

BUFLA EC Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 1PM – 6 PM

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

Attendees

MEMBERS & GUEST PRESENT AT THE EC MEETING			
#	Name	Position	Organization
1	Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid	President	Taranga of California
2	Sayedul Hoq Sentu	Vice President	Greater Faridpur Association
3	Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam	General Secretary	Valley Association
4	Rumy Hafeez	Organizing Secretary	BNP
5	Md. A Hossain Babul	Finance Secretary	Manikgonj Somity
6	Saiful Alam Chowdhury	Public Relation Secy	Uttoron
7	Illias Tiger Sikder	Executive Member	Chittagong Alumni
8	Faruq Howlader	Executive Member	BNP
9	Anjuman Ara Sheulee	Executive Member	Uttoron
10	Shiper Chowdhury	Executive Member	Torongo
11	Dr. Abul Hashem	Executive Member	Bikrampur Association
12	Shahidul Islam	Executive Member	Uttoron
13	Ashraf Hossain Akbar	Executive Member	MUNA
14	Saleh Kibria	Executive Member	Distressed Children International (DCI)
15	Mohammad Ali Khan	Executive Member	Boishakhi Mela
16	Abul Hasnat Rayhan	Member	Valley Association
17	Khondoker Alam	Executive Member	Dhaka Univ. Alum.
18	Col (Retd.) Omar Huda	Chair	Advisory Council
19	Mohammed Tarek	Executive Member	Bangladesh Mela
20	Sharaf Nazar	Youth Committee	Guest
21	Ali Akbar	Executive Member	Ideal School
22	Syed M Hossain Babu	Executive Member	Manikgonj
23	Maruf Khan	Executive Member	BNP
24	Mohammed Ibrahim	Youth Committee	Guest
25	Nazrul Alam	Executive Member	Osmani Smrity Sangsad
26	Ahmed Faisal Tuhin	Executive Member	Ideal School

At 3:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by the President Maj (Retd.) Enamul Hamid and welcomed the General Secretary for the opening statements. Lt (Retd) Zia Islam stated the horrific acts in San Bernardino and BUFLA's efforts to host a candle light vigil in Little Bangladesh on Friday

December 4th, 2015. The general secretary asked everyone for a minute of silence to pay homage to the victims of San Bernardino. After the minute of silence, special prayers for the victims were conducted by Dr. Ali Akbar.

After the opening activities to remember the fallen in San Bernardino, 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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion moved by: Nazrul Alam, Seconded by: Khondoker Alam
Yes Vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0
Motion passed. Agenda was adopted.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

Motion moved by: Khondoker Alam, Seconded by: Abul Raihan
Yes Vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0
Motion passed. Agenda was adopted.

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. Total amount collected in the EC meeting today was \$500 bringing the grand total to \$12,100. We are still in the deficit for the year for the amount of \$1,500. The members who contributed today are **highlighted in red**.

Standing Committees

Khondoker Alam Bhai was included in the Parade committee and MD. Tarek Bhai of Bangladesh Mela was added to the Cultural Program committee. President Maj (Retd) Enamul Hamid also suggested a new committee to be formed as we always see that some of the members of the parade committee stay year after year to do the final finishing touches to the venue. Ashraf Akbar Bhai from MUNA will be made the chief coordinator for that committee as for the last 9 years; we have seen his relentless effort to clean up the venue after the annual fair.

The final list on the Standing Committee memberships are as following:

(1) BUFLA Charity Committee:

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

(2) Fund Raising Committee:

Mr.Mohammed S. Hoq (Coordinator), Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Mrs.Anjuman Ara Sheuli Mr.Khandakar Alam, Mrs.Denny Tayyib, Mr.M.K.Zaman, Mr.Illias Sikder, Mr.Mahtab Ahmed.

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

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

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

Lt (Retd) Zia Islam (Coordinator), Mr. Khandaker Alam. Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Mr. Akbar Ashraf., Mr.Nazrul Alam, Mr.Shafiul Alam Babu Mr.Jashim Ashrafi, Mr.Mourshedul Islam, Engr.Saleh Kibria, Mr.Mehdi Hasan, Mr.Akhter Mia, Mr.Shahidul Islam, Prof Ali Akbar, Mr. Illias Sikder, Mr.Bodrul Chowdhury, Mr. A. Hossain Babul, Mr. Faruque Howlader, Engr. Morshad Haider, Mr. Humayun Kabir, Mr. Chunnou Mollik

(5) Souvenir Committee:

Mr.Saiful Alam Chowdhury (Coordinator),Mr. Shiper Choudhury, Engr.Saleh Kibria, Mr.Nazrul Alam, Mr.Syed Nassiruddin Zabul, Mrs.Farhana.M Mr. Shafiul Alam Babu, Dr. Shah Alam

