



## Maharashtra Mandal (Singapore)

### Minutes of Meeting of Annual General Meeting 2021

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| Reference No | <b>MMS / 2021 / AGM</b>  |
| Date         | <b>February 28, 2021</b>   |
| Time         | <b>02:00 PM</b>  |
| Venue        | <b>Zoom Call</b>   |
| Attendees    | <b>Refer below link for complete attendance</b><br><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cv1q8vM34NkcvA5IQuskZnCiaJQhUfiS/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cv1q8vM34NkcvA5IQuskZnCiaJQhUfiS/view?usp=sharing</a> |

#### AGENDA –

| Sr No | Description  | Proposed By |
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| 1     | To read and confirm the Minutes of AGM held on 27 June 2020  |             |
| 2     | Year 2020 activities overview  |             |
| 3     | PR Social media/Tech updates   |             |
| 4     | Update on library  |             |
| 5     | To appoint the four term members of the Board of Advisors as additional signatories to operate fixed deposit accounts. |             |
| 6     | Membership summary   |             |
| 7     | Accounts and audit report  |             |
| 8     | AOB  |             |
| 9     | Election of Executive Committee (Ex-Co) Members and Honorary Auditors for the next term (2021-2022)                    |             |

#### MEETING MINUTES –

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| 2.    | The required quorum was achieved at 13:55 hrs and the meeting started at 14:10 hrs after visual verification of all attendees.  |
| 3.    | The 2020 AGM minutes were put forth and approved by the members and no concerns were raised.<br><b>Proposed by:</b> Yeshwant Kakad<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Sachin Ganjapurkar  |
| 4.    | <b>Activity overview</b><br><br>a) <b>Sahitya Sahawas:</b><br><u>Asmita Tadwalkar</u> presented Sahitya Sahwas overview and overview of programs performed under this initiative. Programs like 'GaDiMa – Ek jogiya |

chi Aathvan', 'Marathi Boli Bhasha Vishesh' and Kojagiri celebration program were very successful and acknowledged by the community.

**b) Shabdagandha:**

Shrirang Kelkar, gave an overview of Shabdagandha activities. He also spoke about the new book released by Shabdagandha.

**c) Natyaranga:**

Nalini Thite gave an overview of Natyagandha group activities. In the year 2020 Natyagandha performed 17 Natyavachan, 3 online plays (2 live and 1 pre-recorded). She thanked all the people involved. She also encouraged members to present their self-written script and participate and bring new ideas.

**d) Rutugandha & Smarnika:**

Sachin Jangam gave an overview of topics published in Rutugandh. He informed members about the change in the online platform to Wordpress. A total of 3 issues have been published so far and the 4th one will be published shortly. Sachin also talked on Smarnika publication during Diwali.

**e) Marathi Shala:**

Ajay Pimpalshende gave an overview of Marathi Shala. This year Marathi Shala was organised online in two groups (5-8 yrs and 8-12 yrs) every Sunday at 10:30 A, since September. He thanked Jui Chitale and Geetanjali Joshi for their dedication and time for taking the weekly sessions for Marathi Shala.

**f) Arun Tarun and Yuvakatta:**

Sukrut Godhalekar gave an overview and explained how young MMS members participated in different MMS activities for Ganapati and Diwali celebration. This year we have seen good participation from young MMS members. YuvaKatta, a youth debate club, has been highly successful. He also explained how the ArunTarun group works and keeps in touch with the youth members. This year 10 new young members joined as part of this group initiative. He thanked Gautam Marathe for initiating the debate club and Noopur Shrikhande for conducting 2 workshops.

**g) Swargandha:**

Ashish explained how the Swarghadha group gathered online routinely during the lockdown period. and performed. "Rang Abhishek", an online concert by external artists was arranged during Ganapati, while "SurBahar" was produced and presented during Diwali by MMS members. Ashish thanked all involved in Diwali Surbahar program preparation work.

**h) Nrutyaranga:**

This year 5 workshops were conducted by MMS Nrutyagandha team. The group also participated in SIFAs program for Diwali celebration.

**i) Ganeshotsav:**

Ashish thanked Mr Atul Temurnikar for his guidance in this year's ganeshotsav and continued support by GIIS. The Ganeshotsav event was very successfully administered and managed by MMS youngsters.

