

The Australian Sikh Association Limited (ASA)
Annual General Meeting (AGM) Held on 2nd April 2023

The AGM started with the Ardaas at 2:15 PM

Board of Directors members present: Dr Albel Sing Kang, Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu, Ms Paramjit Kaur Kaloti, Mr Jaspal Singh, Cpt Sarjinder Singh Sandhu, Mr Dilbagh Singh Bharaj, Mr Gurvinder Singh, Mr Kulwinder Singh Bajwa, Mr Harkamaljit Singh Saini, Mr Manjit Singh Saini, Mr Gurpreet Singh, Mr Jagdish Singh Kalsi, Ms Ravinder Kaur Singh and Ms Surinder Kaur.

Minutes: Ms Surinder Kaur, Media & Publications Director

Dr Albel Singh Kang, Company Secretary, called the meeting to attention and welcomed all members at 2:25 PM after which he handed over the meeting to the Chairperson, Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu.

After welcoming and thanking the members for their presence, Dr Sandhu brought the attention of the members to the agenda items of the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Apologies

Nil

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous AGM held on 2 April 2023.

Mr Ravinderjit Singh: Stated that the continuation of the AGM after he, the then chairperson, adjourned the meeting was unconstitutional. He further stated that his point should be noted in the minutes.

Chairperson: Disagreed, and said that the AGM was not legally adjourned. It was abandoned and the members present were well in their right to continue the meeting as per the Constitution of ASA. However, he said that the view expressed by Mr Ravinderjit Singh will be noted.

Mr Jasvir Singh Thind: Said that this present committee has been elected for the last twelve and a half months. They have been elected as directors; however, they do not attend all the meetings. He suggested that it is important that elected directors should all required meetings.

Dr Albel Singh Kang: We have held 26 meetings in total which have been attended by all except by one particular director who has now been replaced by two other directors (Gurvinder Singh and Kulwinder Bajwa).

Minutes passed unanimously, moved by: Mr Kulwinder Singh Bajwa and seconded by: Cpt Sarjinder Singh Sandhu.

Agenda Item No. 3: Financial Report of the ASA Ltd and ASA Charitable Trust -

Presented by Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu – Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The CFO said that copies of financials have also been put on ASA notice boards.

After discussion both items were passed unanimously. The CFO remarked that it is important that the next elections are not delayed and be held within the prescribed time.

Discussed and passed unanimously:

Moved by: Mr Harkamaljit Singh Saini and seconded by Mr Jagmohan Paul Singh Dhaliwal

Agenda Item No. 4: Approval of Budget for the financial year 2022-2023

Proposed budget was already placed on the notice board, and hard copy to be sent to all the members as well.

Discussed and passed unanimously:

Moved by: Mr Harkamaljit Singh Saini and seconded by Mr Jagmohan Paul Singh Dhaliwal.

Agenda Item No. 5: Appoint external auditor of ASA

The CFO said that the annual general meeting has been delayed because the current auditor delayed the audit. He further said a number of audit firms have been approached and on the recommendation of the Board that **Andersens Audit (NSW) Pty Ltd** be appointed as the next auditor of ASA. The Board's recommendation was passed unanimously.

Moved by: Mr Labh Singh Kooner and seconded by Mr Piara Singh Kamal.

Agenda Item No. 6: ASA Directors' Reports

Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu explained the achievements of each Director and said that all the directors are working hard according to their portfolios. Report was discussed and accepted as written.

Moved by: Mr Sukhraj Singh Sandhu and seconded by Mr Labh Singh Kooner.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion on Resolutions

Resolution 1 (special): New ASA Charitable Trust Deed

Dr Sandhu called Mr Gurpreet Singh to give an explanation via PowerPoint about the New ASA Charitable Deed. It was discussed that ASA used to have two charitable accounts and now there is one. Now the ASA has \$5,800,000 in the singular charitable account.

As explained by Dr Albel Singh Kang and Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu in detail the income and savings:

Dr Albel Kang “The SRE teachers can be paid from the ASA’s charitable trust account.” And “AGM approval can save thousands in the ASA Limited Account.

