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**LPSoL AGM Minutes April 2016**

**Minutes for AGM Year ended 31st December 2015**

**Date:** 24 April 2016  
**Venue:** Building 3, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, New Southgate  
London, N11 1NP  
**Time:** 10.30am – 1.30pm

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome to All/Prayers
2. President's Notes
3. Approval and Signing of Previous Minutes.
4. Review of accounts and any questions.
5. Signing of accounts.
6. Two Members voting items regarding Committee Expenses
7. Ratification of two Trustees Kiranbhai D Patel (Asta) and Bhavikbhai R Patel (Arak Sisodra) that were not re-elected after their initial term ended
8. Ratification that written notice prior to the AGM was not received for Sanmukhbhai R Patel (Goji) prior to his election in 2014.
9. Clarification – Rajeshbhai T Patel (Toli) to step down at AGM 2016 not AGM 2015, as per his initial election in 2006.
10. Ratification 2 Trustees appointed at AGM 2015 giving a total number of six trustees when there should only be 5.
11. Clarification – Vinodbhai P Patel (Asta) stood down in November 2015 after the AGM as his term ended. Thereby resulting in five trustees in total.
12. Acceptance of a shorter "Notice of Resignation" period normally 30 days for this AGM only.
13. Questions / AOB for existing Committee and Trustees
14. Existing Trustees and Committee Stand down
15. Election of New Committee
16. Election of New Trustees
17. Newly elected Presidents Final Note

Attendees were informed that hard copies of previous AGM Minutes (October 2015) as well as 31st December 2015 accounts were available to see.

Members were informed that an audio recording would be recorded of the meeting for accuracy and ease of compiling meeting minutes. There were no objections to this.

The Meeting was opened with a prayer followed by a one-minute silence in memory of our recently departed members.



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## **1. WELCOME - by Shayleshbhai (Sevni)**

The following forth-coming events for the year were announced.

- Gujarati Natak Theatre performance 15 May 2016
- LPSoL trip to Crete 21- 28 June 2016
- Coventry Sports day 3 July 2016
- LPSoL 14 night Cruise to the Caribbean October 2016

## **2. Presidents Notes**

Shayleshbhai introduced himself as acting President and Anandbhai (Moti-Chovisi) as acting Vice President along with the rest of the committee.

Rajeshbhai (Toli) introduced himself as the Chair of Trustees and his fellow attending Trustees Kiranbhai (Asta) and Maheshbhai (Vakaneer) and gave apologies for the remaining two absent trustees Bhavikbhai (Arak-Sisordra) and Sanmukhbhai (Goji) who were overseas.

Members were informed why this AGM had been held just six month after the previous one. The previous AGM held in October 2015 was for the 2014 Accounts. Today's AGM which would normally be held towards the end of the year is early and relates to the 2015 Accounts.

Copies of the Accounts Year Ended 31 December 2015 and the AGM minutes were handed out to those wishing to review them. Attendees were also informed that both documents are available to download from the Samaj website.

## **3. Approvals and Signing of Previous Minutes.**

No questions were raised regarding the accuracy of the minutes. Those present at the last AGM voted to say the minutes were accurate.

Minutes were approved and signed by Jayantibhai (Sarai) and Sumitraben (Kharvasa).

## **4. Review of accounts and any questions**

Gift-aid question was raised of the accuracy on how we process. The independent Auditor has also highlighted this for review this will be completed with the help of the treasury team.

Previous years will be looked at too and rectified were applicable.

Those present voted to say the Account Year Ended 31 December 2015 were accurate.



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**5. Signing of accounts.**

Accounts were approved and signed by Arvindbhai (Vadhvania) and Thakorbahi (Bhuvasan).

**6. Two items for Member Voting:**

*Item 1: Committee & Trustee expenses (i) ratification and (ii) constitution change*

(i) Voting to accept/reject "Whilst working as unpaid volunteers of the LPSOL Committee, LPSOL has incurred food/drink expenses. Said expenses incurred by LPSOL in the 15 months from Jan 2015 to the AGM 24 Apr 2016, have averaged less than £4 per month per committee member and were approved by the President.

47 votes to accept and 1 reject the ratification of Committee and Trustee Expenses.

(ii) To vote on the addition to the constitution under s10f "Managing Committee": The committee and trustees have a maximum annual budget to spend on food/drink, on themselves, without it being deemed to be a benefit upon them. This allowed incidental cost, is to cover their food/drink at the monthly committee meetings (per section 17 of the constitution) and other meetings/events, which the Managing Committee agree will benefit the Samaj. This maximum annual budget is £7.50 per month per trustee/committee member

47 votes to accept and 1 reject the ratification of Constitution Change

**7. Ratification of two Trustees Kiranbhai D Patel (Asta) and Bhavikbhai R Patel (Arak Sisodra) that were not re-elected after their initial term ended**

48 votes counted towards the Ratification of both Kiranbhai and Bhavikbhai.

**8. Ratification that written Notice prior to the AGM was not received for Sanmukhbhai R Patel (Goji) prior to his election in 2014.**

48 votes counted towards the Ratification of Sanmukhbhai

**9. Clarification – Rajeshbhai T Patel (Toli) to step down at AGM 2016 not AGM 2015, as per his initial election in 2006.**

All present accepted the clarification of the timeline in which Rajeshbhai should step down.



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**10. Ratification 2 Trustees appointed at AGM 2015 giving a total number of six trustees when there should only be 5.**

48 votes counted towards the Ratification of the number of Trustees in post at one particular time to be five.

