

Minute of Final Board meeting: December 13th 2009 at 5 pm.

Conference call before meeting: Avninder, Harpal, Inderjit chahal

Absent: Rubi Waraich, Davinder sandhu , Sickness : Inderjit Chahal

Guest : Madhu and Ajay Dhillon

Present : Gurpreet Johal, Kashmir Gill, Harkesh sandhu, Bhupinder singh

Meeting started at 5:30 pm with Dr. Sandhu giving update on the talk with other members of board and officers. The main topic for this meeting was update on the Projects and India trip beside the Financial statement for the year 2009. Dr.Sandhu explained how the trip was a great success but very tiring given a Marathon of 11 camp days in 14 days travelling from Delhi to Dharamsala and back to Delhi. They covered over 350 villages treating over 6000 patients and registering over 600 patients for the gift of vision and nearly 500 has had the surgery done already. He discussed about the need and demands in India. Dr Sandhu gave details of the Financials for the year 2009. He emphasized and thanked Mr. Sarup Singh and Kashmir Gill for playing big role in soliciting funds after the Fundraiser as more donations were gathered after the fundraiser than during fundraiser time. Dr. Sandhu also brought out that if the Families who helped with camps pay the amounts they promised then we should have a positive account for this year. First time in last 5 years Sahaita inc has been able to raise more than \$100K which is great achievement. S. Bhupinder Singh and Ajay Dhillon brought up the issue of Financial statement availability to public and were told it is on website and minute of this meeting will have the one from this year.

The Financial statement showing donations/expenses is as below: Expenses in India rounded to approximate as hard to figure out real given different rates on Rupees and Dollar at different times.

Sahaita Inc. Financial Accounts for the year 2009

Month	Donations :	Month	Card Expenses :
1. January:	1735	1. January:	1646
2. February:	51	2. February:	270
3. March:	0	3. March:	35
4. April:	9401	4. April:	72
5. May:	22078	5. May:	76
6. June:	2637	6. June:	1416
7. July:	1704	7. July:	916
8. August:	7360	8. August:	702
9. September:	8123	9. September:	10452
10. October:	53151	10. October:	4506
11. November:	6141	11. November:	913
12. December:	12171	12. December:	335
Total Donations : \$124552		Total Expenses USA: 21339	

Medical Camps & other Expenses in \$		Other Projects: In dollars (appr)	
Supplies/office	1540+ 828	• Sahaita school:	12000
travel	8826	• Bal Bhawan :	4000
postage	170	• Bal Ghar:	2000
pharmacy	110	• Padialla:	1000
utilities	35	• Chinaur:	1000
pharmacy	107	• Sarinh Clinic	6000
autogas	351	• Other exp:	500
Medical supplies	5208	• Total:	26500
Eye surgeries	38000	Expenses:	\$ 79541
Medications	10000	Other projects:	\$ 26500
Eye glasses	500	Total Expenses:	\$ 106041
transportation	2500	Total Donations:	\$ 124552
Accomodation	1550	Balance 2009:	\$ 18511
Insurance etc.	2316		
Printing	2500		
Fundraiser's(Modesto + Bay area)	3300+1700		
Total	\$ 79541		

After this Gurpreet brought out questions regarding the role of different Board members and inability to generate interest to make all board members come for meeting. So the point of having all on conference call was brought out and supported by everyone. Everyone realized given the distances it is difficult to have everyone at the meeting. The agenda and topics will be emailed before the meeting and then discuss the questions. There was more discussion on assigning roles and tasks to each board member. All the inactive members need to do more work and if they do not think they have time then suggestion was to get those members who have time and the will to do the job as board member . Number of potential board members were discussed and possibility of expanding the board was also discussed. There was consensus among members regarding unloading work from Dr.Sandhu so he can work on other things.

Discussion regarding the newly started clinic in Punjab and its budgeting issues came up. Dr. Sandhu explained we have a 5 year lease signed with the owners and at present there are about 45-60 patients who come to clinic . Clinic have enforced Rs10 prescription as people were trying to abuse the free care and getting all family names registered and getting medications even when the patient was not there. This will deter some of the abuse and he said a notice board as to who should come there for help is also

placed in the clinic. Currently the clinic expenses are about Rs. 40000 (nearly \$1000) beside the cost of medicines. There is need for about \$ 10000 to renovate the clinic as it need some repair work, plaster new bed mattresses, paint, lawn and resting place upgrade. Dr.Sandhu also brought up the plan of starting the mobile clinic to villages Kishangarh Channa and Dhamot. The expenses will be covered by the NRI's of the villages and we provide logistical support and provide Physician, staff and get medicines. Dr. Rajinder will work on this project with local people in villages.

