



## AGM Meeting Minutes - Year 2023/24

<b>Date Held</b>	Saturday 20 July 2024
<b>Time</b>	6.45pm – 10.45pm
<b>Venue</b>	Mulgrave Community Centre
<b>Attendees</b>	Falih Shums, Ruzna Falih, Sithy Marikar, Farah Dole, Eddie Dole, Bilal Riza Muhammed, Shakir Hashim, Ahmad Jahfar, Fahmi Haniffa, Reza Jamal, Raashed Hashim, Hishan Naufal, Mr Naufal, Miqsan Mohinudeen, Jauhar Najeeb, Fathima Yusra, Mr and Mrs Raza, Mr and Mrs Amirudeen, Areeb Rasheed, Mr and Mrs Haniffa, Mr and Mrs Mahroof, Mohamed Imptiaz, Mumtaz Hussain, Zabeed, Fauzaan Farook
<b>Apologies</b>	

- **Welcome and Recitation of Sura Fathiha**
  - Bro Reza Jamal, current President and chair for the AGM, welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 6:45pm as a quorum was present.
- **Confirmation and Matters Arising from Minutes of previous AGM Year (2022/2023)**
  - Correction in last year's AGM Minutes:
    - Br Amirudeen mentioned that USMAA members should be given preferential for Eid Iftaars
    - Aunty Nizra proposed Ahmad as President not Aunty Sithy

**Proposed resolution:** *That the minutes of the 2022/23 Annual General Meeting be accepted.*

- Moved: Falih Shums
- Seconded: Fahmi Haniffa

### President's Address and Report

- Bro Reza Jamal in his capacity as the President welcomed the USMAA members for yet another AGM.
- Reza asked members to observe a minute silence for Palestine.
- Bro Reza presented an overview of USMAA activities for the year highlighting the highs and lows for the year.
- Bro Reza advised that we had a successful year of events however mentioned that as a community group, we faced some headwinds and challenges going into the future:



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**Bro Reza Jamal reported on the highlights of the year:**

- **Presentation on PowerPoint (shared with USMAA Members)**

**Challenges facing USMAA:**

- **Presentation on PowerPoint (shared with USMAA Members)**

## President's Acknowledgements

- Bro Reza Jamal gave special thanks to the outgoing Management Committee for their hard work and commitment in the light of a few committee members unable to continue their role duties due to various career and personal commitments.
- Bro. Reza also thanked all the subcommittees, USMAA members, volunteers and wider community for their ongoing support.
- Reza especially thanked USMAA elders for leading events like the USMAA Cultural event raising approx \$15k.
- This AGM is a celebration of all past YEAR events and activities and for all the active contributors who made this possible.
- Reza thanked current USMAA MC and USMAA members as well.

## Secretary Report

Secretary report was presented by Raashed Mohideen.

### Highlights of the Secretary Report

- We are pleased to inform that our membership grew by 12%.
- This year, the management committee members Shakir and Bilal worked hard to create a comprehensive USMAA database.
- Due to the closure of the Brandon Park Australia Post Branch, we have had to relocate our PO Box address to Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre Australia Post.
- Many fundraisers and donations were conducted during the year highlighting the commitment of the USMAA members and other donors towards humanitarian relief.
- Proposal for new MC - is to cut back on these IN-PERSON workload of the MC members by forming separate Event Subgroups (ESG) in running these events. The proposal is to have multiple ESG's to run at-least one event each year. In practice, if we could form 5x ESGs, then five events that are run usually by the MC can now be delegated to the ESGs, thus reducing MC workload. This potentially increases the chances of MC members remaining on the Management Committee for a longer period.

**Secretary Report was accepted and seconded:**

- Proposer – Falih
- Seconder – Uncle Eddie



## Treasurer Report

Bro Areeb Raashed presented the Treasurer Report.

### Highlights of the Treasurer Report

- Main incomes:
- Subscriptions database money raised \$7,515.
- Seniors Grants Received \$3,900.
- Unable to obtain other grants due to lack of resources
- Events and Programs – a bit lower than last year because there was no JSC fundraiser that had a large part of last year.
- Islamic Cultural Expo
- Grave plot bought due to success of cricket tournament and values of plot have increased by 3% yearly.
- \$14k raised for GAZA.
- Potential Challenges faced in near futures.
  
