

23 May 2007

**BGWS GENERAL MEETING HELD IN FARNBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (FTFC)
GURKHA BHAWAN ON SATURDAY 19 MAY 2007 AT 1200 HOURS – RECORD OF
DECISIONS**

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1	<p><u>Opening Remarks.</u> The Gen Sec opened the meeting at 1200 hrs thanking all those in attendance. He stated that despite his request made in the last meeting, majority of the Area Reps were not acknowledging receipt of emails released from the Head office.</p>	Area Reps
2	<p><u>Treasurer's Update.</u> The Treasurer gave his update on our fund's current state. He read out the following particular expenditures:</p> <p>a. BGWS March to 10 Downing St (10 Dec 06) - <u>£10,974.92</u> b. United Gurkhas' Meeting held in Oak Farm (18 Mar 07) - <u>£775.03</u> c. BGWS with the rest of the ex Gurkhas' March to 10 Downing St (28 Mar 07) - <u>£9,572.50.</u></p> <p><u>Nepal Focus.</u> The final edition was printed in April 07 and is being distributed by Mr Shyamprakash Limbu.</p> <p><u>Europe Nepali Patra.</u> With our withdrawal from Europe Nepali Patra, our initial investment of £9,370 will be reimbursed by Dr Chandra Laksamba in 3 instalments as follows:</p> <p>a. June 07 - £3000 b. Sep 07 - £3000 c. Nov 07 - £3370</p> <p><u>Subscription.</u> This is long overdue for this year. Members are requested to pay through their Area Reps or forward their payment to the Head office direct. Receipts must be kept for future reference. Please note that Society's Membership card is currently being issued for those who have cleared their subscriptions for 2007. Membership card can be applied through the post which should include the following details:</p> <p>a. Passport size photo b. Current add and contact numbers c. Membership No and cheque for subscription payment.</p> <p><u>Cheque Bounce.</u> Each bounce is costing the Society £4.00. Members are to ensure that they have sufficient fund in their account when using cheque(s). If in doubt, please contact the Treasurer on 07886084951 for clarification.</p>	All
3	<p><u>Property Update.</u> Capt(Retd) Hitman Grg MBE, Property Director stated that lately he has received a few requests to withdraw property shares. He explained that he managed to convince them to wait out until the next Property Meeting where decision will be taken to discuss this issue. Furthermore, this proposal was unanimously agreed by those share holders present on the Property Annual General Meeting which took place at Oak Farm Community School on 10 Feb 07 where one and all were invited. Ironically while a few who seek their money back there are many donating their share to the Society. As at 19 May 07, the following members generously donated their shares (<u>total: £23,501</u>) to the British Gurkha Welfare Society:</p> <p>Mr Gajbir Thapa M/No: 309 / £1000 Mr Tikendradal Dewan M/No: 018 / £1000 / Chairman Mr Hitman Grg MBE M/No: 019 / £1000 / Property Director Mr Tekbdr Thapa M/No: 005 / £1000 / Treasurer Mr Ajitkmr Rai M/No: 462 / £1000 / AR Mr Prakash Grg M/No: 239 / £ 1000 / PR Mr Minbdr Grg M/No: 141 / £1000 /AR</p>	

