



# HearingNEPAL Program Inc.

Developing hearing services in Nepal



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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HEARINGNEPAL PROGRAM INC

*Annual General Meeting of HearingNEPAL Program Inc WAS held as follows:-*

**Date:** 10am, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Venue:** Stew and Deb's  
16 Malton St, The Gap, Brisbane. QLD. Ph 0418 973 832

1. Meeting Opened 10:10AM

2. Attendance and apologies

### ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Debbie Leigh, Stewart Jones, Debbie and Rod Setterland, Katie White, Christine Marschner, Sue and Iew Tuck

Proxies: Bronte and Chris MacNamara, Keshab Dangol, Sarita Maharjan, Sangye Tenzin, Manoj Gurung

3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting accepted without further discussion

4. Annual Reports:-

- a. President's Report – Adopted as read
- b. Treasurer's Report – Adopted as presented

5. Election of Office bearers for 2014-2015

6. Executive Committee

President: Sue Tuck

Treasurer: Bronte MacNamara

Secretary: Iew Tuck

Management committee:

Tanya Whalley

Katie White

7. Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015- G Herd

8. General Business

- a. NOTED: Accreditations – Gazetted as approved Overseas Aid Fund, Deductible Gift Recipient Status
- b. Structure of governance for Association – representation on committees, frequency of meetings etc.  
Resolved: Management Committee Executive plus two others total six  
Meetings to be held as per rules (3 monthly)
- c. Structure of Association – funds, projects etc.  
Resolved: Projects would have separate accounting for funds that are specifically designated at time of deposit
- d. New memberships

- Resolved: New member applications require 2 members of the management committee to “validate” see rule changes later in meeting.
- e. Change to Rules (see below))
  - f. Endorsed: Newsletters and other outgoing correspondence
  - g. Membership fees  
RESOLVED: All new members would pay \$15 annual donation. Existing foundation members (to #40) could volunteer to pay annual fee
  - h. Discussion: lew explained what “backup” funds were held in Nepal with Keshab for urgent use. Sangye (Kopan Monastery) also holds a visa card with sufficient limit.
  - i. Purchase of HNP Inc 4wd; Purchase endorsed – new Mahindra Scorpio 4WD. Approx. RS 42 lakh  
Some funds will come from HNP accounts, but essentially a loan will be made by lew, to be repaid at Aus\$1000 per year minimum. In the eventual demise of lew, loan will be considered “repaid in full”
  - j. Agreed that “Compassion in Action” as suggested by Keshab would be our HH&H motto.

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS RESOLVED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HEARINGNEPAL PROGRAM INC**

### **1. CHANGE OF NAME**

**Resolved: Motion 1** That the name of the association be changed from “HearingNEPAL Program Inc.” to “**Himalayan Health and Hearing**” and that the secretary be authorised to do all things and make all notifications necessary to effect the name change.

**Resolved: Motion 2:**

**That** the Rules of HearingNEPAL Program Inc be amended to reflect the change of name from “HearingNEPAL Program Inc.” to “**Himalayan Health and Hearing**”.

### **2. CHANGE TO RULES - OBJECTS**

**RESOLVED: Motion 3:**

**THAT** Rule 3 of the Rules of HearingNEPAL Program Inc. be replaced with the below provided only that the change to the rules will not affect the Association’s current status with regards to the Association’s accreditations and endorsements (i.e. Status as a charity, Deductible Gift Recipient Status, Endorsement with the Department of Foreign Affairs as an approved overseas aid fund) and that prior to effecting the proposed change to the rule the Management Committee consult with the relevant regulatory bodies:-

### **3 Objects**

*(1) The object of the association is to:-*

- (a) assist with the development of the provision of Primary Ear Care and rehabilitation of hearing impaired persons in Developing Countries who would otherwise have no access to such services by assisting recognised organisations native to Developing Countries including but not limited to:-*
  - I. Supplying equipment, consumables and training to native organisations so that they may develop and provide better quality hearing services in their region;*
  - II. Assisting with wages, transport and accommodation costs of employees of the approved local organisation, so that they may extend their services to other remote regions within Developing Countries in partnership with the Association;*
  - III. Assisting with the development and distribution of hearing care-related educational resources, aimed at preventing or reducing the incidence of ear disease within Developing Countries;*