(6) Dignitaries Invitation & Reception Committee:

Lt.(Retd) Zia Islam (Coordinator), Engr. Nasimul Gani, Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Mrs. Denny Tayyib, Mr.Shamsuddin Manik, Mr.Jashim Ashrafi, Mr. Mourshedul Islam, Dr.Mahbub Khan, Mr. Matab Ahmed, Engr. Javed Masud Mr.Mohammad Ali Khan, Engr. Morshad Haider, Mr.Chunnou Mollik

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

Mr. Shiper Chowdhury (Coordinator), Mr. Shafiul Alam Babu, Mrs. Denny Tayyib (Guest Coordination), Mr. Jasim Ashrafi (Venue Coordination), Mrs. Anjuman Ara Sheuli (Venue Coordination), Mr. Abul Hasnath Rayhan (Venue Coordination & Stage), Mr. Faruque Howlader (Guest coordination), Mr. Khondoker Alam (Stage), Mr. Nazrul Alam (Stage) Mr. Syed M. Hossain Babu (Stage & Sound), Dr. M. A. Hashem (Stage & Sound), Mr. Badrul Chowdhury (Guest coordination), Mr. Ashraf Akbar (Guest Coordination), Mr. Illias Sikder (Guest Coordination), Mr. Humayun Kabir, Mr. Chunnou Mollik, Mr. Mourshedul Islam

(8) Awards Committee:

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

(9) Publicity Committee (Media, Fliers, YouTube, e-Mails, TV ads):

Mr. Mohammed Ali Khan (Coordinator), Mr. Amzad Hossain, Mr. Abdus Samad, Mr. Moshurul Huda, Mr. Maruf Khan, Mr. Faisal Ahmed, Mr. Sharaf Nazar, Mr. Ebrahim Chowdhury

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

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

(11) Youth committee:

Faisal Hossain Shuvo, Maruf Khan, Saika Kibria, Adnan Tayyib, Zara Zia, Zoeb Kibria, Jennifer Hashem, Sadiya Hashem, Raihan Hossain, Mr. Sharaf Nazar, Mr. Ebrahim Chowdhury

(12) Cultural Program Committee:

Mrs. Shahnag Bulbul (Coordinator), Mrs. Anjuman Ara Sheulee, Dr. M.A. Hashem, Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Maruf Khan

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

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

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

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

(15) Seminar Committee

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

(16) Corporate & Government Grants Committee

Engr. Nasimul Gani (Coordinator), Engr. Saiful Huq, Mr. Iftikher Ahmed, Mr. Rumi Solaiman, Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam.

(17) Venue Closing Inspection Committee

Mr. Ashraf Akbar (Coordinator), Mr. Shiper Chowdhury, Mr. Shafiul Alam Babu, Mr. Md. Ali, Mr. Mohammed S. Hoq, Mr. Jashim Ashrafi, Mr. Nazrul Alam, Mr. Faruque Howlader, Maj. (Retd) Enamul Hamid

[Discussion on BUFLA News Portal](#)

Discussion started with the naming of the site. Ilias Sikder wants to keep it Antordristi as that is more generic and will garner more interest in the site. Khondoker Alam wants to name it BUFLA Portal. Dr. Hashem opined that we

can keep the Antordristi name, but keep the BUFLA logo as part of the eye of the “Antordristi” (Inner Soul) and stated this will be BUFLA’s digital presence in the web.

Babu Bhai will edit the logo of Antordristi with the BUFLA Logo in the cornea of the eye. Also there

was some discussion on comments on the site. For now it will be turned off for the time being. Also it was also decided to submit ideas for the Charity Project thru this website.

[Addition of a new Organization in BUFLA](#)

Bangladesh Garments Association of Los Angeles headed by Shoyebul Islam Putul Bhai submitted their application to BUFLA for non-voting honorary member for a year. After the year, they will be granted voting rights after fulfilling the obligations per the constitution of BUFLA. EC unanimously adopted the motion to include the new organization as EC Honorary Member.

[BUFLA Health Fair](#)

Today we got new updates on the Health Fair from Chief Coordinator of the Charity Committee Dr. Hashem. They are as following:

1. Dr. Nitin Shah will come with a new group of volunteers
2. 4000 fliers and 40 posters were published in both English and Spanish.
3. By today already 2000 fliers were distributed in the bus and train stations, Laundromats, in the roadside and in the Bangladeshi Restaurants.
4. BUFLA Charity Members will distribute the rest 2000 fliers.
5. Gates of the mission will open at 9 am and Jose will finish setting up the tents by 10:30 am
6. Volunteers will need to be in the Shatto Recreation Center by 10:30 am

[BUFLA Clothing Distribution](#)

The new partner for Clothing Distribution is LA Union Rescue Mission. The coordinator Dr. Hashem to give us the time to be there in the mission gate to start distributing the jackets.

