



The Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the
Board of Management of World Memon Organization held on 17th Nov 2013 at
J.W. Marriot Hotel, Deira, Dubai

ITEM 1 + 3 – CALLING TO ORDER AND RECITATION OF FEW VERSES FROM THE HOLLY QURAN

Mr. A. Sattar Dada, President, WMO called the meeting to order at 2.20PM and this was followed by the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran by Mr. Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya.

ITEM 2 – LIST OF THE MEMEBRS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE MEETING AND THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SENT THEIR APOLOGIES.

The list of the members who attended the meeting is appended below marked 'A' and the list of the members who sent their apologies is appended below marked 'B'

ITEM 4 – WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT WMO

President WMO Mr Abdul Satar Dada welcomed all members and delegates and thanked the Host Middle East for making excellent arrangements for the AGM and all the delegates for taking their time off to attend the AGM. He especially welcomed all new comers to the BOM. The agenda for the day is long and President requested everybody to keep to the point and be focused on the matters in hand.

ITEM 5 – CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOM HELD ON 21ST FEB 2013 IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

The minutes being circulated earlier, were considered read and were proposed by Mr Moosa Carrim and seconded by Mr Haroon Karim

ITEM 6 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS BOM MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEB 2013 IN COLOMBO

COO Mr Shahid Sangani updated the matters arising from the previous board meeting.

1. WMO IC; FCR Temporary Approval – This is not possible and the matter is on hold as of now until the India Chapter has completed 3 full Audit years.
2. WMO Dubai Licences – This has been obtained, however has to be renewed once again by 3rd Feb '14 and documents for this purpose have been requested from WMO Europe Chapter and hopefully this time the renewal can be done in time
3. President Housing Scheme – 12 more commitments are pending and COO and VP's requested to collect the balance ASAP. The funds from the 12 pending commitment allocated to India once funds are received
4. Memon Alam – The Editor in Chief and WMO Sec General Mr Pir Mohamed Kaliya circulating a report on Memon Alam stated the publication is now current with



Oct'13 issue been circulated at the AGM. COO Mr Shahid Sangani stated some of the Advertisement Commitment made during the 10th AGM have not been honoured and also in some cases the payments for advertisements are long overdue.

5. Europe Chapter MITI Commitment – US\$ 48K of Zakath due from Europe Chapter has been paid from the normal Zakath Collection of the Chapter and Mr Haroon Karim and Mr Newsad Gani confirmed this US\$ 48,000 will be collected in 2013 with the other Zakath Commitments before the end of the year
6. Zakath Commitments 2012 – All Chapters have fulfilled their Commitments except Middle East Chapter falling short by US\$ 133,000/.
7. Far East Trustee Fee used for Micro Loans. The minutes being circulated earlier, were considered read and were proposed by Mr Moosa Finance – Mr Ashraf Sattar updated the status of the Micro Finance Scheme carried out by the Far East Chapter using Trustee Fees and requested permission to continue this scheme using US\$ 150,000 of Trustee Fee since the money is just laying in the bank account and the scheme is very beneficial to the community in Sri Lanka. The proposal was approved by the Board
8. North America Chapter Approval – Application made for classification as Public Charity with Tax exempt status under Federal Income tax is pending with State of Ohio and this approval should be received in another 2-3 months time. Once this is received the Chapter activities will be commences.
9. North Africa Chapter Activation – There has been no progress on this matter since there is very little interest in the Memon Community in this region about this, hence it was decided to put this on hold for now
10. Memon Medical Institute – this matter has already been discussed at the BOT meeting and a decision taken to hold the matter in abeyance until the issues with MMI are resolved

ITEM 7 – PRESENTATION OF THE WMO ANNUAL REPORT BY SECRETARY GENERAL

The WMO Annual Report was read out by Mr Pir Mohamed Kaliya, Secretary General WMO. Mr Rafeek Noorani requested the report to be made available before hand so that members could read it and come prepared for the meeting as the hard copies of the report was made available only at the commencement of the meeting. COO Mr Shahid Sangani pointed out the Annual Report was up loaded to the WMO Web Site 2 weeks before the AGM date and the link was circulated to all Chapter Officials and the Members

ITEM 8 – PRESENTATION OF THE CHAPER REPORTS BY THE RESPECTIVE VICE PRESIDENTS

Each Vice President made a presentation of his respective Chapter Activities for 2012 and 2013. The 2012 activities are also covered in the Chapter Annual Reports circulated with the WMO Annual Report. Some of the highlights and issues raised were