- **Treasurer Report was accepted and seconded:**
  - Proposer – Falih
  - Seconder – Uncle Eddie
  
- **Report of Subcommittees (SC)**

## Janaza Sub Committee Report – Presented by Bro Jauhar

### Highlights of the JSC Report

- Closing Balance of \$6,826
- Biggest challenge was that the Albanian mosque and USMAA have moved on and now USMAA JSC has decided to offer the Janaza facilities via Doveton Masjid and ISOMER Lysterfield Janaza.
- JSC Cricket tournament was a success – sponsors covered costs and every dollar raised went towards buying a Janaza plot.
- Jauhar listed Janaza plots breakdown – Bunnarong x 21, Dandenong x 9, Springvale x 2, Fawkner x 1 with a total value \$142k.
- Request made for youth to set in to assist elders. Do not have to be at all Janaza's, very flexible and easy. Very valuable to be part of this committee and requires physical strength.
- Uncle Eddie, same committee will continue to 24/26



## Positive Ageing committee Report – Presented by Sister Sithy

- Very successful year.
- Hopper Night – learnt from mistakes from first night and went really well the second time.
- USMAA Seniors in partnership with USMAA – Islamic Cultural Event. This started off by applying for a VMC loan. They were not successful. The event was then changed to be a Palestinian Fundraiser. With no grants, the event went ahead. USMAA subcommittee families donated it all. Raised over \$12k!
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ramadan Night – very few USMAA members attended but had ASLAMA and UMMA members attend. They would like to hand it back to MC due to low USMAA participation.
- Eid Celebration – Afghan Hayat, had a cake, banquet and celebrations. It was great and would like to do events like this in future.
- Dementia and Govt. sponsored event. Only 20% or less were USMAA members. Lots of non muslims attended and were oversubscribed.
- Sithy aunty thanked all members of Positive Aging Committee, Falih and Shakir.
- Sithy aunty would like help from anyone to do grants.

## Proposal/Motions:

- **Appointment of the Auditor for 2024/2025**  
Proposed resolution: to continue with same auditor.  
Proposer: Fahmi  
Secunder: Eddie
- **USMAA Centre Funds & Savings funds**
- Falih's Motion: USMAA Centre funds collected during Br Riaz's presidency. These funds have not been utilized for the past 7 years. 25k cannot be used for anything and therefore there was no need to do a feasibility study. His suggestion was to return the funds. Falih has a list of all people who have contributed for the funds.
- Uncle Fahmi asked the question how many people asked. Falih mentioned at least one person asked for it back. Fahmi mentioned to return the money from the person who asked for it back. Otherwise, keep the money back into account.
- Aunty Sithy asked why we can't give these funds for the mosque.
- Uncle Imtiaz suggested to return the money back to people if they ask or else absorb the money back to USMAA.
- Aunty Nizra, so many organizations that are coming up we can redirect the funds to other communities who are in more need of the money.
- Reza mentioned there's been an inflation in costs. Lots of things have changed with council planning and there was no guarantee that Monash CC would continue to GRANT the Mulgrave Hall to USMAA indefinitely. Bro Reza Jamal said we should keep working on this USMAA Centre dream because, what if we lose the Mulgrave



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hall tomorrow. Presently, we get a grant of \$15k from Monash. If we did not receive the grant and needed to book a hall, where and how do we get the money to hire halls for our events.

- **Proposed resolution PASSED:** To return money only to people who have asked for the money back from the USMAA Centre fund.
- Proposer: Falih
- Seconder: Amirudeen
  
- **Motion from Falih: Charging members to fund Ifthaar Break-fast**
- Charging money to fund an ifthaar if there are no sponsors.
- Uncle Fahmi, Aunty Nizra and Uncle Imtiaz opposed the motion only because presently it was sponsored by 2x groups and this format could continue.
- Aunty Sithy liked the idea as costs like cleaning are growing very high.
- Voting took place (Falih proposed and Aunty Sithy seconded to take a vote):
- **Proposed resolution passed:** Ifthar Sponsors will decide in future whether to charge for Ifthaars and USMAA MC will take necessary action if funding is needed.
- **Votes:** YES 12x and NO 11x.
  
