

# Manchester Malayalee Association



Connecting Manchester Malayalees

**Minutes of the fourth Executive Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016 – 4:00PM to 6:00PM at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Portland Crescent, Manchester, M13 0BU**

**Attendees:** Janesh Nair, Shajimon KD, Anish Kurien, Jixy Sanjeev, Harish Nair, Saju Kavunga, Bindu Kurien, Jinto Joseph, , Reena Wilson, Shaju Antony, Hans Joseph

**Apologies:** George Mathew, Polson Thottapilly

## **1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March**

The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

## **2. Matters arising from the minutes which are not covered elsewhere in the agenda**

- 1) It was decided that due to the difficulty in organising a large number of events, the Family tour is going to be temporarily cancelled. It will be looked into after the UUKMA, Anand TV and Manchester Parade events in June.
- 2) It was agreed that Shaju will send the updated membership list from Burnage within two days of this meeting **[Action – Shaju Anthony]**
- 3) It was noted that Joji Simon has decided not to join the association and withdraw his application to be a member
- 4) Members were asked to collect the joining fees and subscription from the new members Anoop Paul, Solomon Daniel and Soni Chacko from their respective areas **[Action – Jinto and Shajimon KD]**
- 5) It was decided to pay £50 towards hosting/registration fees to UUKMA **[Action – Harish to pay by Cheque]**
- 6) It was noted that the Secretary is liaising with the website developer to redesign the website so that advertisements could be posted, however, the due to the current structure of the site it is proving to be difficult. They have installed an option to add adverts but this will make the adverts too prominent on the website rather than it appearing on the side of the website **[Action – Anish Kurien to continue to discuss this]**
- 7) It was noted that Saju Kavunga has got commitment for 8 adverts and Shajimon KD has got commitment for 3 adverts for the proposed magazine. It was decided this will be discussed in detail at the next committee
- 8) It was noted that the sub-committee is continuing to look for a permanent office space for MMA



### 3. Onam Programme Planning and Expansion of Sub-Committee

The following committee members were given responsibility for the respective activities below;

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| 1. Stage Decoration and Pookalam      | – Saju Kavunga                           |
| 2. Sound and light system             | - Shajimon KD                            |
| 3. Thiruvathira                       | - Bindu Kurien                           |
| 4. Dance school programmes (7 Groups) | - Jixy Sajeev                            |
| 5. Ticket and Entrance                | - Jinto Joseph, Shaju Antony and Manoj   |
| 6. International Programme            | - Polson Thottapilly, Harish Nair        |
| 7. Food                               | - Shajimon KD, Reena Wilson, Hans Joseph |
| 8. Shopping for Onam                  | - Polson Thottapilly                     |
| 9. Programme list of all programmes   | - Reena Wilson                           |
| 10. Thattukada                        | - Bindu Kurien                           |
| 11. Video of the event                | - Jinto Joseph and Hans Joseph           |

The following participation criteria were agreed:

1. Non members can't participate in the group or single programmes except in the international programmes
2. Only one single programme is allowed per participant, they could also take part in a group programme in addition to the single programme
3. Group performances will be encouraged, however only two programmes are allowed per participant. Thiruvathira, Vallamkali and Onam Pattu will be exceptions to this rule.

### 4. Manchester Day Parade

It was noted that the preparation for the Manchester Day Parade is progressing well. Janesh, Anish, Harish and Shajimon has met with the organisers twice and have decided on Ayurveda as the main theme of the MMA float. [Sub-committee to carry on with the preparation for the parade]

### 5. New Nurses Welcome Event

It was decided to organise a welcome event for the new nurses who have arrived in Manchester from Kerala. The date for the event was confirmed as the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:30 in the evening. Jinto Joseph, Bindu Kurien and Hans Joseph were given the responsibility to invite the new nurses to this event.

### 6. Sports day

The sports committee has confirmed that the sports day will be organised on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June and that the Slade Lane Park is booked for the same.

The following committee members were given responsibility for the respective activities below;

Barbeque and food - Saju Kavunga



Ticket sales - Shaju Antony  
Gift and medals - Jinto and Manoj

## 7. UUKMA Stage show and Anand Award Night

President gave an overview about the stage show (Nada Vineeta Hasyam) UUKMA is organising on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June in the evening. It was noted that the ticket rates were reduced and that MMA is offered 10% commission for the sale of tickets

President also updated the committee about the offer from Anand TV of 10% commission for the sale of tickets for the Anand TV Award Night. Also Anand TV has offered publicity for MMA and the Manchester Parade in Anand TV and Asianet Europe

It was decided to support both programmes. Saju Kavunga was given the responsibility to distribute the tickets as soon as possible to the committee members.

## 8. Dance School and Malayalam Class Support

Bindu Kurien raised the concern that running the dance school and Malayalam classes are very labour intensive and requested more support from the committee members. Also there is a need for a person from the committee to be with Prince as he is struggling to control the little kids during the bollywood lessons. **[Action: Saju Kavunga, Janesh Nair and Shajimon KD agreed to take turns to support Prince.]**

## 9. European Referendum

Anish Kurien highlighted the importance of encouraging the members to vote in the EU referendum and the committee agreed to encourage members through Whatsapp. It was suggested that a message in Malayalam be drafted highlighting the importance of independence and autonomy.

## 10. Membership Approvals

The membership applications of the following members were approved by the committee

- 1) Benny Joseph – Approved and paid
- 2) Gopinadhan Kalon – Approved and paid
- 3) Binoj Joseph – Approved and paid
- 4) Francis Praveen Clarence – Approved but not paid
- 5) Sobin Thomas – Referred to General Body to decide as the applicant resigned from the MMA Committee\* in the past and is coming back now. Have paid the fees.



## 11. Any other business

It was noted that a donation of £50 was made to a Charity as part of Women's Day

It was noted that the Women's group has made a profit of £255 by running the Thattukada and the committee congratulated the hardwork of the organisers and the commitment of the MMA members who spared the time to prepare the dishes which were sold at the Thattukada.

It was decided to provide tea/coffee during the dance sessions and the expense for this be taken from the Dance School income

It was suggested that MMA take over the Karate School currently run by Saju Kavunga. It was decided this need further discussion and hence will be discussed later **[Action: Anish to add to next agenda]**

It was proposed that MMA should start a classical song lesson and there was general consensus about this and it was decided to discuss this in detail at the next committee **[Action: Anish to add to next agenda]**

It was decided a General Body meeting should be held in June or July **[Action: Janesh and Anish]**

**Date of next meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 – 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the St: Joseph's Church Hall.

*\*Amended as per the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee dated 17<sup>th</sup> of July.*