- IV. *Assisting native organisations within Developing Countries to establish referral pathways for those requiring medical and surgical treatment for ear disease or hearing loss, and to establish Surgical Camps that would provide these services.*
  - V. *Raising awareness within the community at large of the issues faced by Developing Countries; and*
  - VI. *Actively seeking donations and funding from the community at large to assist with the Association's objects.*
- (b) *Assist with the development of the provision of services in Developing Countries for the long term benefit of those countries, in order to aid in the HEALTH AND REHABILITATION OF THE HANDICAPPED who would otherwise have no access to such services by assisting recognised organisations, native to Developing Countries including but not limited to:-*
- I. *Supplying equipment, consumables and training to native organisations so that they may develop and provide better quality services in their region;*
  - II. *Assisting with wages, transport and accommodation costs of employees of the approved local organisation, so that they may extend their services to other remote regions within Developing Countries in partnership with the Association;*
  - III. *Assisting with the development and distribution of educational resources, aimed at preventing or reducing the incidence of SUFFERING ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH AND DISABILITY within Developing Countries;*
  - IV. *Assisting native organisations within Developing Countries to establish referral pathways for those suffering from HEALTH AND DISABILITY issues and to assist in the establishment of provision of these services.*
  - V. *Raising awareness within the community at large of the issues faced by Developing Countries; and*
  - VI. *Actively seeking donations and funding from the community at large to assist with the Association's objects.*
- (2) *Agreements of co-operation between the Association and appropriate organisations shall be based on the provision of services without discrimination of sex, age, race, ethnicity, religion, caste or social standing.*
- (3) *In these Rules, the term "Developing Countries" refers to those countries declared to be developing countries by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Australia or such office that might succeed the Minister of Foreign Affairs from time to time.*
- (4) *The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association.*

**\*\* amendment to rule is underlined for ease of reference only\*\***

**Resolved: Motion 4:**

**THAT** if following the Management Committee consultation with the relevant regulatory bodies a change to the rules as proposed would negatively affect the Association's accreditations and endorsements (i.e. Status as a charity, Deductible Gift Recipient Status, Endorsement with the Department of Foreign Affairs as an approved overseas aid fund) that the change to the Rule 3 as proposed be aborted and that the rules remain as in force on 11 May 2014.

**Resolved: Motion 5:**

**THAT** the Management Committee consult with the relevant regulatory bodies and do all things necessary to incorporate the following objects into the objects of the Overseas Aid Fund as defined in Schedule 1 of the Rules

of Hearing Nepal Inc unless such actions would result in a negative impact on the deductible gift recipient status currently held by the Association:-

*Assist with the development of the provision of services in Developing Countries for the long term benefit of those countries in order to aid in the relief SUFFERING ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH AND DISABILITY who would otherwise have no access to such services by assisting recognised organisations, native to Developing Countries including but not limited to:-*

- I. Supplying equipment, consumables and training to native organisations so that they may develop and provide better quality services in their region;*
- II. Assisting with wages, transport and accommodation costs of employees of the approved local organisation, so that they may extend their services to other remote regions within Developing Countries in partnership with the Association;*
- III. Assisting with the development and distribution of educational resources, aimed at preventing or reducing the incidence of SUFFERING ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH AND DISABILITY within Developing Countries;*
- IV. Assisting native organisations within Developing Countries to establish referral pathways for those SUFFERING from HEALTH AND DISABILITY issues and to assist in the establishment of provision of these services.*
- V. Raising awareness within the community at large of the issues faced by Developing Countries; and*
- VI. Actively seeking donations and funding from the community at large to assist with the Association's objects.*

### **CHANGE TO RULES – NEW MEMBERSHIPS**

**Resolved: Motion 6:**

**THAT** Rule 7 of the Rules of HearingNEPAL Program Inc be amended as follows:-

#### **7 New membership**

~~An applicant for membership of the association must be proposed by 1 member of the association (the **proposer**) and seconded by another member (the **seconder**).~~

*An application for membership of the association must be in writing and may be submitted to the Association via a website, email, facsimile, or post or as otherwise directed by the Management Committee from time to time. IT MUST BE VALIDATED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*

### **3. CHANGE TO RULES – RESOLUTIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHOUT MEETING**

**Resolved: Motion 7:**

**THAT** Rule 29 of the Rules of HearingNEPAL Program Inc be amended as follows:-

#### **29 Resolutions of management committee without meeting**

- ~~(1) A written resolution signed by each member of the management committee at least three (3) members of the management committee is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a committee meeting that was properly called and held.~~
- (2) A resolution mentioned in subrule (1) may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by 1 or more members of the committee.

Meeting closed: 12:10PM

Regards,

Lew Tuck

Secretary, HearingNEPAL Program Inc.