

# Shree Kshatriya Association UK

## Summary Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**Venue:** SKA Hall, 2a Villiers Road, NW2

**Time:** Convened at 3:40pm

**Chaired By:** Bhavin Khatri (President)

**Minutes By:** Indira Rajendra Kapadia (Secretary)

**Total Number of Members Present at Time Convened:** 51 Members

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**Agenda:** As Published in SKA Newsletter

- 1 Approval of last AGM Minutes
- 2 Approval of Accounts Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008
- 3 Appointment of Auditors
- 4 Resolution to be passed
  - Guest Membership will be available (upon payment of the appropriate membership fee) for only the father in law and mother in law of an existing member whose spouse originates from outside the Kshatriya community. To be eligible guest members must be followers and believers of the Hindu faith. Guest members will have the right to attend Shree Kshatriya Association UK organized events, however: -
    - They will carry no voting rights
    - Will not be able to attend Annual General Meetings or EGM.
    - Will not be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.
  - A member may only remain on the executive committee for a maximum continuous period of five terms (10 years). Thereafter they will be ineligible to serve again until they have had leave of absence for at least one term (2 years).
  - An officer may only be appointed as The President, The General Secretary or as The Treasurer for a maximum continuous period of 2 terms (4 years). Thereafter they will be ineligible to serve in the same position for at least another term (2 years). They may however be appointed as an officer in another position.

### 5 Any Other Matters

**Indira Kapadia (Secretary)** – Called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present and briefly explained the Agenda for the day.

**Bhavin Khatri** – Read out the Gujarati version of the 2007 AGM minutes. Thereafter he invited comments from the members.

**Jitendra Thakorlal** – The minutes did not represent a true representation and that his part of the speech should be amended.

**Girdharlal Bulsara** – Made a similar statement to Jitendra Thakorlal.

Mahendra Kabbawala, Bhavin Khatri, Anil Hazratwala, Prakash Jariwala and Chandrakant Damania all stated that minutes are meant to record final decisions and are not a verbatim record of speeches. Chandrakant Damania said it took the individual 9 days to listen to the tapes and record Jitendra Thakorlal and Girdharlal Bulsara’s speeches and then someone would have to translate into a written format.

**Bhavin Khatri & Anil Hazratwala:** - They would be happy to put their whole speeches as an addendum to the AGM Minutes. Both BK and AMH emphasised that they were not trying to set a precedent of publishing such verbatim minutes and would not be done again in future to which the members agreed.

Girdharlal Bulsara, Jitendra Thakorlal and members present agreed that the full text could be added as an addendum.

**Navin Vakharia:** – Stated that Mahendra Gohil and one other of SKA member had said that there are some terrorists in our community.

**Mahendra Gohil:** - corrected NV and stated that he had said ‘traswadi’ people (and not terrorists) who are creating problems for SKA members.

It was also agreed that comments made by Anila Dilip Motiram to be included as an amendment or addendum to the minutes.

***The minutes of the AGM were duly passed as proposed by Mukesh Khatri and seconded by Harendra Khatri.***

## **2. Approval of Accounts Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

**Anil Jadav:** – Read out and explained financial statements.

**AJ and Prakash Jariwala** provided further explanations to member’s queries.

**Navin Vakharia:** – suggested that the constitution adopted date needs to be amended in the next year’s account to that of the current constitution date.

It was agreed that this would be changed for the next year’s accounts.

***The accounts were approved through Mahendra Kabbawala and seconded by Sudhir Khatri.***

## **3. Appointment of Auditors**

**Bhavin Khatri:** – Proposed that Gordon Fenton & Co should be re-appointed as Auditors for SKA UK and asked for everyone’s opinions. The general view was that we should continue with them.

***As proposed by Harivadan Gohil and seconded by Jitendra P. Khatri M/s Gordon***

*Fenton & Co were appointed as auditors for SKA UK.*

#### **4. Resolution for Guest Membership**

The first resolution as stated in the agenda relating to guest membership was adopted by an overwhelming majority passed by a show of hands.

