

MINUTES OF 10TH USMAA COMMITTEE MEETING 2004

Date: 24th April 2004

Time: 4.30 p.m.

Venue: 12 Lyric Crt. Glen Waverly

Present: Deen, Ritzvi, Faiz, Ashroff, Pam, Sawudi Shaffie and Jiffrey.

Apologies:

1. Meeting was called to order by the President.
2. Recital of Fatiah by Deen Mohamed.
3. Minutes of last committee meeting: Confirmed by Jiffrey and seconded By Ashroff.
4. Matters arising from minutes: USMAA will participate on the 16th of May for Sri Lankan day with a Muslim segment, Farah will help the children organise the children for the costume parade..
5. President's Report – Briefed about the discussion with the migration museum and the issues with regard to non-members requesting for letters. A clear policy to be defined at the AGM with regard to USMAA support for members.
6. Meeting Schedules: Next Meeting will be held at Faiz's house on Saturday the 22nd of May at 4.30 p.m.
7. Membership: We have only one more new member, 102 Members have paid their Subscriptions we have collected \$3160/= from subs. There are many members who have not paid their subs. The President requested the Committee to push for the subs from the members in their groups.
Deen Mohamed suggested that we should have an arrears column in the members List or maybe a debtors column. The committee endorsed this and in future all members would be requested to pay their arrears before paying for the current year in question. This would be adopted with the current year 2003/2004.
Ritzvi will send a letter to those who have not paid their subscriptions.
Youth Report and Youth Forum: The Youth were very disappointed at the poor turnout at the youth Forum There were concerns raised with regard to the speech from the USMAA youth member with regard to practice of mowlood, etc. Ritzvi said that he has written to the forum organising committee with regard to that the forum was not the appropriate venue for such discussion where people are unable to respond. Also he stated that everyone should respect each other's views and be tolerant. There has been no response from the youth as yet.
The President also placed on record the hard work and excellent job carried out by the youth in organising the forum which had been very well accepted by those attending it. This was endorsed by the committee.

8. Constitution: The 21st of May will be the final date for the amendments to be received.

Ritzvi said that he wanted to put forward a series of changes which he had tabled at the last AGM. These changes will be circulated to the committee if they wished to add to it. One of the key changes is the removal of the trustees and introducing an advisory committee elected on a 3 year term.

Ritzvi said that the paper given by Noor has been misplaced regarding the Janaza Committee. Deen said that we must get some advice from an Imam because it is a very Religious issue, and he also said that we need the Janaza Committee to let us know exactly who uses it. Ritzvi said that there should be a clear cut decision with guidelines on how the disbursement of funds etc should take place.

9. Newsletter: The Newsletter is now ready and will be sent out Tomorrow with a proformo to amend the Constitution.

10. Letters to be Tabled: SPUR has sent a letter to USMAA and also rung Ritzvi to find out if USMAA would like to join with them to target anti LTTE . Jiffrey, Ritzvi and the rest of the committee said that USMAA according to the constitution is a Cultural Association and not a political organization and that we didn't want to join with them, as we would prefer to remain non political.

11. Immigration Day: USMAA is going to participate, Farah will see the children in different costumes the Muslims wear. Fataya will maybe give a cookery demonstration, and have a stall giving information about Sri-Lankan Muslims and also some of the clothes the Sri-Lankan Muslims wear. It will be on the 16th of May 2004.

- 13 A.O.B. Meelad is on the 15th of May Jiffrey and Sithy will co-ordinate it Qiraath Contest contact Sithy.

Meelad Fouze and Wife.

Ladies have requested that they would like to have a Ladies Night in June, Ritzvi said that he will book the hall for them.

Post should be directed to the secretary,s house..

Ritzvi said that the Fax that is in Eddie's house is now obsolete. Olga has not contacted us as yet, Faiz said that he has a Tamil Version about Sri-Lankan Muslims, Ritzvi said that maybe Olga Needs to know more about the Sri-Lankan Muslims as she wants To write about Multiculturalism.

14. Fatiah by Naufal.

Meeting terminated at 6p.m.

Pam Asraff (secretary).