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|    | <p><b>j) Other Activities:</b><br/> Ashish gave a brief overview on different MMS initiatives, programs arranged for different occasions. Some of them are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Online pedhe workshop – Chitra Manohar &amp; Kalyani Padhye</li> <li>2. Clay Ganesh Idol making workshop – By Varsha Patil</li> <li>3. Je Je Uttam</li> <li>4. Vividh Gundarshan – Prerecorded</li> <li>5. Natukale Gajara</li> <li>6. Atharvashirsh Pathan</li> <li>7. Arti Sangrah distribution – We also got good advertisement for this.</li> <li>8. Pre-booking for Ganesh Darshan</li> <li>9. Purvabandha – New year celebration program in which other Maharashtra mandals from South East Asia were involved</li> <li>10. Chess workshop</li> </ol>  |
| 5. | <p><b>PR Social media/Tech updates</b><br/> Nalini and Ashish explained how MMS ex-co and members effectively used technology during the pandemic which helped build synergy and stay connected through online programs.</p> <p>Member's postal addresses were updated, with the process led by ArunTarun members..</p> <p>Advaitachi Gani – 2015 program made publicly available.</p> <p>MMS extended its presence on Instagram, Facebook messenger connectivity improved by replying to members or visitors' queries.</p> <p>Different Whatsapp groups have helped to manage activities and stay connected with members interested in activities.</p> <p>Facebook and YouTube subscribers have increased substantially this year.</p>   |
| 6. | <p><b>Library Update</b></p> <p>Asmita Tadvalkar explained the new charges for the library which are being implemented.</p> <p>Below is summary of changes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No charges for borrowing and No deposit</li> <li>2. Late fee SGD 1 per book per week</li> <li>3. Home Delivery (to &amp; fro) – SGD 5</li> <li>4. Lost book charge SGD 10</li> <li>5. MMS membership is needed to borrow book</li> </ol> <p>Also Ex-co will initiate the process of returning old library deposits and top-up amounts which have been non-moving items on our accounts for several years.</p> <p>Below are ways to access library</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Library@GIIS Punggol – Open bi-weekly with prior appointment</li> <li>2. Pustak Peti: ~15 people expressed interest to host pustak peti at their residence at different locations around the island.</li> <li>3. Home Delivery: Books will be mailed to members' postal address. Prepaid poly mailer will be sent along with books to facilitate return of books.</li> </ol> |

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|    | <p>A new software 'Librarika' has been adopted and Asmita explained its features. Book list updated and member list update is going on. Within a few days detailed mail will be out regarding library access.</p> <p>Mr Shrirang Kelkar suggested converting/using the deposit money to user membership for next year. Different options were discussed like using the money for membership dues / use as donation / use as membership fees for new members. Ashish informed that the exco will check on the feasibility and implement the best option for refunding deposits.</p>   |
| 7. | <p><b>Additional signatories to operate fixed deposit accounts:</b></p> <p>Ashish explained that currently the signatures of 2 Life Members – Manjiri Kadam and Yateen Datar are required to make any changes to the fixed deposit accounts. If they are travelling, it becomes difficult to complete the work. As such it was proposed by the Ex-co that instead of a fixed number of two life member signatories a group of 4 Life Members be appointed as Group C.</p> <p>Below proposal was presented by Ashish which was recommended by ExCo and also presented in the Life Members meeting.</p> <p>Group A: Treasurer/ Asst Treasurer<br/> Group B: President/ Vice President /Secretary<br/> Group C: Board of Advisors (Atul Temurnikar / Govind Panse / Rajashri Lele / Anita Kale)</p> <p>To open a fresh or withdraw a fixed deposit, one signatory from Group A and Group B each along with any two from Group C will be required to authorise and sign.</p> <p><b>Proposed by:</b> Smita Ambike<br/> <b>Seconded by:</b> Prasanna Pethe .</p> |
| 8. | <p><b>Membership Summary:</b></p> <p>Total 375 members as of February, one new life member in 2021.<br/> Physical events may increase total active member count.<br/> 63% of active members signed up for Auto Renewal in 2021</p>   |
| 9. | <p><b>Summary of accounts</b></p> <p>Ashish presented a summary of accounts for Year 2020. Balance sheet and Income / Expenditure statement has been Detailed accounts.</p> <p><u>Questions on Accounts:</u><br/> <u>Arun Manohar</u> requested more explanation on administrative expenses. He also suggested cancelling digital services which are not in use.</p> <p>Mayura Damle answered the above question on services like Google suite, Mail chimp, Wild apricot, warehouse, Paypal/Stripe, registered office charges and GIIS charges are included in Admin charges. Ashish showed detailed expenses and breakup included in administrative charges. Also explained what measures ex-co has taken to reduce cost, like changing warehouse, switching to Stripe etc. Ashish also pointed to Zoom subscription which contributed to admin expenses which slightly increased the number.</p> <p><u>Nilesh Naik</u> appreciated MMS efforts in Diwali celebration and pointed out Diwali expenses and raised concern on Diwali Smarnika.</p>          |

Ashish answered we spent approx 12\$ per gift. Smarnika publication expenses were slightly higher due to postage costs. Nalini explained we printed 1200 copies and distributed which helped to market more and per smarnika expense is less. Ashish showed detailed excel which includes breakup. This year Smarnika wastage was very less, also smarnika distribution helped to reach out to more people and gather more advertisement.

