

**WIC AGM – May 4, 2005
PARK HOTEL**

On the dais

Mona Aggarwal	President
Sibylle Von Welck	First Vice President
Vinu Baig	Second Vice President
Ute Laser	Membership Chairperson
Bina Singh	Secretary

Absent

Sofia Blake	Hospitality Chairperson
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The Committee had agreed at the last Executive Committee meeting to appoint Gita Devi to act as the co-opt secretary to help with the minutes.

Mona welcomed all the members and read a charming quote about the rose. (A rose was presented to each member as she came in for the meeting).

Mona asked for the confirmation of the minutes from the last year's AGM.

Smita Dewan objected to the use of the word "controversy" in point 9 of the minutes. She said that the word "discussion" should have been used instead.

The minutes were proposed by Shiela Thadani and seconded by Monica Sharma

The pending issues from the EGM

Mona invited Peggy Sood, the moderator of the EGM, to come to the dais and gave a brief account of a few points that some of the members had raised at the EGM. She said that there were questions whether we should have had separate voting on when a member can reapply and a separate question on whether they could become permanent. The 3 options were very clear and she did not see any cause for confusion. The questionnaire was sent a month in advance of the EGM and if anyone had queries they could have been sorted out before the EGM. Even if we take options 1 and 2 they total to 24 votes. 33 votes were in favor of the 3 option. Thus, this decision taken by a vote on membership at the EGM stands guidance to be incorporated in the new constitution.

Another member asked for criteria to be re-established for re-entry as permanent members. The membership committee should be given the task for the above. A draft should be made and presented by November 2005 for the information of the General Body.

Mona said that we should monitor the comments and give them to the membership committee. We should focus on the mission of the club and leave out the technicalities.

She then requested Peggy to put forward the articles to be voted upon.

1. Secretary Section V

"To prepare answers to all letters directed to the club and submit them to the President for approval".

Suggestion: "To prepare all letters concerning financial, membership and Constitutional matters and to have them approved by the Executive Committee

Result: Passed

2. Treasurer (page no.7)

Suggestion : To add, "all expenses in excess of the estimated amount shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Result: Passed

3. Membership (page 8)

Suggestion: Those accepted or rejected should be recorded. The applicant should be informed if rejected stating the reason.

Result: Passed

Seita Vaidailingam said that we should not record reasons for rejecting an application. Peggy said we should keep it as a part of the private records and not give it to the applicant
Peggy said that an updated version of the today's results and the suggestions made by members will be given to the new executive committee for compiling.

Mona rounded up this matter. All the given business of the EGM and ad-hoc committee had now been completed. She said that several members have highlighted some points in the Constitution. These points have to be looked into and the new committee will revise the old Constitution and incorporate the new decisions. They will prepare a newly printed Constitution to be ratified in 2005-2006 of the club year.

There was some discussion again on the membership issue. Bapsi said we should have 10, 10 year members and 2 permanent members every year. Shiela once again brought out the issue of the ballot papers being confusing. She felt that many members did not vote because they could not understand the ballot paper. Peggy gave the results of the voting and said that they were voted in. Mona said that in any voting the percentage of voting does not change the results. As she said earlier, the recommendations were sent to all the members a month prior to the EGM so that any doubts could be sorted out.

Kavita expressed dissatisfaction at the working of the Constitution Committee and made derogatory remarks about Gugu. Mona said that we should not get personal. If she had any problems she should have settled it in the committee of which she was a member.

The Executive Committee members presented their reports in the following order:

Ute Laser	Membership chairperson
Sofia Blake	Hospitality chairperson. Since Sofia was absent, Mona read out her report.
Sudarshana Singh	Newsletter Editor
Sushma Nanda	Treasurer
Vinu Baig	2nd vice president
Sibylle Von Welck	1 st vice president
Mona Aggarwal	President

Smita Dewan and Gita Devi strongly objected to the way very large amounts of WIC funds were spent by the last committee. Rs. 1,30,000 were spent on the cookbook and Rs. 20,000 on the repair of Bozena's computer without the knowledge of the members. Mona said that the new clause regarding the powers of the treasurer have been rephrased to ensure this does not happen again.

Audited accounts and balance sheet were approved as proposed by Bindu Talwar and seconded by Naina Goradia

Sushma said that the auditors want their fees to be raised by Rs. 1000+service tax. This was to be done by the last Committee. The members approved the raise.

Sushma told the members that the committee had put Rs. 1,50,000 in fixed deposits.

Sibylle thanked the circle leaders and the leaders of the conversation groups (French and German).

Mona thanked all the members and especially Shirin Paul for generous offer of her hotel for hosting the AGM.

Peggy presented the sleight of new members and asked for the approval of the members. The motion was proposed by Gugu and seconded by Gita Devi

New Committee

Shawn Runacres

Kiran Anand

Diane Benz

Nandita Lahiri

Emma Horne

Yasmita Mehta

Maya Caroli

Niru Kapur

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Membership Chairperson

Newsletter Editor

Hospitality Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Peggy welcomed the new committee to take over.

The bank signatories authority was transferred to the incoming president and the treasurer as proposed by Gita Devi and seconded by Smita Dewan

The incoming president gave an acceptance speech. She said her committee would work with full transparency and asked the members to feel free to come to her with any problems related to the club.

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(President)

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