

SGM Minutes – 17/09/2023

Exec Present:

KS – Kamaal Semaar

MAB – Dr Aadil Bassier

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SH – Shu-aib Hassiem

SF – Shamiel Fataar

AL – Abbdul Logday

RR – Radia Razack

FB – Feroz Basa

RJ – Riaz Jaffer

NA – Nasir Adam

New Members Present

KP – Kaamilah Paulse

AS – Ashraf Shaik

Apologies

NM – Najmah Mallick

Meeting commenced:

KS – Greeting and welcome

SMS – Opening duah

YH – Reasons for no audit going forward

- Financial burden
- SARS no longer requires
- Guidance from auditors

YH – In mitigation of the above:

- Controls won't be relaxed

- Management accounts & AFS will still be prepared

RR

- Spoke on other amendments, S18A
- PMA did not qualify as S18A, specific requirements not met
- NPO created to meet requirements (Social Outreach)
- Separate AFS requirements to the PMA
- Certain constitutions amendments made in taking guidance from SARS

Q: Riad Davids – why remove Vice Chair from Office Bearer

- MAB: Correction of previous oversight
- KS: Decision taken: Only office bearers as follows
 - o Chair
 - o Treasurer
 - o Secretary

Q: Altaaf Parker

- Timelines not followed

CONDONATION FOR NOT MEETING THE 30-DAY NOTICE PERIOD FOR THE CONSTITUTION

- Condonation granted by a show of hands.
- Amendments Proposed by Boeta Achmat and seconded by Riad Davids.

KS Closed Meeting

SGM ended

AGM – Minutes 17/09/2023

Total attendance: 51

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Guest present

Sheikh Ebrahim (from Icons)

Meeting commenced :

KS – Welcome and opening

SMS – Opening Duah

KS – asked that attendance register be passed around

SH was requested to read out minutes of last Exco meeting

Discussion around Previous AGM Minutes:

- MV (OEC) – requested minutes of previous AGM, as the normal process – he was looking forward to receiving feedback today on things raised in last AGM (e.g. Audible Adhaan)
- RD – recommended a list of action items be provided , and a possible follow up meeting?
- Boeta Achmat – enquired whether someone can work on that during the AGM and we revert back to the matter
- KS indicated that they are not available because the Secretary is not here
- **Decision that the agenda item stand over for a short while and obtain the minutes and raise later in the meeting**

KS – Chairman’s report

- Duahs sent out
- Imaamat (SMS)
- Subcommittees
- Welcomed new members
- **No comments**

SMS – Imaamat report

- Masjid must be the heart & soul of the community
- Advised on all activity taking the placing in the masjid
 - o Classes
 - o Events
 - o Sessions
 - o Icons
 - o Ramadhaan
 - o Stats of Imaamat work
- Question from the AS – is SMS full time or half?
 - o KS – we are in discussions to appoint someone to second SMS
 - o Sharief Amien– recommended an office for the SMS at the Masjid (better than visiting at home)
 - o KS replied that we are almost at stage of getting plans approved, but difficult to get permissions for extensions. The following was discussed:
 - Classroom / office for SMS
 - Move kitchen to outside due to disruption, incl store room
 - Costs to be revised due to change in plan – kitchen would have a different finish, plumbing, electrical
 - Will be done via council, above board, but will be quietly done so as to avoid objection
- ABL – Noted that parking is a problem, and enquired about a double storey for caretaker unit
 - o KS - advised about regulations relating to building against a boundary wall

- Question – audible Adhaan
 - KS – agreement that we will not have an audible Adhaan
 - RD – do not want to jeopardise other areas by creating. Look at the bigger picture
 - From the audience (Prof.) – we should not abandon the idea and should seek relief from restrictions on Eid's and during Ramadhaan
 - Nazreen Bawa – Reminded that we had to compromise audible Adhaan when signing title deed
- Shafiq Gamiet asked – what is the % of Muslims in Pinelands?
 - RD – could be 1000+ families
- MV (OEC) – brought up the fact that the ghatam in Ramadhaan is split (in & out of Solaah) – requested that we should do survey to community before next Ramadhaan
 - KS – we have looked at this, and revisit every Ramadhaan. This was decided to keep it this way in order to maintain attendance levels
 - **Decision that we will consider the survey**