Prasanna Pethe questioned on GISS charge, whether its admin or event charge. Ashish explained that we issued a cheque to GISS in 2019 but it was not deposited on time by GISS. Hence the expense was incurred in 2020. On this point Prasanna suggested to account it under the event category and not in Admin charges. Since we follow “cash accounting” principles any dues from previous years are accounted under the “Admin” head, since restating previous year accounts is not an option. However it was agreed that clear details should be provided for “Admin” expenses.

Yeshwant Kakad advised and requested to avoid Smarnika physical print and go for digital distribution only. Nalini explained why physical copy is important and backed her statement by pointing towards feedback received by many members. She also explained this is an especially important channel to generate revenue from advertisement. Ashish also highlighted revenue generated from physical copies and we do not get advertisement for digital reach. This also improves our physical connect with members and helps MMS to market its own events and activities.

Ashish also showed an audit report submitted by auditors and requested the auditors to address the AGM.

Amit Joshi appreciated Ex-co effort and its event management. Amit also supported Smarnika publication and suggested to use this option to improve membership by giving membership information in Smarnika. He suggested introducing membership referral, in which members sponsor other members' membership fee. He also acknowledged constitution review efforts by Ex-co. The Audit report also suggested giving preferential rates for EDM to MMS members.

Smita Ambike also praised ex-co efforts in various programs in Ganapati, Diwali celebration, online programs, record maintenance and address reconciliation efforts.

After due discussions, the accounts were approved by the members.

**Proposed by:** Ajinkya Dhavale

**Seconded by:** Arun Manohar

10.

**AOB:**

**Vivek Vaidya** praised MMS ex-co efforts and suggested to start activities which will increase MMS membership count. He suggested some of the channels like recruitment assistance, helping the community to set-up business etc. Ashish took this opportunity and explained SICCI is already in touch with MMS to help Indian community to grow small-medium business.

**Prasanna Pethe** also suggested the same point if MMS members can share job openings data with members through MMS. Priti Telang and Kaustubh Dalvi suggested creating a new email id where everyone can share job openings.

**Yeshwant Kakad** suggested we should not ask for membership if any non-member is interested to join any MMS initiated activities. Ashish raised the point of equality but we can consider if all agree to it.

Yeshwant also suggested if Marathi Shala students can present in events like Sahitya Sahawas etc. Sachin Jangam mentioned MMS Ex-co had thought about it but because of physical restriction it was not pursued further but will take note of it.

**Yogesh Tadwalkar** praised MMS Exco. Also suggested BOA to collaborate more with ExCo and provide strategic vision for MMS with their experience.

**Vivek Vaidya** suggested that we should try to use Business whatsapp account for MMS.

**Shrirang Kelkar** suggested forming a core group to increase membership count. This group thinks of innovative ideas to attract new community people to become MMS members.

Finally, Ashish thanked all MMS Members for their overwhelming participation on different initiatives. He also thanked volunteers who came forward to help during Ganeshotsav, Diwali Program, Marathi shala, Nrutyaranga etc. Finally he thanked ex-co for effective online collaboration.

Ashish announced the dissolution of the 2020 executive committee and requested Mrinal Paranjape to announce Exco 2021 election results.

11. **Mrinal Paranjape** shared below observations

1. All forms were received before deadline and all information were validated
2. For all key posts applicants status is validated to check if Citizen or PR applied.
3. Shyamal Bhate and Kaustubh Dalvi filled form for auditors
4. 11/13 members are either PR/Citizen
5. All forms were supported by nominations
6. Applicant membership verified.
7. There are no two or more applications for any post and hence there will be no election to conduct.
8. Following is the executive committee for 2021 - 22
  - President – Ashish Pujari
  - Vice President – Mrunal Modak
  - Secretary – Sachin Ganjapurkar
  - Treasurer – Bhushan Gore
  - PRO – Anuja Vartak
  - Asst Secretary – Bhushan Satam
  - Asst Treasurer – Juilee Walimbe
  - Member – Priya Mhaisalkar
  - Member – Aneesha Mhaisalkar
  - Member – Mansi Modak
  - Member – Minal Satam
  - Member – Swarali Parasnis
  - Member – Sachin Kanthale

9. For the year 2021-2022, following members were whose applications for election had been received and found suitable, were approved as MMS Auditors:  
Kaustubh Dalvi  
Shyamal Bhate  
Ashish Pujari, newly elected President shared his thoughts and views for MMS's activities in 2021. All new Ex-Co members introduced themselves.

**The AGM concluded at 04:30 pm**



**Asmita Tadwalkar**

**Secretary**

**2020 - 21**



**Bhushan Satam**

**Assistant Secretary**

**2020 - 21**



**Ashish Pujari**

**President**

**2020 - 21**