[Discussion on BUFLA Fundraising Dinner](#)

Updates to the table list along with payments **are in Red**. Date for the dinner is set on January 17th, 2016.

1. Dr. Mahbub Khan –\$300
2. Shafi Ahmed and Manik Bhai
3. Shiper Chowdhury
4. Khalid Islam

5. Sheuli Bhabi/Uttoron
6. Khondokar Alam
7. AC Chair – \$300
8. Osmani
9. Manikganj
10. Boishakhi Mela
11. Bangladesh Mela
12. DCI
13. BWOC
14. MUNA
15. Friends Club
16. AABEA
17. Valley Association
18. Greater Faridpur
19. Jalalabad Association – 2 tables
20. BNP - \$300

Discussion on the Parade Budget

The proposed parade budget was presented to the EC. Apart from the EC participation, BUFLA EC members were urged to get sponsors for the parade. The following member has pledged to get advertisements for the magazine:

1. Shiper Chowdhury – 2 advertisements
2. Mahtab Ahmed – 1 advertisement
3. MUNA – More than 1 advertisement
4. Saiful A Chowdhury – 2 advertisements

	Description	Expenses	Exptd. Donors/Income	Exptd. Amount	Paid	Due
1	School Rent	\$ 5,500.00	Grand Sponsor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Insurance	\$ 900.00	Platnm. Sponsor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Cash to School	\$ 2,000.00	Eng. Saiful Gold S	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,300.00
4	Band (Long Beach)	\$ 1,500.00	Mr. Md. Manik	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
5	Mariachi Band Gifts	\$ 300.00	AABEA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
6	School Band Gifts	\$ 300.00	BAVOA	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
7	Sound,Booth & Stage	\$ 15,000.00	Valley Asso.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
8	One Float	\$ 3,800.00	BNP	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
9	Back Stage BANNER	\$ 300.00	Bangladesh Mela	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
10	Magazine	\$ 2,400.00	Taxi Wrkrs Assoc.	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
11	Horse Rental	\$ 1,300.00	BWOC	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
12	Food Prtcpt.&Guest	\$ 900.00	Bikrampur Assoc.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
13	Bouquet of Flower	\$ 100.00	Boishakhi Mela	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
14	Pigeons,Ballon&Wtr.	\$ 400.00	Ctg. University	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
15	Plaques	\$ 700.00	DCI	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
16	Singer from NY	\$ 1,500.00	Dhk.Univ.Almn.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
17	Kids Art Comptns.	\$ 1,000.00	Dhaka Zil.Asso.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00

18	Gifts Local Singers	\$ 500.00	Friends Club	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
19	Video&photography	\$ 800.00	Grtr.Frdpr.Asso.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
20	Private Security	\$ 1,500.00	Ideal School	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
21	Shuttle Svc. & U-Haul	\$ 1,000.00	Jalalabad Asso.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
22	Clnng. Crews Sat&Sun	\$ 800.00	LA Tiger Club	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
23	Golf Cart (Two)	\$ 800.00	Mnkgnj Shomity	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
24	TV Advertisement	\$ 800.00	Muslim Ummah	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
25	Pstrs.Flrs.Bnrs.Flgs	\$ 1,000.00	Osmani Smiriti	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
26	Artist (BD & Local)	\$ 9,000.00	Taranga of CA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
27	Seminar	\$ 500.00	Uttoron of LA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
28	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	Advertisement	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
29			Booths	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00
30				\$ -		\$ -
31				\$ -		\$ -
32				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
33				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 55,600.00	Short	\$ 37,100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 36,600.00
			\$ 18,500.00			
	Exptd.Donations-all EC's	\$ 17,800.00	Total Short	\$ 27,300.00		
	Possible Actual.Donation	\$ 9,000.00				
	Short from Exptd. Donations-All EC's		\$ 8,800.00			

MISC Agenda

1. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda applauded the General Secretary for organizing the Candle Light Vigil in front of the Little Bangladesh sign to state our solidarity with the people of San Bernardino and denounce the cowardice acts of the Pakistani couple. He also suggested that we coordinate our effort with Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) – a non-partisan peace activist group.

2. Syed M Hossain Babu also stated some individuals attempt during the Candle Light Vigil to stand in front of the banner bearing BUFLA logo. It was decided that from now on, all members will follow a simple rule of not standing nor allow anyone in front of the logo when media or press coverage is going on.

Next EC meeting date

The next EC meeting is on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016, from 1 PM to 6:00 PM at BUFLA Office.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion Moved by: Syed M Hossain Babu, Seconded by: Khondoker 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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