

Minutes of the KOA General Body Meeting **Dated 4th. of July 2009**

Pradumon Tickoo declared the 26th KOA East Coast National Camp meeting open on 4 July 2009 at 3:24 PM. He introduced himself to the meeting attendees along with his executive team, the Board of Directors and the KOA Program Directors. Present amongst these at the meeting itself were Inder Kaul (Vice President and Director Zone 2), Ajay Tikoo (Treasurer), Nirmala Mitra (Director Zone 1), Umesh Koul (Director Zone 3), Veena Kaul (Director Zone 8), Chand Bhan (Director Medical Program), Tej Nath Kaul (Director Education Assistance Program), Omanand Kaul (Cultural Director) and Shreeyashi Dhar (Youth Director). Pradumonji summarized his pledge to the community upon accepting the Presidentship, his accomplishments measured against this manifesto and his goals for the remainder of his two year elected term. Pradumonji let the attendees know that the KOA membership was on an upward swing and continued to grow. KOA has approximately 350 paid members and an additional 28 members paid their membership dues at this meeting. The annual target for the year 2009 has been lowered to 500 members against an initial target of 750 and a 70% growth has been observed in the 2009 membership versus 2008. Pradumonji acknowledged the zone directors and the chapter presidents for this accomplishment and reiterated his appeal that we not let this focus slip.

Amongst his other accomplishments in the first half of 2009 he highlighted:

- establishment of the Youth Directors (3) who sit on the KOA Board and their worthy accomplishments in their very short tenure
- the approval of the By-Laws Review by the Board and its distribution to the KOA membership in preparation for its ratification by the paid members
- Two KOA National Camps; the 26th East Coast camp held on July 4th and the 1st West Coast camp to be held on Sept 4th
- A new NEC team in place under the chairmanship of Prof. Hira Kaul

Approximately 110 families attended the camp and approximately 400 people were in attendance. Pradumonji thanked Sanjay Kaul (ex-President KOA) for his immense contribution towards the identification and selection of the new camp site in NY. He also recognized and expressed his gratitude to the entire camp coordinating team led so ably by Anil and Pammi Kachru (Zone 3, NJ).

Pradumonji shared with the attendees the Sharda Samman Award that Panun Kashmir bestowed upon KOA. The award included a citation, a plaque, a pheran, and a shawl which were exhibited with pride. He thanked Panun Kashmir for this momentous recognition.

Pradumonji shared the tasks that he and his team are going to focus on going forwards (please see attached the presentation material for details)

Ajay Tikoo (Treasurer) presented the financials. Four KOA run programs were summarized and showcased. Pradumonji talked about the KWI program, Chand Bhan presented the Medical Program, Tej Nath Kaul presented the Education Assistance Program and Inder Kaul (on behalf of Pran Kaul) presented the Sponsor a Child program. Approximately \$50,000 were pledged at the meeting, three donors pledged a total of \$31,250 conditional on the fact that these be matched, and extended the matching period through the end of calendar year 2009. Approximately \$22,000 was pledged to the medical program, \$18,500 to the Education Assistance Program and approximately \$8,500 to the Save a Child program.

Following people were recognized by KOA:

The nominations for the following people were received from their respective zonal directors: Omanand Kaul – Z2 ,Arti Kaul Tickoo – Z2, Rakesh Kaul Sr. – Z3, Swapna Raina – Z4, Pawan Raina - Z6, Sunita Sharma – Z6, KWI Team – Z7, Bansilal Pandit – Z7 and Kashmiri Language & Culture Team – Z9 (To be given at West coast camp)

Program Directors

Pran Kaul - Sponsor a child program (To be given at West coast camp), Chand Bhan – Medical assistance program, Tej Nath Kaul – Education assistance program and Jag Bhushan Kaul (BLRC Chairman)

Previous Administrative Officers

Sunil Fotedar (past KOA President), Avtar Mattoo – NEC Chair, Inder Kaul - past and current VP Soman Dhar - past and current Secretary and Ajay Tikoo - past and current Treasurer

Other

Prof. Subash Kak, Deepali Wattal and Brij Lal Bhat – Program coordinator in Jammu

2009 KOA Camp Organizing Team

Anil and Pami Kachroo – camp commander ,Umesh & Anju Kaul, Akhilesh & Kalpana Fotedar Pramod & Rekha Kachroo, Inder & Sunita Kaul, Rakesh & Nitu Kaul, Vinod & Deepika Raina Ashish & Jyotsna Goja, Sanjay & Bela Kaul

The above is a summarization of the events at the general body meeting. The materials presented at this meeting are attached for your perusal.