Mr Manjinder Singh “We can provisionally pass this item”. Dr Surinder Singh “We agree with your point of having 85 classes financed by the charitable trust account”. Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu explained “that there are 35 SRE schools being covered” Ms Paramjit Kaloti suggested “We should pass this item provisionally”.

Finally, it was resolved to complete the New ASA Charitable Deed at the earliest, and SRE teachers’ allowances can be paid from the current account of ASA Charitable Trust.

Moved by: Mr Dilbagh Singh Bharaj and seconded by Mr Mohan Singh Pooni.

New ASA Charitable Deed was unanimously passed by all (100%) members.

Moved by: Mr Piara Singh Kamal and seconded by Mr Darshan Singh Gill

Resolution 2 (ordinary): Sale and purchase of land and the formation of Master Plan Committee

Purchase of acreage

The government’s property evaluation of 121-135 Chandos Rd Horsley Park NSW 2175 is an estimated \$14,000,000. Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu updated the house that Real-estate “Country Lane Properties” has submitted a written offer of \$15,000,000.00 for 121-135 Chandos Rd Horsley Park NSW 2175, with a 12-month settlement. Members discussed that as soon as the new airport is going to open, Horsley Park property can be sold for more than \$20 million. Dr Sandhu stressed the need to buy at least 15 or more acres in the Northwest.

Members agreed unanimously to the proposal of buying acreages in the Northwest. Mr Labh Singh Kooner suggested that first land should be bought in the Northwest and then sell

the Horsley Park property to develop the new site. Dr Sandhu to explore with the bank for a loan approval of \$20 million.

Master Plan (Development Committee)

Mr Dilbagh Singh Billing suggested that the Master Plan only involve agreed-upon associates who have been evaluated to have a clear criminal record. Mr Harbaldeep Singh suggested that the parties who wish to be nominated put in their application however only 10 members will be selected. Mr Balbir Singh Parmar said that the committee should not involve groupism, instead it should be regulated on an individual basis. Dr Albel Singh Kang stated that the committee is fair and does not promote or support groupism.

Both, the resolution on the purchase of land and the formation of Master Plan Committee was passed unanimously and moved by: Mr Sukhjinder Singh and seconded by Mr Labh Singh Kooner.

Other Agenda Items:

Mr Jagdish Singh Kalsi updated on the Kitchen extension project. \$3,500,000 has already been invested in this project, however, we are hoping to have this number reach \$3,800,000 - \$4,000,000. Alongside Mr Jagdish Kalsi, Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu and Dr Albel Singh Kang contributed to the update.

Mr Labh Singh Kooner thanked the ASA committee and mentioned that the Kitchen Project began with a budget of \$1,800,000 and has now gained an additional price of \$2,200,000, garnering \$4,000,000. He mentioned that this was a failure of the previous committees due to their negligence, once again congratulating the current committee. Mr Ravinderjit Singh Chamak stated regarding the building project cost increase which had begun in 2012 - 2013 and has continued to the present in 2023.

Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu thanked the Sports Director for the Gatka classes and the Education Director for prospective implementation of the NSW school vouchers concerning the admission fee for GNPS admissions.

Political Affair Committee

Dr Albel Singh Kang stated that there should be a singular ASA committee, represented by Sikh members in politics. He said that within 15 days members will be nominated to form Political Affairs Committee. Mr Ravinder Singh Chamak stated that the Sikh representation should not be tarnished and instead be venerated.

Furthermore, Dr Albel Kang agreed that there is a lack of Sikh representation in politics, especially regarding the Sikh Youth. Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu elaborated on current Sikh issues in relation to the defacing of a Hindu Temple in Melbourne and the Sikh Referendum. Dr Albel Singh Kang resolved this matter with the suggestion to schedule a meeting with the Hindu Community Member, Surinder Jain. The labor party's grant of \$2,500,000 can be utilised for the disadvantaged Sikh community in India.

ASA Legal Aid Cell

Dr Karanjeet Singh Sandhu suggested that the legally qualified Sikh Youth can establish a legal aid committee to help international students and other disadvantaged Sikhs. Most of the members agreed to this proposal.

Dr Albel Singh Kang thanked to all ASA members.

Closing Ardaas: 4:30 PM