. He mentioned that BUFLA is neither the Congress nor the Senate with bi-partisan members. He indicated that BUFLA is a Unity Federation with organizations of different type and it is instead a **multi-partisan forum**. He also warned the members that such tendency of behaving like bi-partisans will impact BUFLA's integrity.
3. He also protested against accusation of BUFLA and branding CabinetPlus team as a '**Cult**' or as a '**Gang of 4**'.
4. He strongly urged any individual or group to refrain from such defaming BUFLA.

Agenda 7: Next Meeting date/ Meeting adjournment by the President.

Next meeting date is on Sunday January 17, 2010. It is also available on the BUFLA website www.bufla.com.

Agenda 8: Meeting adjournment by the President.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:00 PM.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khosru.
Secretary
BUFLA