1. Africa – Africa Chapter has now expanded to include Malawi and VP Yunus Suleman was confident of getting a few members enrolled to the WMO from Malawi very soon. Some of the Top Officials of WMO had visited Malawi for the 25th Anniversary celebration of ASUM (which is the foremost Social Organization of Memon's in Malawi) and Insha Allah WMO footprint will be expanded to Malawi soon. On a



question by Mr Farook Kassim, it was noted ASUM is a religious organization and not a social organization and Mr Farook Kassim noted WMO should be associated only with Social Organization. Africa Chapter is embarking on a project to build their own community hall (Multi purpose Conference, Sports and Wedding Hall) in Pretoria in Lodium on a land donated by Trustee Mr Sayed Mia and the total project cost is estimated to be US\$ 3.0M

2. Europe – Mr Hanif Osman, VP stated he is stepping down as VP of Europe Chapter with immediate effect as he has assumed the Presidency of Memon Association of United Kingdom, and Mr Sikander Sattar from Leicester will take his place with immediate effect. The highlight of 2012 was the hosting of the WMO AGM in London.
3. Far East – Organizing Memon Premier League and International Youth Conference both of which were held in Feb'13 were the main activity undertaken by the Chapter for 2012 in addition to some Adult Education Seminars conducted during the year. VP A.C. Saleem also thanked the Trustees for the approval given to continue the Micro Finance Scheme of the Chapter
4. India – Interim Committee Member Mr Zubair Chasmawalla presented the India Chapter report for 2012. The Mekhar Housing Project funded by Zakath from South Africa Donor is continuing at pace and it is hoped to be completed by early 2014. 2-3 more similar projects are in the pipeline once the first project is completed. Youth Wing of the Chapter was launched in Sep'13 and since has progressed remarkably well with the 1st project "Forgotten Faces" creating a lasting impression. The Ladies have been very active and currently 6 training centres are run by the Ladies Wing to train Memon ladies to gain meaningful life skill by imparting skills in sewing, cooking, computers etc
5. Middle East – The 3 gifted apartments have now been transferred and this has added an asset of AED 1.5M to the WMO. The ARY Accounts have been resolved and the balance payment due from ARY Group will be received very soon. The Ladies have been very active as in the past and since the MPL, the Youth Wing under Muhammad Salman has become very active in the past 6 months
6. Pakistan – The Chapter continues to thrive under the theme "Living for others". Education is the primary focus with a vision "No Memon Child shall be without Education in Pakistan by 2020". Lillah funding for Education is a very critical need and the chapter has decided to launch the "WMO Education Endowment Fund" with a target to raise Pak Rs 1.0 Billion in 5 years with the income from the fund to be used to grant loans for higher education. Also a separate Zakath fund for MITI will be launched in the future. MITI is now self sufficient on operational basis. USAID is supporting 350 students by way of Scholarships to study at MITI and this scheme is set to continue providing much needed funding for the smooth running of MITI. An integrated IT system is been developed internally to run all operations of the Chapter and once operational, the all operations of the Chapter will be computerised onto a One Single IT Platform
7. North America – Mr Naseem Shakani made a brief presentation on the Memon Population of North America, the Goals and Objectives of WMO NA Chapter and the current status with regard to the registration of WMO NA



ITEM 9 – TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DEC 2012

Accounts been circulated with the Annual Report were proposed for adoption by Mr Ashraf Sattar and seconded by Mr Rafeek Noorani

ITEM 10 – APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST DEC 2013.

The present Auditor for WMO has indicated their inability to continue and therefore Mr Nowsad Gani was authorised by the house to appoint another auditor in place of the retiring auditors and fix their remuneration.

ITEM 11 – FUND RAISING FOR EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND OTHER WELFARE PROJECTS

This was differed to be discussed by the Trustees at the Board of Trustee Meeting and AGM of the WMO CF

ITEM 12 – REVIEW THE PATRON FEES

COO was instructed to write to all Patrons whose fees are pending to pay all dues immediately. No decision on the action to be taken on long outstanding defaulters.