#### **5. Resolution - Executive**

- The Second resolution as stated in the Agenda was also was adopted with the proviso that the maximum term will be 4 terms (8 years).  
The start of the 4 terms commences in 2005.
- Third resolution (details as per the agenda above)  
Above resolution was withdrawn, as this is already part of the current constitution so no further changes are required  
The third resolution was withdrawn as it was already covered in the existing constitution.

#### **Any Other Business**

- AMH put a proposal to the members about the 50<sup>th</sup> Mahotsav and whether SKA should hold this function on a bigger scale and where it should be held. There are about 7 or 8 people interested in becoming a Mahotsav Pramukh for this event. Members present discussed the possibility of forming a sub-committee, which will select/recommend an appropriate pramukh, search for a venue and seek caterers. Jitendra P. Khatri and Neelam Jason Kapadia nominated themselves to work in the sub-committee. It was agreed this sub-committee will operate right up to the conclusion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Mahostav, and will have authority to make all decisions under its remit.
- BK said that preparation of AGM minutes in English and Gujarati takes a long time and there is a lot of duplicated effort. He proposed that future AGM minutes should only be prepared in English. There was a passionate debate and members present raised concerns such as:
  - There are large number of people in the community who look forward to the Gujarati newsletter
  - Gujarati newsletter and Gujarati minutes should not be phased out now, some members even suggested that we need to wait another 20-25 years before thinking about this.
  - Alternatives such as outsourcing the Gujarati minutes to India should be considered
- The committee members clarified that the newsletter will still be published in Gujarati, only the AGM minutes in Gujarati would cease. It was decided that if we have external volunteers then we would continue with Gujarati AGM Minutes otherwise they would not be done in Gujarati.
- Bharat Vakharia presented some practical issues around First Friday social event such as people either not informing committee members for cancellations or cancelling at the last. After discussion the following agreed:

- 24 hrs cancellation notices must be received before the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday function otherwise a £5 cancellation charge will apply unless it is a matter of life or death.
- Harish Gangaram Khatri put a proposal of organising an upmarket Dinner & Dance formal event to the members. Such an event cost around £40-£50 a head and held at a nice venue and prices would include drinks. The proposal would not receive a positive response so it was agreed not to organise such an event.
- Pravin Jariwala spoke about how a committee member serving the community should behave. He emphasised that honesty, transparency, truth and communicating with other members of the committee is vital. Pravin Jariwala did not want any general discussions on the points he spoke about or response from the committee.
- Girdharbhai Bulsara spoke about how he was victimised in 46<sup>th</sup> Mahotsav and was not allowed to speak for more than few minutes. It was noted that it was basically a repetition of his comments at previous AGM's. *AMH apologised to Girdharbhai Bulsara about his remarks in the 46<sup>th</sup> Mahotsav speech. [Amendments as agreed in AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009]*
- It was agreed that Obituary news should be printed whether the death is overseas or here in the UK.
- Jitendra Thakorlal asked what the capacity of the hall was and up to how many people were insured in the event of a fire. Anil Jadav replied that the capacity of the hall is 75 and 75 people are insured as in previous years. Jitendra Thakorlal pointed out that:
  - The capacity of this hall is maximum 50 people as we have one fire exit.
  - Maximum of 50 people are insured and not 75.
  - We cannot hire out the hall to non-khatri.
  - In the event of fire and injuries the committee members could be liable.
- Girdharlal Bulsara suggested that we should sell this hall and buy a new hall.
  - There are issues on the Title Deed:
    1. 10 Names on the title deed should be the current executive committee
    2. Or we should appoint an official custodian
  - It was pointed out that it is inconvenient and possibly costly to amend names of on the title deed every two years.
- Mahendra Kabawala said that at least one or two of the committee members should attend the funeral ceremony no matter where it is held.
- Vinod Khatri proposed that SKA Donate Money to an India Mandal. However the majority agreed that Mandals in India have enough funds so we should not proceed with Vinod's

proposal.

The AGM concluded at 8:45pm

The above is a true representation of the proceedings derived from *audio recordings* and notes made on the day in question.

Ratified by: .....  
Bhavin Shantilal Khatri – President

Ratified by: .....  
Indira Rajendra Kapadia – Secretary

Dated: .....