

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.