

## **Minutes of Meeting – 25Jan, 2014**

### **Annual General Body Meeting, Asha Zurich**

**Meeting Place- GZ Oerlikon, Gubelstrasse 10, 8050 Zürich**

**Time- 14.00 – 18.00 h**

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcome note by President
2. General Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report by Project coordinators
5. Dissolution of 2013 executive committee
6. Election of 2014 executive committee
7. Discussion

#### **1. Welcome note by President - Indranil**

Thanked all the volunteers and donors for their support.

Introduced the structure and working principle of ASHA.

Emphasized on the need of new-motivated volunteers as they help the chapter grow.

#### **2. Annual Report by General Secretary – Pratyush**

An update of the overall growth of ASHA ZH was given - raised 250k+CHF over 12 years & supported 3-4 projects per year.

A Roundup of 2013 events.

Plan of events for 2014.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report by Rajesh**

Project disbursements – 33,761CHF

Net surplus without US funds – 4,612CHF

Net surplus – 16,128CHF

Marathon and Spandan are 2 major fundraisers.

Admin cost bit high due to Paypal - but it enabled lot of marathon donors to donate.

CAYH & One time donation had a small dip.

Introduce Support a Child.

**Treasurer's report passed by 100% Yes vote.**

#### **4.1 Lok Biradari Prakalp by Pratyush**

Started funding from 2011 after site visit from Indranil and Kirti in 2010.

Supports 100 students.

2013 site visit by Pratyush.

Children take part in state/national-level athletics, taught art and craft.

#### **4.2 Akshardeep by Akshata**

Associated with Asha since 2003.

Supports 300 students.

Most children come from families with income below poverty line, average income Rs 2000 - 3000.

Runs programs from early-childhood to library for adults.  
Children are given a nutritious meal and medical attention.

Also involved in community development.

**Stopped funding from 2014** - the organization is well established and has other sources of funding. Asha Zurich decided to fund other newer projects.

#### **4.3 Palas by Sachin**

Supported since 2005.

Site visit done by Anup (Sachin's friend) in 2013.

Most projects are in remote areas, 5 - 10km away from city.  
Teachers come from same area.

The cost of running is very low because of lack of infrastructure.

Model is to start a school in a para, build it so that its sustainable or taken by govt and then move on to other para.

#### **4.4 SACSAS by Sujit**

Since 2010 Asha Zurich is supporting 50% of the school.  
Romita Dutta visited in 2012.

Schools are taken care by Villagers.

15 min break

#### **5. Dissolution of 2013 executive committee**

The executive committee was dissolved.

#### **6. Election of 2014 executive committee**

Shalmali Patkar was nominated as the Election in charge.  
The following members were nominated and accepted as members of the new EC

- a. Umesh for LBP - 16 yes, 1 abstain
- b. Samyukta for Palas - 17 yes
- c. Kirti for Sacsas - 17 yes

- d. Pratyush for President - 16 yes, 1 abstain
- e. Akshata for General Secretary - 17 yes
- f. Sachin for Treasurer - 17 yes
- g. Rajesh for Webmaster - 17 yes
- h. Pratyush for Publicity co-ordinator- 17 yes
- i. Neera for Editor - 16 yes, 1 abstain
- j. Creativity head - position is open.

## **Note from new President**

### **7. Discussion**

#### **Kirti**

Lets try to connect with people who are settled here, otherwise the volunteer base is very volatile.

#### **Sujit**

We should have a task list for volunteers.

Create a page where volunteers task list could be updated.

A page for new volunteers to get started.

#### **Samyukta**

Events should have a day-event coordinator.

Project coordinators should get budget / activities pre decided.

#### **Swati**

As a new volunteer would be nice to know what they can help with

#### **Jimit**

Have a sense of membership for non-regular volunteers. Can we do it in a more formal way.

A form where we can get some more information about volunteers - with what you are interested in.

#### **Tulika**

Com mies - can we change the name?  
Coke: We will not sell coke in Asha's events.

### **Renu**

We should connect with local entrepreneurs.

### **Umesh**

Will save his comments for later

### **Rajdeep**

Do we reimburse for the site visits - yes we can with approval in chapter meeting.

Presentation that can be shown to other people.

### **Doris**

Makaibari - target to approach tea houses and sell more tea.

Makaibari book is coming that Asha can try to sell here

Dori's friend has written a book, and we can help sell it with some % to Asha. Long term get translated into German to be sold here.

### **Akshata**

Connect with other organizations like IAGZ, InSAZ etc for events

Lok Biradari gift - we can get more to sell.

### **Sachin**

Website - the archives are very old. It should be responsibility of webmaster.

CAYH - we should push more, it has more potential.

Connect with Swiss community.

### **Shalmali**

Connect with Swiss elderly.

### **Indranil**

Bring brainstorming back into the meetings - pick up a project to talk about.

Create a quarterly magazine.

**Sachin**

Do we need to decide on a contingency amount? It will be good to keep it in our constitution.