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President–Kantibhai Majithia Hon. Secretary–Bhadresh Ghelani Treasurer–Nilesh Kotecha

The Minutes of the Annual General meeting of Shree Lohana Mahajan, Shree Ram Mandir, Mahila Mandal, Leicester Young Lohana and Board of Trustees held on 22nd May 2016.

1. Prayers

Meeting convened at 3.00pm with required quorum criteria being met. After Prayers, one minute silence was observed in memory community of members that passed away during the year.

2. Welcome by President

Kantibhai Majithia welcomed all to the AGM and read his Presidents report – please see attached **Appendix 1**

3. To read and approve the minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM meeting were circulated and put on the Mahajan website in advance of the meeting.

- The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes due to lack of full quorum
- Harishbhai Karia said £372K approx. cost for current extension plan and not £380.

There were no other additions and amendments.

The minutes were approved proposed by Hitesh Morjaria and seconded by Ranjan Kanaber.

4. Matter Arising

From the floor Dhirajbhai Morjaria pointed that in the last AGM Think Tank committee was formed and no further action has taken place. Bhadresh Ghelani accepted the concern and said communication with Jay Pabari did not go further and as a result was abandoned, but he is happy to look into it and will communicate with one of the members, once they reform a group and appoint their convenor.

Harish Karia raised the point that the mandir extension was carried out without calling the EGM as per constitution. He also mention that the management committee are responsible, not the trustee. This has been overlooked. In his opinion the approved figure of £500K plus 10% contingency plan was not approved for the mandir extension but Bhadresh checked the previous minutes and the extension of the Tilda Hall was kept on hold but the extension of the Mandir was to be approved by the AGM but an EGM should have been called to finalise, this seems to have been overlooked. Ashok Kotecha (Chair Trustee) said the e-mails were sent to members when the work started. Praful Thakrar said now the extension has completed and there is Murti Prathishta next month, it's time to move forward and he apologised to the members for the mistake. Kantibhai Majithia also apologised on behalf of the management committee.

5. Report from Chairman of Board of Trustees

Bhadresh Ghelani briefed the floor regarding the changes that took place.

Jayantibahi Chandarana resigned from his post as a chairman of trustees and Shantibhai Madlani was appointed as a temporary chairman, which he continued for a period greater then intended due to his interest of having cleared issued that needed urgent action after which he stepped down in April 2016 Ashokbhai Kotecha was appointed as a chairman of trustees.

Ashokbhai Kotecha as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees read his report – please see attached **Appendix 2**

6. Secretary's report

Bhadresh Ghelani as the Hon.Secretary read his report – please see attached **Appendix 3**

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7. Treasurers Report and approval of annual accounts to 31.12.2015

Nilesh Kotecha the Hon. Treasurer read his report. Please see attached **Appendix 4**

He went through the accounts and answering the queries.

Legal charges are high and includes for advice on CIO by specialist solicitors.

The breakdown for the building extension include

Building: £373K, Air-Conditioning:£141K, Electrical:£10K.

Please note that the Mahajan Property is being insured at £4 million after the extension.

Praful Thakrar thanked Nilesh Kotecha for keeping the books in professionally.

Accounts were proposed as approved by Hitesh Morjaria and seconded by Balubhai Samani

8. Any other business with permission of the Chair

- a) Prafulbhai Thakrar- More youth must be encourage to join the Mahajan, they should be encourage to do activities with the fixed budget under the guidance of the committee
- b) Bhadrash Ghelani- To attract the youth membership a nominal fee should be fixed.
- c) Himatbhai Ghelani suggested encouraging youths they should be allow playing sports free in the sports hall.
- d) Prakashbhai Bhojani- Celebrities should be invited in the venue for their entertainment.
- e) Ashokbhai Kotecha said previously we stick to lohana youths only and it did not work as a result Hindu community as a whole should be encouraged.
- f) Pravinbhai Lukha- Any youth activities for under 16, social and child laws must be considered and supervisors to have DBS checked.
- g) Bhadrash Ghelani aired the views of the member to dropping the membership fee to £21 for always and that there should be a lower membership fee for youth of say £11. The floor then suggested that we reduce the youth fees to fee or just £1 for the under 18. Pravinbhai Lukha requested that the AGM pass this and this motion he proposed for the AGM to accept and implement. He suggested a fee of £1.00 for the under 18 and £21.00 for adults for life membership to be introduced till further notice.The motion was proposed by Pravinbhai Lukha and seconded by Balubhai Samani.
- h) Bhanubhai Chandarana pointed the motion has to be approved by the management committee according to the constitution.
- i) Various members from the floor opposed to this issue, and requested that small matters should not wait till next AGM for it to be passed and be enforced.
- j) Maheshbhai Gheewala pointed out that the any resolution has to be passed as per constitution, which Shantibhai Madlani agreed.
- k) Shantibhai Madlani also pointed that youth these days end up with a loan debt when they come out of the university and they are busy building their career and also any activities they want to organise has to have drinks and non-veg which is not possible in our venue.
- l) Kusumben Somani did not agree with this and said that in other organisation they have youths in their committee and organise function without the need for that.
- m) Ashokbhai Kotecha- Members in the AGM has approved the new fee structure but it has to be approved by the management committee in the first meeting after which the members will be inform by e-mails.
- n) The members from the floor disagreed as a result the president Kantibhai Majithia accepted the resolution which will come in force immediately.



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- o) Pravinbhai Lukha congratulated the committee on the progress of the CIO which is in progress for last few years. He also advised the members to be sent for training and trustees to look into legal implications. He also mentioned to look into caste discrimination law which was passed last year by which any community can come and hire the venue.
- p) Pravinbhai Majithia- The floor in the sportshall is not to good standard, if someone is injured the consequences will be high, doors are not properly locking and the showers are not updated. Bhanubhai Chandarana replied and said team of inspectors from the council have inspected the floor and have passed the inspection, showers are closed down, and doors locks should be looked into.
- q) Hiteshbhai Morjaria- Lack of the committee members attending the AGM, He suggested members must have more commitments when they are elected by the public. He also requested keeping a register of committee members attending events and more importantly meetings.
- r) Ranjanben Kanaber- More and more lohanas should join committee whether be co-opted member, or in sub-committee which can bring the new ideas in the Mahajan
- s) Prakashbhai Bhojani said there does not seem to be much advantage in joining the Mahajan except to vote at the elections. Bhadresh Ghelani replied they are in touch with the businesses, restaurants to get discounts for the members.
- t) Bhadresh Ghelani suggested the AGM dates should be fixed in advance to give enough notice to members to attend, he proposed 1st Sunday of May after Jalaram Prashadi, but which must suit all committee and members .,
- u) Bhadresh Ghelani & Nilesh Kotecha suggested in future the AGM notice should be sent by e-mail as the cost of the postages is increasing every year and there are only minority not on the e-mails. His proposal was approved by the members present and this motion was to put into action.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Bhikhubhai Kotecha has sent a letter of apology for AGM. Bhikhubhai has express his view to appoint a new person to carry out the auditing duties as he has carried out this role for the last 22 years and would like to see new blood taking on this role and that they would get his full support. The management committee will look into for the next year with the help of Bhikhubhai. Bhikhubhai Kotecha is appointed for one more year.

President Kantibhai Majithia thanked everyone to attend the AGM and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting finished at 6:20 with prayers.

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

President _____ Secretary _____ Date _____

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