**11. Clarification – Vinodbhai P Patel (Asta) stood down in November 2015 after the AGM as his term ended. Thereby resulting in five trustees in total.**

All present accepted the clarification of the correct amount of Trustees in post at the end of November 2015.

**12. Acceptance of a shorter “Notice of Resignation” period normally 30 days for this AGM only.**

48 votes counted towards the acceptance of a shorter notice of resignation.  
For future we should minute the date all Trustees were appointed at every AGM to ensure that each trustee does not serve more than the required five-year term.  
The new managing team need to make sure that we are not left facing a situation where all Trustees resign and we do not have any new trustees to fill the posts.

**13. Questions / AOB for existing Committee and Trustees**

Question 1 – What are we doing with the samaj funds?

Trustees answered – This is not an easy task as we cannot simply spend the funds that we have accumulated over the years. Trustees suggested that the membership make a decision on whether the funds be spent or not.

Question 2 – Are the Trustees looking at investing the majority of funds to getting a better return?

Trustees answered – Trustees are always looking at where we can invest with low risk. However low risk investments bring low return. Higher risk investments could bring higher returns but at a heavy cost. We would not want to take such a gamble with our assets.

This will now be the task of the new Trustee group to look at.

The committee many years ago were able to run events through the interest income that the charity would earn. Due to extremely low interest rates we no longer are able to earn enough interest to sustain the running costs of events on interest income alone. Up until a couple of years we have invested a portion of our money to obtain decent interest rate income. With donations and sponsorship we can just about manage our events. Suggestions were put forward to invest funds in a property sure as a house to receive rental income.

*This answer had been later translated in Gujarati.*



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Question 3. Is there some sort of training that can be given to Trustees in order to fulfill their roles.

Answer by committee/trustees: Most of the roles are carried out with no experience but are supported by team. It was highlighted training would possibly cost; however we will look at courses run for volunteers.

**Questions 4. Why are there four trustees resigning all together?**

Shayleshbhai (acting President giving his closing comments), gave a summary of the situation regarding the trustee group in post during 2015, up to the date of this meeting (Apr 2016). The full script of Shayleshbhai's comments and the whole of this AGM can be found on the audio file on the LPSoL website. (91-97 mins into the 150 mins of this AGM).

In summary, 3 chose to resign before their 5 years ended and the 4<sup>th</sup> stepped down as required by the AGM. Shayleshbhai asked those looking to become trustees in the future to be available to progress the Samaj forward, accept the voting system within the trustee group, work alongside the committee and remain as a trustee for the full 5 year term. He has also requested a framework be built and followed to avoid disharmony.

Shayleshbhai emphasized that this commentary and the closing comments from the exiting chair of trustees (Rajeshbhai) that the comments are made for the benefit of the Samaj and are not directed to any one person(s).

Rajeshbhai (Toli) also explained the role of trustees to ensure those attending and considering becoming a trustee, understood what they would be responsible for.

A huge commendation was given to both Minesh A Patel (Ruva) and Tanuja Shah (Umrakh) the past President and Vice President. Under their leadership the samaj has moved forward in a youthful dynamic way.

**14. Existing Trustees and Committee Stand down**

All existing Trustees and Committee were commended for their time and efforts over the past years and were also informed that at this stage they will be required to step down and be re-elected for posts, with the managing committee and Trustee group.

**15. Election of New Committee**

Conveners appointed were Hiteshbhai Ranchhodbhai (Derod) and Rajeshbhai Thakorbbhai (Toli). The following members were elected to the Management Committee team.



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Vice President	Anandbhai R Patel	Moti Chovisi
Secretary	Rajubhai Patel	Bajipura
Vice Secretary	Preetiben S Patel	Sevni
Treasurer	Vandanaben K Patel	Vihan
Vice Treasurer	Bhumikaben H Patel	Derod
Membership Secretary	Sadhanaben K Patel	Asta
Vice Membership Secretary	Bharatbhai J Patel	Mori
Head of Fundraising	Arunaben A Patel	Pera
Committee Member	Shantubhai C Patel	Pinsad
Committee Member	Shankurbhai Patel	Sampura
Committee Member	Sanjaibhai Patel	Moti Vagchipa
Committee Member	Sonal B Yadav	Umrakh
Committee Member	Minaben A Patel	Ruva
Committee Member	Mahendrabhai Patel	Bhutsad
Committee Member	Natvarbhai Patel	Dungar Chikhli
Committee Member	Ankurbhai Patel	Khaparia
Committee Member	Punitaben R Patel	Toli
Committee Member	Dipakbhai Patel	Bajipura

### 16. Election of New Trustee Group

Bhavikbhai R Patel	Elected 15 April 2007	Sisodra- Arak
Dhirajbhai Patel	Elected 24 April 2016	Khoj
Dilipbhai N Patel	Elected 24 April 2016	Sarai
Thakorbhai H Patel	Elected 24 April 2016	Bhuvasan
Ashwinbhai M Patel	Elected 24 April 2016	Ruva

### 17. Newly elected Presidents Final Note

Shayleshbhai (newly elected President) thanked the conveners and thanked the newly elected trustees/committee who have come forward, especially the increase in ladies, which he hoped would create ladies committee and network. He also invited the members to give feedback, advice and work with the committee to move the Samaj forward. The members were also told that once the trustees appointed a chair, that information would also be shared. Members were advised of forthcoming events, holidays, coach trips etc and a request for sponsors discussed.

The meeting was closed and nasto was provided.

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