ITEM 13 – TO RECEIVE THE INDIA CHAPTER INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT

The matter was referred to be taken offline by the President with all concerned members of the India Chapter. Further the President was authorised to take whatever steps/decision deemed necessary by him for the betterment of the WMO and the Majority of Memon Community in India

ITEM 14 – PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WMO YOUTH WING FOR 2012

The Youth Wing of WMO was formed only in Feb'13 and hence there were no WMO International Youth Wing activities for 2012. The newly appointed chairman of WMO Youth Wing Mr Arsalan Nara presented the Youth Charter for the approval of the house which was unanimously agreed by the house. Thereafter he presented the future plans of the WMO International Youth Wing, namely

1. Web Site – WMO Web site will be taken over by the Youth Wing and the Youth Wing will manage the content/updating of the website with immediate effect. In addition all relevant Social Media Channels will also be activated to promote WMO.
2. WMO Job Portal
3. IYC and International Sports Tournament – a Proposal to this effect will be given to the BOM in the near future. It was proposed the IYC should be held once a year at in the same venue as the AGAM and 1 or 2 days prior to the AGAM



ITEM 15 – PROGRESS REPORT OF THE WMO LADIES WING FOR 2013

Ms Zafreen Ayob presented the WMO Ladies Wing report on behalf of the Ladies Committee. Since the formation at the 10th AGM in London, the main focus of the LW has been Memon Connection and Children with Special Needs. While these projects have brought the international ladies together there is much more room for improvement, especially in Memon Connections. The Middle East Ladies with the participation of other Chapters has organized a Mini Trade Fair to be held alongside the Gala Dinner for AGM Participants and Insha Allah it is proposed to hold stand alone Trade Fairs in future for Memon Entrepreneurs and Businesses.

Proposed projects for future

1. Middle East Business Directory
2. Job Portal – detail proposal to be submitted to the COO
3. Additional Training Centres in India – detail proposals to be submitted to the COO

Ms Shabana Razzak requested the International Youth Wing and Ladies Wing to work closely in order to optimise resources and not duplicate some of the initiatives since some of the proposals made by both the wings are very similar

ITEM 16 – PROGRESS REPORT ON MEMON ALAM

Secretary General and Editor in Chief of Memon Alam, Mr Pir Mohamed Kaliya stated the publication of Memon Alam has now been regularised and Oct'13 issue is already out and the Nov'13 issue with the Theme being the 11th AGM will be published before end of Nov'13

ITEM 17 – REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Governance Committee Mr Yunus Suleman presented the proposal of the Committee for changes to be adopted to the Structure of WMO in order to make it more effective and transparent. Mr Suleiman Noor mohamed (Solly Noor) stated this proposal has already been approved by the Board of Trustees and requested the Board of Management to do the same. Ms Shabana Razak requested reservation of some of Women and Youth Representation in the proposed BOM. Another proposal was to permit partially paid Patron and Trustees to continue as Board of Management Members at the Chapter level and the proposed restriction of only fully paid Trustee and patrons on the Board of Management to be restricted to the Central Body

The House thereafter resolved as follows

1. Retain WMO CF and Dissolve the present WMO
2. Thereafter change name of WMO CF to "WMO"
3. Transfer all present WMO Assets to New WMO
4. Appoint legal counsel to revise the WMO CF Constitution/Articles of Association to adopt the changes proposed by the Governance Committee
5. Obtain Tax opinion to support the proposed changes
6. Adopt the above mentioned changes at and EGM or at the 12th AGM



ITEM 18 – REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 11TH AGM

The Board appreciated the excellent arrangement made for holding the 11th AGM.

ITEM 19 – ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Appointment of Election Commissioner – Mr Yunus Suleman was appointed as the Election Commissioner to conduct the elections for New Board of Members at Chapter levels
2. Next AGM Date : on a proposal of Mr Suleiman Noor Mohamed the house unanimously agreed to have the next AGM in Karachi, Pakistan on 21st and 22nd June 2014
3. 2nd MPL – On a proposal by Mr A.C. Saleem, Mr Khalid Jussub agreed for Europe Chapter to host the next MPL in Leicester in June'15 subject to the final approval of the Europe BOM. Further it was also agreed for each chapter to contribute US\$ 15,000 each to the host chapter to cover the cost of hosting the MPL

ITEM 20 + 21- CLOSING REMARKS AND DUA

President Mr Satar Dada thanked all present for their corporation for conclusion of the day's proceedings and invited Moulana Nabi of Malawi to conclude the meeting with a recital of a dua. The meeting closed at 7.00PM after the dua