



LA SOCIÉTÉ DE MUSIQUE BHARATIYA, MONTRÉAL

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Minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting

Held on 06 Dec 2008 at
St. Lambert United Church Hall,
415 Mercille Avenue, St. Lambert, QC. J4P 2L6

Mr. Nanduri, the President chaired and called the Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
He declared, without objection, that there was quorum.

The Agenda as presented was adopted by V. Rajagopalan & Gopi Menon, without objection.

1. Approval of minutes of AGM 2007 – Adopted by Kamakshi Maruwada & Seconded by Dr. Narasiah., approved without objection.
2. President's Report: Received. Dr. Rama Bhatt & Sujatha Raman. Report available on the BSS website.
3. Treasurer's Report: Presented details of revenues and expenses, membership Etc. Accepted – Moved by Dr. Rajagopalan and seconded by Dr. Lakshmi Nayar.
4. Auditor's Report for 2007 was filed and accepted by Revenue Canada without any problems. President thanked Dr. Rajagopalan for his support in achieving this. The president suggested that the next Treasurer look into claiming some of the GST & PST that BSS spends since the BSS is a charitable organization. Report is moved by Mohan Rao and seconded by Kamakshi Maruwada.
5. Amendments to the constitution – a sub-committee chaired by Dr. Swamy & members Adolph D'Cunha, Dr. Gowrisankaran, Pres. Nanduri Rao was established in 2008 to look into the existing constitution & by-laws & update them to suit the present day situation. In the absence of Dr. Swamy, Dr. Maruwada Sarma gave the report & the President went in detail on some of the points. He pointed out that there are 16 or 17 Benefactors and few of them already signed the renunciation form and some others are yet to be signed. It was suggested that for those who do not renounce, a grandfather clause can be applied. Motion was proposed to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution & the by-laws & post them on the web site, a French translation to be obtained and the whole new constitution to be printed & dated. Amendment will come into force upon AGM's approval. Dr. Rama Bhatt moves the motion & V. Rajagopalan seconds the amendments as submitted by constitution committee without objection - approved. The detailed proposed amendment to the Constitution & the by-laws is posted on the BSS website. For those who do not have access to the website, the president had sent them hard copies.
6. The president also suggested a motion at the AGM to record its appreciation & gratitude to the members of the constitution committee – Dr. Swamy (as chair), Dr. Gowrisankaran, Adolph D'Cunha, Nanduri Rao, and Dr. Sarma Maruwada. This was approved & moved by Dr. Narasiah & seconded by Mohan Rao Aourpally.
7. The president brought up the Sruthi Magazine – anyone can borrow for no fee & return them. There is a standing resolution by the existing board that every year the magazine will be subscribed. The General body approved on-line subscription for this magazine.



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8. The president thanked all the people, organizations, the church Hall, committees that helped him & the board. He thanked Mr. Sunderarajan especially for the service of providing the music system & for serving BSS.
9. Treasurer Vijaya Rao asked if some of the existing floating cash to be invested GICs. The motion was seconded by Rama Bhatt & it was approved that 15,000\$ will be invested in GICs. It was also discussed approved that the interest rising from this investment be deposited into BSS Checking account to be used for operating expenses.
10. Auditors will remain the same – moved by Dr. Rama Bhatt & seconded by V. Rajagopalan.
11. The current Secretary is resigning. 2 valid nominations were received – Sujatha Raman – nominated by Usha Srinivasan & seconded by Rao Nanduri & Gopi Menon – nominated by Sujatha Raman & seconded by Rao Nanduri. Sujatha Raman & Gopi Menon were elected as the Directors. Since there was no nominee for the 7th Director position, President pointed out that it is up to the new board to seek out a new director.
12. Rao Nanduri added that all records are in order and he will hand over them to new President immediately.
13. Motion to adjourn this AGM – Dr. Sarma Maruvada to move & V. Rajagopalan to second it.
14. **AGM ended at 4:30 p.m.**