Then the Bal Bhawan project was also discussed and Dr. Sandhu explained about the discomfort due to increase in number of children at facility and how it has disrupted our work . The problem is these new children will take time to adapt to this place and it has diluted the accomplishment we had with other kids. Though the expenses are shared with Red cross but still the goal of educating the children is compromised as having migrant children who have no stability and how long they will be there are big issues. The possibility of pulling out of this project and starting our own Sahaita Ghar project are there unless Red Cross listen to us and not play with children's life. We have done few workshops at the facility so as to reward the kids for hard work at school. March 2010 may be deciding time as end of school year as to our continuation os association with Bal Bhawan. We have been with facility for nearly 5 years now.

Fundraising :

The first part is for members other than Board who may not know about these activities.

For the year 2009: Fundraising activities were carried out at following Gurdwara's : San Jose, Fremont , El Sobrante, Fairfield, Bay Point, Stockton, Lodi, Livingston, Turlock, Fresno (Gurdwara Nanak Parkash & Nanak sar), Tracy, Roseville. We also approached few businesses but due to non availability of members to accompany we could only cover about 20% of potential donor's. So this affected the fundraising activity compared with last time and this is one area that needs improvement for year 2010.

The fundraiser at Modesto was done at last minute and it was like an experiment with dinner with stars but this turned out expensive and we incurred an expense of \$3300 compared to donations of \$7500. We benefited by being a sponsor for a Cultural show and able to spread the word about Sahaita to central valley area. This year we will try different technique and Dr. Davinder Sandhu and Dr. Jagmohan Bhinder will work on this so we can do better this year.

The fundraiser at Yuba city was a great success and we are thankful to Punjabi American Heritage Society for this activity. This was first attempt for Sahaita in that area and turned out to be successful evening. Despite expenses still they were able to raise large sum of money for Sahaita as it reflects in the donations of the May/June.

A fundraiser at last minutes was arranged in Brampton , Canada for Sahaita Canada and it was held at Royal Banquet hall which was given to us by Avtar singh and Meena ji for free so we just had snacks and were able to raise about \$ 8500. As a result of this activity Mr. Avtar Pannu who run a Radio and TV show Sur Sagar in Tornoto area was so impressed that he gave us a ½ hr TV slot on Saturday morning which is run a Sarbat da Bhalla by S. Karmjit Gill and it enable us to introduce Sahaita and we also cover all other organizations which do something for the Humanity. We have been fortunate to have Mr.

Kuldeep Deepak and Avtra Rakhra ji who have offered us free help anytime on their Radio Programs and Mr Avtar and Meena ji have given us access to their Banquet hall anytime we want to hold any activity in Brampton area. We hope to Capitalize on the base building in year 2009 and do a better organized and financial successful fundraiser this year. We have sold lot of Sehatnama's in Toronto area and those funds will just go to support education for Poor /Needy children in Punjab who can not afford college or 10+2 education.

Fundraising in 2010: This was also a topic brought up and plans for more fundraising than relying on one event were discussed. Organizations like Shankara are doing events every month and it was brought out how the members of that organization were so active on Fundraising day and raised so much by just reminding people to pledge. Dr. Sandhu brought to notice how much Shankara spend on Fundraising. One topic of interest was doing a cultural show kind of fundraiser in march/april and Jay Randhawa/Amritpal and Harpal will work on that along with Madhu Dhillon. Members also discussed about reaching out to their contacts and asking for donations and involvement. There was discussion about doing home parties and chance of get together at one of Dhillon's relative and Mr. Walia in Pleasanton also came for discussion. Madhu and Ajay will work on that with group from Pleasanton with Billy and Harinder Grewal.

The annual general body meeting cum pot luck date was finalized as February 6th lunch time and site will be announced in January. Madhu dhillon has taken the responsibility for this activity. Dr. Sandhu will provider her with telephone numbers of other active members. Everyone thanked her for taking that role of coordinating that annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 730pm and Dr. Sandhu thanked everyone for sparing time and being there for this noble cause. Gurpreet will email everyone next year board meeting schedule and hopefully everyone will be there and may do a teleconference at that time.