- **Subscription Fees for Members:**
- Reza proposed to increase fees by 10% due to rising costs.
- Gold Membership Category Introduction – access to all events, even if sold out and tables reserved for these Members.
- Sithy asked how member subs income is now being spent as most events are already paid for by donation and costs are covered. Reza showed the P/L where admin costs included insurance, auditor, admin etc., this also included cleaning, consumables costs.
- Voting took place: 8x Yes 13x No
- **Proposed resolution NOT passed.**
  
- **Event Subgroup (ESG) Model for Events**
- Bro Falih, Bro Naufal and Miqsan have expressed interest to lead event subgroups to help and deliver end to end events for USMAA.
- Reza asked for JSC to run more event (2 events in total) – Jahaur mentioned he will take it back to JSC and consider it.
- **Passed Unanimously**
  
- **Donation of \$10 per annum for USMAA Seniors Members**
- Sister Sithy proposed this motion as it was getting difficult to organize events with \$2,000 grants. All meals are subsidized and don't charge more than \$10. This is to create a registrar to track members.
- **Proposed resolution PASSED:**
- Proposer: Sithy
- Seconder: Nizra



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- **USMAA Seniors Eligibility:**
- One of the partners have to be 60 years to join USMAA Seniors and have to attend at least 2 events.
- **Proposed resolution PASSED:**
- Proposer: Sithy
- Seconded: Farah
  
- **Motion from Reza : JSC Plots – Purchase by Instalment**
  
- **Gold Membership – JSC to allow members to buy a plot today and pay back in instalments.**
- Jauhar spoke on behalf of the JSC that they're not in the system to sell back the plots to USMAA members.
- **ACTION:** Fahmi doesn't think its appropriate for this AGM to discuss this issue – hand over to JSC and make a decision.
- Nizra asked if its new plots or existing. Reza clarified existing plots.
  
- **Uncl Intiaz asked if we should charge funds for burial services to non-USMAA members.**
- All members agreed and decided we should not charge.

## Election of Trustee Committee:

- **Eddie Dole**
- Proposer: FarahDole
- Seconder: Sithy Marikar
- **Fahmi Haniffa**
- Proposer: Asad Yusuf
- Seconder: Shahla Vilcasim
- **Sithy Marikkar**
- Proposer: Mohamed Mohideen
- Seconder: Faithaya Mohamed
  
- **Election of JSC Committee - All present members re-elected for another term:**
  
- **New JSC Member - Shahmil Mahroof**
- Proposer – Miqsan
- Seconded – Jauhar
- **Hishan Naufal**
- Proposer – Miqsan
- Seconded – Jauhar



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- **Election of New USMAA Management Committee:**
- **Position: President**
- As there were no nominations for this position, Bro Reza Jamal (aka Mohammed Reza Jamaludin) will continue as Interim President until new nominations are received at the next SGM.
- **Position: Vice President**
- As there were no nominations for this position, this position will remain vacant until new nominations are received at the next SGM.
- Bro Ahmad Jahfar, incumbent Vice President has vacated this position.
- **Position: Secretary**
- As there were no nominations for this position, this position will remain vacant until new nominations are received at the next SGM.
- Bro Rashid Mohideen, incumbent Secretary has vacated this position.
- **Treasurer:**
- **Nomination for M. Areeb R. Rasheed**
- Proposer: Reza Jamal
- Seconded: Bilal Muhammed
- **General Committee Member**
- Bilal Muhammed
- Proposer: Reza Jamal
- Seconded: Miqsan
- **General Committee Member**
- Ahmad Jahfar
- Proposer: Falih
- Seconded: Nizra

## Departing USMAA Committee Members:

- Shakir Hashim – IT Manager
- Rashid Mohideen – Committee Member



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### **Other Matters:**

Nizra asked if they can have assistance to help to set up and pack up after all events.  
MC agreed.

Sis Nizra asked if the constitution can be amended to allow newer members to be elected to executive positions at the Management Committee. Nizra said that if that was the case, many newer members would come forward to join the Management Committee.

Bro Fahmi Haniffa responded by saying that there would be a risk to such a move given the level of experience and knowledge that would be required to run for exco positions. He also said that as there were no such members had come forward with nominations, there was no priority to consider amendments to the constitution.

**-The end -**

**/, Secretary**

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