

Minutes of meeting : (For an audio transcript of the board meeting please dial 1-641-715-3440, access code- 817301#)

Participants:

Zone	Director	Status
Zone 1	Nimmi Kalla	Absent
Zone 2	Inder Kaul	Present
Zone 3	Ashtosh Ganjoo	Absent
Zone 4	Swapna Raina	Present
Zone 5	Kamlesh Moza	Present
Zone 6	Ashutosh Kaul	Absent
Zone 7	Ajay Kaul	Present
Zone 8	Pradumon Tickoo	Present
Zone 9	Rajeev Sumbly	Absent
Zone 10	Amrit Nehru	Absent
President	Sunil Fotedar	Present

(Ashutosh Kaul Zone 6 director couldn't attend as he was out of the country)

Agenda:

Sunil:

1. Status of KOA executive activities - and going forward - 10 mins. Introduction -Ajay Tikoo- Treasurer
2. Preservation of Kashmiri language discussion - providing scholarships/ research assistantships to KP academicians working on KP topics that conform to KOA charter - 10 mins.

Ajay Koul:

3. Create an Emergency Fund, AND Improve the "operational efficiency & effectiveness" of major KOA programs (e.g., college education, medical, children, etc.).-35 mins.
4. Wrapup - 5 mins.

- KOA President Sunil Fotedar opened the meeting with the news that he will be relocating to Houston from San Antonio in the next few weeks.
- The new KOA-Treasurer Ajay Tickoo was at hand to introduce himself. The president thanked him for stepping forward and helping the community. Ajay has done a great job in the short time he has been the treasurer and he was acknowledged in the meeting.
- Sunil followed up with giving an update on the status of KOA Directory. Zonal directors have agreed to contact their respective zones for advertisement for the Directory. Deadline 8TH June 2008. The directory is expected to be published and sent to the paid members by end August 2008.
- Issue about having a permanent address for KOA was raised by Sunil . Swapna has agreed to get back to the board with recommendations by 1st June 2008.
- Ajay Koul (Zone 7) proposed the advertising of various KOA programs to the people in Jammu for increased access and opportunity. The issue is that the needy population at large is not aware of the various programs that are run by KOA and not all needy people get to know of the available benefits. Ajay will circulate his views on "how to improve the accessibility of our programs to the larger community" and the board of directors will discuss this proposal on line. Improvements and the changes, if required, will be done prior to getting the board approval.

- Because of paucity of time topic no. 2 couldn't be taken up. Discussion will be conducted on line with the boards recommendations and suggestions expected by Sunday June 8th 2008.
- The meeting ended at 5.03 pm after 1 hour. The Secretary Soman Dhar thanked the participants for attending the meeting and confirmed that the next meeting will be held in 2 months time.