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	<p><u>Continued from serial 3 above.</u> Mr Tharkabdr Sen M/No: 124 / £1000 / AR Mr Birnasing Limbu M/No: 068 / £500 Mr Ratnakmr Limbu M/No: 087 /£500 / AR Mr Omprasad Thapa M/No: 137 /£1000 Mr Subash Maden M/No: 270 / £500 Mr Shyamprakash Limbu M/No: 461 / £1000 / Admin staff Mr Badrikmr Rai M/No: 785 / £501 Mr Mankmr Rai M/No: 836 / £1000 Mr Gangabdr Grg M/No: 104 / £1000 Mr Harikmr Shrestha M/No: 003 / £500 Mr Chhatrabdr Rai M/No: 919 / £500 / Gen Sec Mr Dammarsing Grg M/No: 056 / £500 / AR Mr Sumendra Rai M/No: 597 / £500 Mr Manbdr Grg M/No: 086 / £1000 / AR Mr Krishna Rai M/No: 2675 / £500 Mr Nabin Siwa M/No: 605 / £500 Mr Bidur Pakhrin M/No: 016 / £500 / Vice Chairman Mr Ramdhan Rai M/No: 273 / £500 / AR Mr Nagendra Grg M/No: 129 / £500 Mr Narayan Grg M/No: 340 / £500 Mr Chitrabdr Grg M/No: 363 / £500 Mr Rajendraman Grg M/No: 406/ £500 / AR Mr Sonam Tshering Sherpa M/No: 926 / £1000 / Media Director Mr Krisha Raj Rai M/No: 118 / £500 Mr Ramlal Shrestha M/No: 437 / £500 Mr Hariman Grg M/No: 012 / £500 / AR Mr Balaram Rai M/No: 052 / £500 Mr Jumkaji Grg M/No: 428 / £500 / Property Gen Sec Mr Pratap Sahi M/No: 500 / £500 Mr Surendra Ghale M/No: 577 / £500 Mr Khemraj Maden M/No: 961 / £500 Mr Khabiraj Ghising M/No: 634 / £500</p>	All
4	<p><u>Annual BBQ / Get-Together.</u> As agreed in the last meeting, the get-together will be held on Sat 21 July 2007 in the Oak Farm Community School. Mr Rajendraman Grg is the nominated OIC for the second year running. Unlike last year, it was agreed unanimously that the cost will be on self funding basis; exact cost tbc. Further update will be circulated shortly. The OIC has taken note of request from the floor to keep the price of all drinks to a minimum profit. It was agreed that the ticket purchase through Area Reps or Head office would cost cheaper than purchased on the same day. Members are urged to purchase tickets in advance to avoid paying more. (After Note: The OIC has called for a Co-ord Meeting on Sun 3 Jun 07 in Gurkha Bhawan. All Area Reps and volunteers of Greater Rushmoor Area are to attend). PLEASE NOTE MEMBERS MAY BRING GUESTS ON PAYMENT, THIS IS RESTRICTED TO NON MEMBERS BUT MAY INCLUDE IMMEDIATE DEPENDENTS, SERVING PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS.</p>	All
5	<p><u>Sagarmatha Do Jang Tae Kwon Do.</u> Master Rai briefed those present that he and some of his students will be representing Nepal in the forthcoming World Championship in Aug 07. To raise financial support, he proposed to organise a Tae Kwon Do demonstration to be performed by the children of ex Gurkhas during the Annual Get-together on 21 July 07. He stated that he would collect individual donation on the day and request that our members give generously. It was agreed that this was a sensible request and hence agreed that the show will take place on the</p>	All

	<p>day. Master Rai is to liaise with Mr Rajendraman (OIC) to confirm timing of the show. He also highlighted that he is grateful to BGWS for all its support so far. (Note: BGWS as a whole will also make a small donation to SDJTKD to provide financial support towards their participation in the World Championship)</p>	
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6	<p><u>Chairman's Update.</u> He briefly covered the events leading to and after the 28 March 07. He also informed everyone that post united march to 10 Downing St (28 Mar), he was just as surprised as all ex Gurkhas when GAESO declared that they will no longer be involved in any future united movement. The Chairman assured all members that this will not deter the Society's crusade for equal treatment and that talks have already taken place with a reputable solicitor firm to discuss the best solution to take our case to the High court.</p> <p><u>ILE Refusal.</u> British Embassy Nepal has refused ILE applications for those who do not meet the 4 criteria. The Head office has forwarded their appeal to Asylum and Immigration Tribunal for those members who had their application refused.</p> <p><u>Employment in Spain.</u> Negotiation is taking place for employment in the Security field in Spain. This initiative will at least provide employment to members who are still unemployed both here and in Nepal. Interested members are to forward their details to Mr Shyamprakash Limbu, Admin Staff direct.</p> <p><u>Donations:</u> He stated BGWS made donations to the following charity organisation in Nepal and will monitor progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Handicapped children b. Orphanage and Schooling for parentless children <p><u>Resignation.</u> He announced that the current Public Relation (PR) representative, Dr Chandra Laksamba had handed in his resignation. Dr Laksamba stated that he is unable to carry on because of his primary work commitment. The Chairman on behalf of all members thank him for all his work and personal commitment towards the Society. He is confident that Dr Laksamba nevertheless will still assist the Society in whatever way he can.</p> <p><u>Mr Bharat Gurung M/No: 486.</u> The Chairman was very grateful to Mr Bharat Gurung for donating a portable gas cooker with 2 x mini gas cylinders to the Society. On behalf of all members, he thanked him for his kind gesture.</p> <p><u>Mr Kishore Shrestha.</u> He stated that Mr Shrestha who is our Nepal rep is landing in the UK on 26 May 07. He informed everyone of Mr Shrestha contribution. Mr Shrestha resigned from his work to fully assist the Nepal branch and voluntarily for the past year. To show our gratitude for his unselfish contribution, the Chairman proposed that he is provided accommodation in Gurkha Bhawan until such time he is able to find his own place. This proposal was unanimously agreed by all.</p> <p><u>Plight of the Gurkhas.</u> The Chairman informed everyone that he has approached a reputable legal firm to look into our case. They have agreed to look into it and will be in touch with the outcome of their findings shortly. <i>This is our first move.</i> He also warned that the cost for the legal services would be quite 'HIGH' for the Society alone to cope. The floor proposed that since it is for the benefit of all 'Gurkhas, the Society should ponder to seek financial help from other 'Gurkhas' be it current or ex. Further updates will be released once known.</p> <p><u>Inactive Members.</u> The Chairman clarified that the '<i>Inactive</i>' members are not barred from BGWS and that the door is always open should they wish to come back. However, any remaining outstanding arrears must be cleared.</p> <p><u>Gurkha Cup 2007.</u> This year BGWS has entered a team each in Veteran and Non Veteran category. He urged all to give their support to both our teams and thank Mr Muktijang Gurung for co-ordinating our participation.</p>	All

