



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DELHI

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the WIC held at the Taj Palace hotel on 13th April '94 at 3.00pm.

The President Mary Brill welcomed all the new members. Dancers from the Phillipines presented a short but delightful programme.

Last year's AGM minutes were taken as read. The motion was proposed by Kavita Ratra and seconded by Shakuntala Mahesh Chandra.

1st Vice PRESIDENT Sheila Thadani Chauthan thanked all the circle leaders, the organisers of the Gala Night and all the committee members. She expressed her difficulties about selecting circle leaders as most people are away in August when the new club year begins. She suggested that the new committee should select their group leaders as soon as possible. All group leaders were thanked and presented with roses. She welcomed her proposed successor Gayle Gathercole.

2nd Vice PRESIDENT Jean Gurney gave an account of all the GM programmes that she had organised. Peter Heydemann's talk on 'The Glory that was India', the programme on Project Tiger and the magic show. The Diwali and Christmas programmes displayed the talent and creativity of our members. Ambassador Byrski's talk, the programme organised by the Indonesian Women's Association and the interesting talk by Dr Gulhati and Dr Abrams were some of the other programmes. There was also a special programme at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Jean wished her proposed successor Usha Venkateshwaran all the best.

SECRETARY Nandita Lahiri said that her job did not really have much scope for innovation. She said there is many an 'hour' in a secretary's year - each one made up of endless 'minutes'. She wished her proposed successor Leena Singh all the very best.

NEWSLETTER Amanda Taylor thanked Penny Holmes and Mary Brill for helping out when she was away on long leave. She talked about the frustrations of waiting for contributions and getting the newsletter ready on time. The most interesting part of her work was the research she did for the articles she wrote or did not write. She wished her proposed successor Jane Walker a very stimulating year.

MEMBERSHIP Marie Jeanne Presthus thanked all the committee members and all the members of the membership sub committee. She outlined the exact position of the current membership and said that her committee hoped that the retirement issue will be solved as it is an issue which involves the entire club. She wished her proposed successor Ghazala Malik all success.

HOSPITALITY Gita Devi thanked all the members who have been so generous with their



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homes. She requested the members to sign in at circle meetings and if members are unable to come to a meeting they should inform the hostess. She hoped her proposed successor Jyotsna Govil would have a good year.

TREASURER Aruna Verma presented the audited balance sheet which was proposed by Indra Jerath and seconded by Shakuntala Mahesh Chandra. Aruna said that the Gala Night was self funding. She welcomed her proposed successor Maya Carolli all success.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Mary Brill thanked the Nominations Committee chaired by Kavita Ratra who presented the new slate. Kavita thanked all the members of the selection committee. She suggested that a short bio data should be prepared for each new member to make the selection process easier. The new slate of the Executive Committee was proposed by Tuli Mirchandani and seconded by Deep Duggal.

PRESIDENT Mary Brill said that being on the WIC committee had given her the opportunity to make enduring friendships and it had been one of her most memorable associations. She thanked all her committee members and said she appreciated their individual talents and the hard work they had put into their respective jobs. She said that the new membership committee will bring the issue of the size of the club and alternative categories of membership to its conclusion. Mary opined that the WIC was a most organised club. She thanked each member of the nominations committee, sub committee on membership and the Gala Night committee and presented each with a rose. She wished her successor Nayana Goradia all the best in the forthcoming year.

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Amarjit Bhagwant Singh said that a recommendation be made for the next committee that there should be no outsiders at the Gala Night.
2. Bapsi Nariman said that it was a good idea to set aside money for the Silver Jubilee but the amount should not be too much.
3. Deep Duggal said that the previous and the present years budget should be presented simultaneously.

The incoming and the outgoing committee members exchanged gifts of plants, flowers and folders. The President was presented with a lamp where, it was hoped, that the flame of WIC would always be burning. The new President was presented with flowers and the medallion of office.

INCOMING PRESIDENT Nayana Goradia spoke of the time, ten years ago, when she was a newcomer to Delhi and had just joined WIC and the warmth and the affection with which she was welcomed and accepted by all the members of the club. She thanked the Nominations Committee. She said that she and her committee would do their utmost to make the next year successful.



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As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned and tea was served.

Kandita Devi

SECRETARY

Mary Snell

PRESIDENT