SMS Madrassah report

- Class times
- Learners Gr1-12 = 315 (additional 60) from the following areas:
 - Pinelands – 167
 - Athlone – 26
 - NS – 20
 - SS – 16
 - Boland 4
 - Close proximity – 62
- Teachers 25

Q: Sedick Adams – facility at the masjid for child care

- KS – space constraints, looking at various ways of expanding space
- ABL – buy another property (church that comes up for sale) for Madrassah

Q: ABL - If there is another building we could also use it for the madrassa

- KS – Madrassah is the life of the Masjid, not ideal to fragment. We need to work within the current confines of what we have

RR – Social Outreach report

- Requested duahs for one of the ladies who has suffered a haemorrhage and is in need of our duahs
- Ad hoc programme for divorced ladies
- RD – Surveys Maitland & Garden Village to say there are no hungry people
- RH – Pastor Adrian & congregation visited the Masjid
 - SMS – they wanted to learn more about Islaam and would like us to return the visit

Pinelands Islamic Youth

Introduced Tayyibah Salaam (Chair), Mark Jacobs (Vice Chair)

- Origin
- Aim
- Events

Q: Kids playing on their phones during Jumuah in corridors. Useful to ensure that they appreciate the *Jummu'ah*. Parents also should take on responsibility.

- MJ responded
 - o Blessed to have a Masjid close to school. By the time come the *safs* are full. Many high school students who want to be in the front – sometime compromise and salah outside. In the corridors inclination to be on phone because can't see the imam of the TV.
 - o will put word out as leaders to the kids
- RH – RD will request school to close 12h30 on Fridays as it used to do

Comments – compliments to what is being done by the Youth

Sedick Adams

- Excited about youth
- Good for youth to relate messages to other youth, suggested Jumuah programme (more powerful message)

YH – Treasury report

- Thanked various members of Exco
- AFS highlights
- Discussed split of PMA & SO AFS

Q: AS - Forecasts for the next year? Funds for second Imam.

- KS – only raise funds as needed
 - o Difficult to forecast
 - o Most of surplus is from previous building project
- MAB requested clear reference on deposits from donors

Q: AS – rental units and 3/4 additional events to raise funds

- KS replied we will happily bring it onboard for consideration

Q: Saadiq Adams – donation screens (electronic payments)

- KS – we will investigate

Q: Altaaf Parker – asked why SO AFS were not audited

- Abdul Gamied Ally – not a requirement for audit, requested to take the discussion offline
- Decision to be concluded outside of meeting

Q: Wafiq Davids – strategic plan for what we are going to raise

- Altaaf – Budgetary – show musallees monthly fixed costs vs what is already paid (perhaps show in magazine / website)
- KS – we do not want to solicit donations and sit with amounts in the coffers, as this has led to problems in other organisations
- KS – we work with tangibles. We have a building project – without all the variables we don't want to have a fund-raising for that. Yacoub. For the next F/Y we have a plan for extension of Masjid, but no Long-term strategic plan.

FB Social Outreach report

- Market Day
 - o 560k
 - o 328K
 - o 232.5K profit
- Monthly costs
- Investment balances

Q: Altaaf Parker – One should be guided by the Constitution – no mention of the SO. Ownership still with the PMA – before the Constitution – required an audit whether required or not therefore technically it should have been audited.

- Audited going forward (cost of R30-R40k)

Adoption of AFS

- Proposer: Prof Usuf Chikte
- Secunder: Riad Davids

Adoption of Other Reports

Proposed Prof Usuf Chikte

Seconded Altaaf Parker

New members of Exec announced:

Increased the number on exec therefore sufficient uncontested nominations. Welcomed 2 new members

- Ashraf Sheik
- Kaamilah Paulsen

General

RH – Get Debit Orders going again

SF – Maintenance side requires skills/expertise, please come forward

MV (OEC) – official comms channel, separate from MIP WhatsApp channel

RD – minutes of previous AGM

- Send out minutes and actions
- Allow 2 weeks for comment (omissions, corrections, additions, etc.)
- Community sends back
- Post final on official Al Raudah chat

Sheikh Ebrahim

- Commended Exec and ladies of PMA
- Need someone from the Youth to connect with younger Pinelands Muslims
- Start diversifying income streams (e.g. BP garage for jhb masjid)
- **Closing duah**

AGM ended 1pm