

KOA Board Meeting August 8th, 2010

Attendees:

Zone	Name	Attendance
Director Zone 1	Nirmala Mitra	<u>Yes</u>
Director Zone 2	Inderjit Kaul	<u>Yes</u>
Director Zone 3	Umesh Kaul	<u>No</u>
Director Zone 4	Asha Bakaya	<u>Yes</u>
Director Zone 5	Upendra Bhatt	<u>No</u>
Director Zone 6	Rakesh Raina	<u>Yes</u>
Director Zone 7	Ajay Koul	<u>No</u>
Director Zone 8	Veena Kaul	<u>Yes</u>
Director Zone 9	Vinod Moza	<u>No</u>
Director Zone 10	Paviter Handoo	<u>No</u>
President / Chairman	Pradumon Tickoo	<u>Yes</u>
Secretary	Ashish Kak	<u>Yes</u>
Treasurer	Ajay Tikoo	<u>Yes</u>
KOA-NEC Chairman	Hari Koul	<u>Yes</u>
NEC Member	Rajesh Raina	<u>Yes</u>
NEC Member	Anil Wali	<u>No</u>
KOA Directory	Ashok Raina	<u>Yes</u>
West Coast Camp	Vijay Dhar	<u>Yes</u>
Independence Day Parade in Zone 9	Meghana Dhar	<u>Yes</u>
Rishi Memorial School	Pamposh Zutshi	<u>No</u>

Agenda items:

#	Topic	Presenter	Duration
1	Welcome the new KOA Zone 5 Director	Pradumon Tickoo	5 mins.
2	KOA Directory Update	Ashok Raina	8 mins
3	West Coast KOA Camp Update	Vijay Dhar	5 mins
4	Independence Day Parade in Zone 9	Meghana Dhar	2 mins
5	Bylaws Referendum Update	Hari Koul	15 mins
6	Letter from KOA-Board to Zone 10 Members	Pradumon Tickoo	10 mins
7	Financial Update: Rishi Memorial School	Pamposh Zutshi	15 mins

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting started with the President Pradumon Tickoo Ji presenting the brief summary of the 2010 East Coast camp. Pradumon Ji thanked the camp volunteers, donors and participants for continued



support and making the East Camp a great success. He mentioned that pledges for approximately 68 thousand Dollars were raised as donation during the camp.

Welcome to new KOA Zone 5 Director

Pradumon Ji referred to the announcement from KOA-NEC about the appointment of new KOA Zone 5 Director Upendra Bhatt Ji for the remainder of the Manoj Koul Ji term (December 2011) and officially welcomed him to the KOA Board.

KOA Directory Update

Pradumon Ji thanked Ashok Raina Ji for his help in updating the KOA Directory. Ashok Raina Ji presented the current status and solicited inputs from the KOA Board about the various member attributes in the KOA Directory. Ashok Raina Ji requested Board members help in getting the information and suggested that the Directors should find a POC in each state of their individual zone to collect the information. The goal is to have every Kashmiri Pundit living in USA listed in the directory irrespective of whether they are KOA member or not.

West Coast KOA Camp Update

Vijay Dhar Ji informed the Board that the preparations for the camp are on-track and the volunteer team will be at the site a day earlier to setup the event. The kids and musical programs (by Archana Jalali Ji) are part of the schedule and the volunteer team will be cooking for the entire group. Vijay Dhar Ji requested participation from other zones as well. Pradumon Ji suggested that the Directors should send emails in their respective zones about the West Coast camp.

Independence Day Parade in Zone 9

Meghana Dhar Ji requested partial financial support from the Board to organize the Kashmiri float in the Indian Independence Day parade in Fremont (CA). Inder Ji mentioned that the financial assistance for the parade if approved should come from KOA General Fund and proposed the motion to give \$500 from KOA. This motion was seconded by Nirmala Ji. The motion was unanimously approved by Pradumon Ji and all the Directors present in the meeting. Meghana Dhar Ji thanked the Board for prompt support.

Bylaws Referendum Update

Hari Koul Ji stated that the Bylaws Referendum process is in-progress and that the Election Trust LLC has been paid by the KOA to conduct the voting.

He mentioned that KOA Zone 10 Director Paviter Handoo Ji communicated to him that if the Director is not behaving then he should be first reprimanded in front of his zone audience and then in front of the general KOA audience and cannot be barred from Board meetings. Hari Koul Ji also pointed out that few KOA Zone 10 members have raised concerns to him that Zone 10 membership is not being represented in the Board meetings due to the disciplinary action against Paviter Handoo Ji.

Pradumon Ji asked Hari Ji to recollect the two motions passed by the Board in July 16th Board meeting which reiterated that the disciplinary action against Paviter Handoo Ji was legal and NEC should continue the voting process for the Bylaws Referendum. If anyone has issues with the process than they should bring it to the attention of the Board, as it is Board's responsibility



and not NEC's. NEC is a pure voting authority to ensure that the voting is completed fairly and honestly. (At this point Asha Ji left the meeting).

Pradumon Ji suggested to Hari Ji that such issues should be diverted to the Board and NEC should excuse themselves from such issues. Rajesh Raina Ji asked if Paviter Handoo Ji was sent the Bylaws vote. Pradumon Ji mentioned that he was sent the vote and we have not received vote from him (Soman Dhar Ji was conducting the voting on-line) except the comments/communications received from him about the Bylaws. The voting pattern for Bylaws was Yes (9), No (1) and Abstain (1 - Paviter Handoo Ji, no Yes or No vote received) and it was passed by two-thirds majority.

Pradumon Ji mentioned that Paviter Handoo Ji is welcome to join the Board meeting anytime once he affirms that he will not use the offensive language again.

The Directors present in the meeting agreed that the KOA Zone 10 representation issue needs to be resolved at the earliest.

Hari Ji stated that the KOA Board recommendations for the Bylaws Referendum will be sent in the next KOA-NEC communication to the membership.

Pradumon Ji requested Hari Ji to send weekly or bi-weekly emails to the membership that they need to vote on the KOA Bylaws Referendum.

Letter from KOA-Board to Zone 10 Members

A Board meeting will be held on Sunday August 15, 2010 at 06:00 PM to exclusively discuss this agenda item.

Financial Update: Rishi Memorial School

Pamposh Zutshi Ji did not attend the meeting and hence this agenda item was not discussed. This agenda item will be rescheduled for another Board meeting.

Pradumon Tickoo Ji thanked everyone for joining the meeting and with that the meeting ended.

Note: The recorded audio version of this meeting will be sent to the KOA member on request