



HIMALAYAN HEALTH & HEARING INC. COMPASSION IN *Action*

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Date: 07 February 2016

MINUTES of AGM and Agenda

Date: **Sunday February 7th 2016**

Venue: **Offices of HH&H, Whitsunday Hearing, 6 Island Drive Cannonvale Qld
4802**

Time: 1300 hrs

Apologies and absentee voting:

Email: "Please accept my apology as I am unable to attend the AGM. I endorse all the recommendations.
Cheers Bronte McNamara"

Phone: Katie White: Endorsed all committee appointments, Budget and Presidents report. No specific AGM business.

Phone: Debbie Leigh: Endorsed all committee appointments, Budget and Presidents report. Commented how pleased they were with this years results

Phone: Rod and Deb Setterlund: Endorsed all committee appointments, Budget and Presidents report. Reported that NAFA are pleased with our work and have donated again this year \$4000.

1: Election of Officers

All outgoing office-bearers are thanked for their contributions over the last year.

All offices wished to re-nominate and were re-elected unopposed.

President: Sue Tuck Proposed: *Bronte McNamara* Seconded: *lew Tuck*

Secretary: Lew Tuck Proposed: *Sue Tuck* Seconded: *Bronte McNamara*

Treasurer: Bronte McNamara Proposed: *lew Tuck* Seconded: *Sue Tuck*

Management Committee member / Legal

John Formosa Proposed: *Lew Tuck* Seconded: *Sue Tuck*

Management Committee member / Media

Katie White Proposed: *lew* Seconded: *Sue Tuck*

The inner circle of consultants to the management committee - (they will be circulated with all management committee relevant issues)

Inner circle member / Program Evaluation Advisor:

Dr Debra Setterlund Proposed: Katie Seconded: Sue Tuck

Inner circle member / Health Advisor

Debbie Leigh Proposed: Katie Seconded: Sue Tuck

Inner circle member / NAHOH representative

Keshab Dangol Proposed: Lew Seconded: Sue Tuck

Inner circle member / General

June Young Proposed: Katie Seconded: Sue

2: Presidents Report

Circulated prior to the agm

Discussion:

Motion: "The meeting Adopt President's report":

Proposed: Katie Seconded: Lew

3: Auditor's report

Financial report year 2015 has previously been circulated to committee and endorsed

Discussion:

Motion: The meeting Receive and Adopt Auditor's report:

Proposed: Katie White Seconded: Sue

4: Correspondence as circulated to committee by email during the year:

Discussion:

5: Budget Accepted as presented- Proposed: Katie Seconded Sue

The budget was circulated prior to the AGM, and an application to NAFA for a further grant of \$4000 has been Successful. Lew to formally thank and convey our appreciation to NAFA by email.

The following items were discussed....

1. 2015 was an exceptional year with the advent of the earthquakes...fortunately we were in a position to offer immediate aid to many, within our limitations. Some notes on our finances:
2. We have 3 accounts, a general one in Australia, a "DGR" account for tax deductible donations and a working acct in Nepal
3. We also have in Nepal a separate earthquake account jointly with our friends and overseas associates

- a. From our accts in Aus and Nepal we have put a total of \$9230 into the earthquake account; the balance of this account is made by direct donations from overseas.
 - b. Most of these overseas donations are included in our website total \$18,853
 - c. Of the \$22,420 donated (Nepal account), we have spent \$17,775, 79% of total.
 - d. This is a good result, as when people donate to an 'emergency fund' they hope it will be spent as soon as responsibly possible!
4. Our overall financial position is good, in the sense that we must hold in Nepal enough funds to cover wages and car expenses for the next 12 months...plus contingency funding...this is why we could immediately respond to the earthquakes.
 5. We did not make a car payment this year, however the committee has agreed to pay \$5000 off our loan, which has been done.
 6. This will then have us in the same financial position as we started this year.
 7. We will not continue the PoP (Pelvic Organ Prolapse) program, but through the same organisation, we will initiate a "hub and spoke" hearing education and health and rehab program in Dhanusha and advance our program in Lumbini. Shechen Clinic and Hospice have been advised and con cur with our decision.
 8. In Ladakh we have trained an additional monk to assist with the dissemination of hearing health advice, and also progress our established care program
 9. We will maintain our weekly health camps with Shechen Clinic and Hospice Doctor, Nurse and Pharmacist
 10. We have employed a full time teacher to take hearing care into the community and assist Keshab with hearing screening and mould making
 11. We will hold remote camps this year in Solu Khumbu, Dhanusha, Lumbini and Ladakh

8: Newsletters

Discussion: Wendy, a new volunteer in the Whitsundays has sorted aids for us, and offered to assist with a monthly newsletter, giving more exposure to the camps around KTM with SC&H and the exciting work NAHOH is undertaking.

9: Website

Discussion:

1. Keshab's ear camps (in general with Shechen C&H medical team) are posted weekly. These are transferred to Facebook.
2. Discuss format: Last AGM : "CALL to ACTION" Katie wisely says - we need to "inspire" our supporters with a more clearly presented "call to action" style of poster and news-letter and general correspondence. How are we doing?

10: General Business

Fund raising

1. Annual returns to statutory bodies will be sent after AGM. (require the addition of the minutes)
2. This year we will plan some more presentations of our program - MACKAY with John Formosa, who has a significant support base assembled - MELBOURNE ASA conference
3. Gold Coast Benji has visited twice now, likes what he sees and we would be honoured to accept his kindness as it evolves.

Project discussion

1. Katie and Sue continue to review the volunteer's policy...emphasising how assistance can be given in Australia
 - i. Local fund raising - fun runs, stalls etc
 - ii. Sending donated hearing aids that have been checked and are fully operational
 - iii. Coming to Cannonvale and checking & programming aids
2. Lew will issue proposed program...guide only...we usually report after a program has been executed...and then all the information about our activities is factual!

11: Close of meeting:1:33 -pm

Lew.....Secretary Himalayan Health & Hearing



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