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	<p><u>Continued from serial 6 above.</u></p> <p><u>Ashford – Area Reps.</u> The Chairman was pleased to accept the selection of following members residing in Ashford as Area Reps: a. Mr Shobhraj Grg M/No 598, Tel: 01233 335852 / 07737 962196 b. Mr Shivaram Rai M/No: 69, Tel: 07828803850 c. Mr Prashna Rai M/No: 55, Tel: 07886284623 / 07828826115 With the existng Area Rep, Mr Dammarsing Grg who has remained so voluntarily since day one. The Chairman remains hopeful that they will look after our members well and serve the Society with pride and integrity. There is no limited number for members to voluntarily stand up and represent the Society, it is the duty and responsibility of one and all. And any member coming up voluntarily for any post for any area is most WELCOME.</p> <p><u>Re-Selection of Committee members.</u> The Chairman stressed that the time was perhaps right to re-select new Committee for the following posts: a. Chairman – / current incumbent Maj(Retd) T D Dewan b. Vice Chairman - / current incumbent Mr Bidhur Pakhrin c. Gen Sec - / current incumbent Mr Chhatrabdr Rai d. Treasurer -/ current incumbent Mr Tekbdr Thapa <i>(Note: The re-selection polling is provisionally set <u>01 JULY 2007</u> and will be held in Farnborough. Further instructions will be released nearer the date. Members are requested to book their leave accordingly).</i></p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
7	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Mrs Muna Rana briefly spoke on the importance of the role the wives should play. She carried on by stating that she would volunteer to help the society on the general families welfare and coordinate functions to help raise funds for charities. The Chairman thanked her for her enthusiasm and willingness and hoped other wives will come forward to join and assist her.</p>	All
8	<p><u>Questions and Answers (Q&A)</u></p> <p>Q1. Why don't we invite serving Gurkha officers and SNCOs from the BG to Gurkha Bhawan for 'One day Forum'? (Question raised by Mr Pratap Sahi)</p> <p>A1. This was organised a while back by Mr Rajendraman Gurung unfortunately only two from the Brigade units turned up.</p> <p>Q2. Why is that only short notices have been given for recent meetings? (Question raised by Mr Ratnakumar Limbu)</p> <p>A2. The Chairman fully appreciates the inconvenience and the difficulties faced by members trying to arrange leave at short notice however due to the nature of the agendas it had been unavoidable. It must be noted that these meeting are for general information and one should endeavor to attend. Even a one day per month should it be required should not be impossible, where there is a will there is a way.</p>	All

<p>Q3. With the recent so called 'Equal Pension' announcement by the Government, what decision should members make with regards to GPS and AFPS 75. (Question raised by Mr Ratnakumar Limbu)</p>	
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<p>A3. A very technical oriented decision and one explained however a request has been forwarded for a road show to answer queries and in Nepali.</p>	
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CHHATRA BAHADUR RAI
General Secretary