



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DELHI

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Women's International Club, New Delhi, at 3 pm on 14th April 1993 at the Oberoi Hotel.

1993 AGM

1. OPENING

The President, Veena Dass, started the meeting by welcoming members to the AGM. She then suggested the Club fees be raised to Rs 450 annually, because of rising costs. Prema Bhandari proposed the motion and Mahi Mehta seconded it. A show of hands proved the majority of the Club was in favour.

2. ENTERTAINMENT

Surinder Dugal Jain gave spirited readings of two amusing skits, one about Rumour, and the second a dialogue between 3 men on a raft as to who should offer himself as food for the others.

3. MINUTES

Last year's AGM Minutes were taken as read, being proposed by Kavita Ratna and seconded by Amarjit Bhagwant Singh. Deep Dougal asked for this year's minutes to be more detailed.

4. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rebecca McCullough thanked the members of the Club for being so interesting and active, and from whose abilities she had been able to arrange exciting programmes. She had altered the names of some of the Circles to give greater flexibility: Visual and Performing Arts, Garden and Gourmet, and Focus. Rebecca thanked her Circle leaders and presented each with a rose. She then welcomed her successor, Sheila Thadani, and wished her well.

5. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gugu Singh said it had been a pleasure to organise the varied and attractive General Meeting Programmes this year. Festivals of India, an open house, Diwali Celebrations, a visit to the Palace on Wheels, the Christmas entertainment, a talk by Rajiv Sethi, a talk by Mrs Narain, the wife of the Vice-President of India, in her home, and an International Dancers concert. Gugu thanked the committee and wished her successor Jean Gurney, all good fortune.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Joan Lee said her position on the committee did not make entertaining listening. Her report therefore was in the form of verse, upholding the creative flag flown before by Laura Sykes and Sylvia Smith. She thanked Peggy Soud for making her be.....a secretary..... and she hoped her successor, Nandita Lahiri, would enjoy the position as much as she had.



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7. NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Connie Gupta gave an amusing account of her relationship with her computer which could often thwart her best intentions even when spoken to nastily. She thanked the contributors to the "Women who made a Difference" page, in the Newsletter, and hoped her successor, Amanda Taylor, enjoys the challenge of the job as much as she has done.

8. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Claudia Deiss has worked hard with the new and now permanent sub-committee, pruning the membership application forms and setting new guidelines for the admission of new members. She asked everyone to check their addresses and telephone numbers in the Membership list, and to let her know if they are leaving within the next 3 months. She enjoyed her year and wishes her successor, Marie-Jeanne Presthus, all success.

9. HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Raj Nanda thanked the hostesses who had so generously given their homes for Circle meetings, and said she had enjoyed working with this committee. She hoped her successor, Gita Devi, would enjoy her year.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Indra Rani Jerath presented the audited balance sheet, which was proposed by Rupa Sahni and seconded by Deep Dougal. She said the committee had managed to save Rs 17000 because of free services offered by members, for example, the Newsletter and many venues. Rs 15000 would be placed in a special fund for the Club's Silver Jubilee Celebrations by which time it would have grown to Rs 19000. She wished her successor, Aruna Verma, all good fortune.

11. ELECTIONS

The President thanked the Nominations Committee chaired by Gail Cornaro for selecting the new committee, and asked her to present the new slate. Tuli Mirchandani proposed and Renu Mehra seconded that the new slate of Executive Committee officers be declared elected.

12. OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Veena Dass declared her year had been easy as the Committee had worked well. She thanked each Member individually - Rebecca & Gugu for providing interesting programmes, Connie for being so calm in the face of last minute changes to the Newsletter, Raj for quietly

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being thoroughly knowledgeable about who had attended meetings, Joan for knowing what to leave out of minutes, Claudia for bringing the membership list up to date, and Indra for wisely investing sums of money at available times.

The membership sub-committee and the Nominating Committee were thanked and presented individually with flowers. Veena congratulated the new executive committee and wished her successor Mary Brill, well.

13. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The incoming and outgoing officers exchanged chairs and flowers. The incoming officers were also given tie and dye folders. The new President was presented with flowers, the medallion of office, several silver objects and a small empty box which Veena hoped contained luck.

14. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Mary Brill presented Veena with an arrangement of flowers and congratulated her on her excellent year of office. She hoped that she also would have a successful year with her committee members, who were already forming plans for the coming year.

5. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and tea was served.

Joan Lee

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SECRETARY

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PRESIDENT