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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA – CANADA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON, HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2022

Venue: Zoom meeting

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susantha Tennekoonwela at 2:15 PM.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda: The proposed agenda was amended as follows:

- Item 8.2 - Resolution on donations
- Item 8.3 – Resolution on project budget
- Item 8.4 – Resolution on Scholarship criteria
- Item 8.5 – Scholarship committee presentation on application process. Amended agenda was unanimously carried (proposed by Lakshaman & seconded by Chris Senaratne).

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31 January 2021

No amendments to the minutes from 2021 AGM minutes.

A motion to adopt the amended 2021 AGM minutes was unanimously carried (Proposed by Ramona Fernando and seconded by Raja Liyanage).

4.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 31 January 2021

No new matters

5.0 President's report.

The President, Susantha Tennekoonwela expressed his gratitude to the EC members for their dedication to achieve success on projects carried out within the year 2021. Special thanks are given to the new scholarship committee and the honorable Auditor, Chris Senaratne. President mentioned that he accepted this position a year before as there was no one volunteered to accept this role and special thanks are given to past president Nirmalee Nawasivayam & Vice President Anil Fernando for their guidance provided for him to be success in this role.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Nalin Fernandez, didn't go through his report line by line as there was not many activities during 2021, other than Heritage, Itukama donation and the dance classes payments. The only amendments were made on Appendix A of his report to highlight the total loss due to

Heritage festival as being \$4000 (added Heritage registration fee paid in 2020 i.e.\$1600). There was no change to the final total, Nalin thanked Jayan for getting AGLC approval for the 2022 dance classes.

A question was raised regarding the donated amount of \$1805 to the Itukama fund, which was recorded as a liability (via a note) but not as revenue in the financial report. However, the current final report was accepted unanimously without any changes to it. Ramona abstained from voting.

Lakshaman pointed out that the AGLC may not permit the use of AGLC funds to pay off building expenses in 2022 as we have exceeded the building component last year.

All the back-ups related to the finance report (including hard copies) are available with Nalin and will be handed over to the new treasurer.

The Finance report was well received by the house. Mono Senaratne proposed that the finance report is accurate as presented and Pushpa Liyanage seconded it.

7.0 Auditor's Report

The Hon. Auditor Chris Senaratne highly commended the well organized and accurate records maintained by the Treasurer. He had no hesitation to certify that the financial statements accurately presented the results of SLCFA operations in 2021 as well as the financial standing as of December 31, 2021. Please refer to the Auditor's report dated Thursday January 27, 2021 for additional details. Jayantha Ranatunga proposed that the auditor's observations were valid, and it was seconded by Raja Liyanage.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Heritage festival 2022

The application for the 2022 Heritage festival was sent and \$1000.00 had been deposited reserving our spot. Shyama explained that we can't expect profit from the Heritage festival but the target should be to break even. It was discussed that the Heritage committee should prepare a proper plan and a budget to make 2022 Heritage a success.

8.2 Resolution on Donation.

The Executive committee shall obtain prior approval from the general membership to spend Cumulative amount of over \$500 on donations from the general account during its term. Proposed by Lakshaman Samarasinghe and seconded by Vibu Wickremasinghe. This resolution was approved unanimously

8.3 Resolution on project budget.

The Executive membership shall obtain prior approval from general membership before implementing projects funded from the general account if the project budget shows a deficit of over \$1000. 00. However, it is a responsibility of EC to explain to the general membership if the deficit is over the proposed budget due to an unforeseen circumstance. Proposed by

Lakshaman Samarasinghe and seconded by Vibu Wickremasinghe. Anil Fernando abstained from voting. All other attendees were in favor.

8.4 Resolution on Scholarship criteria.

8.4.1 Current statement: Should have achieved an average of 91% or higher for the 5 Core subjects at the high school Diploma examination.

8.4.2 New statement: Should have achieved an average of 91.0% or higher for 5 relevant subjects at the high school Diploma exam.

The House was in favor of the first part of this resolution (an average of 91.0% in lieu of 91%) but left the second part (5 relevant subjects in lieu of 5 core subjects) for the Scholarship Committee to discuss and present to the new EC for approval. Anil Fernando abstained from voting for the first part.

8.5 Scholarship committee presentation on application process.

Pathma Wedage explained the proposed scholarship application form. The scholarship committee to make additional revisions to the application form and present to the EC for approval.

9.0 Election of the Office Bearers for 2022 – Returning Officer: Ramona Fernando

President Susantha Tennekoonwela invited the Returning Officer (RO), Ramona Fernando to conduct the election of the office bearers for 2022 and vacated the chair.

The RO presented the nominations received as follows:

9.1 Executive Committee:

9.1.1 President - Susantha Tennekoonwela

Proposed - Lakshaman Samarasinghe

Seconded - Chandra Samarasinghe

9.1.2 Vice President - Jayan Somathilake

Proposed - Jayantha Ranatunga

Seconded - Susantha Tennekoonwela

9.1.3 Secretary - Jayantha Ranatunga

Proposed - Susantha Tennekoonwela

Seconded - Priyantha Silva

9.1.4 Treasurer - Nalaka Morugama

Proposed - Priyantha Silva

Seconded - Waruni Tennekoonwela

9.1.5 Director of Cultural Affairs - Darryl Sean Fernando

Proposed - Maya Silva

Seconded - Jayantha Ranatunga

9.1.6 Director Membership and Welfare - Maya Silva
Proposed - Waruni Tennekoonwela
Seconded - Derrick Fernando

9.1.7 Director Project and Fund Raising - Shyama Fernando
Proposed - Priyantha Silva
Seconded - Derrick Fernando

9.1.8 Director Publicity and Communications - Ahmed Kamis
Proposed - Jayantha Ranatunga
Seconded - Maya Silva

9.1.9 Director Social and Recreational Activities – Hiruki Watte Vidanalage
Proposed – Priyantha Silva
Seconded - Derrick Fernando

9.1.10 Casino Chair Person – Chris Senaratne
Proposed – Susantha Tennekoonwela
Seconded – Shyama Fernando

9.1.11 Edmonton Heritage Festival 2022 Coordinator – EC to nominate Propose/Second

Mano Senaratne - suggested that since Ahmed Kamis is not a member in 2021 that he should become a member and EC should nominate him at the First EC Meeting.

9.2 Hon. Auditor: This position will be filled later by the EC.

101.0 **Adjournment:**

There being no other business, the members, of being present and as evidenced in the signed and confirmed list of members present at the meeting, hereby waive notice of the meeting and of any irregularities or informalities of the passing of these motions and hereon ratify, acquiesce, and confirm the business transacted via these motions and all actions of the Executive Committee, since the last Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

