

**Minutes of meeting : KOA Board Meet held on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 4:00 pm central time.**

**(Conference call)**

**Participants:**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Nimmi Kalla</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Inder Kaul</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Zone 3</b>	<b>Ashtosh Ganjoo</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>Swapna Raina</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>Kamlesh Moza</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Zone 6</b>	<b>Ashutosh Kaul</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Zone 7</b>	<b>Ajay Kaul</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Pradumon</b>	
<b>Zone 8</b>	<b>Tickoo</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Zone 9</b>	<b>Not represented</b>	
<b>Zone 10</b>	<b>Amrit Nehru</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Sunil Fotedar</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Agenda:**

- A.** NEC Chair Autarji to discuss about the upcoming elections and the time frame as well as the procedures to be followed.(4.05 pm- 4.35 pm)
- B.** Update by KOA President on Zone 9 director issue.(4.35 pm- 4.45 pm)
- C.** Miscellaneous items (4.45 pm- 5 pm)

KOA President Sunil Fotedar opened the meeting by thanking the NEC Chair for putting together the procedure to be followed for the upcoming elections. Sunil also put on record appreciation from the board on the efforts of year 2005 NEC Mr. Bansi Pandit for preparing *Elections Procedures* document.

**Agenda item A:**

NEC chair had requested for clarification on two issues:

- **Issue #1:** In a situation two of the contesting candidates get exactly the same number of votes, what should NEC do?

- **Issue #2:** The Form of Nomination Acceptance should in addition to accepting the nomination also reveal that the candidate affirms that he/she will abide by the election results declared by NEC.

### **Issue #1**

- The board looked at various scenarios that could arise and the final unanimous decision (Vote call) was that in case of a tie between 2 candidates in an election the following procedure will be followed (in this order):
  - Recounting will be ordered.
  - If the vote count still is the same, then the two participants will hold the position for 1 year each. The order of who gets the first year term will be determined on the basis of the alphabetical order of the candidate's last name (surname).

The board also considered the situation of three (3) candidates getting equal votes. Although the board felt this scenario to be highly unlikely, nevertheless the board's unanimous decision was that under such a circumstance (post recount) a re-election would be ordered.

Vote was conducted to approve the above. The vote was unanimous as all the 5 directors and the president present voted **YES** for the above. The above procedure was approved and will be part of the rules and regulations guiding the implementation of the election.

### **Issue #2**

- The board had no issue with the points raised and confirmed to NEC to change the rules and regulations document to reflect the point.

The board also decided to change the dates in the communiqué No. 1 that would be sent out by the NEC to the members changing the deadline for membership from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The board approved the process (as laid out in the NEC document) to be followed for conducting the 2008 elections by voice vote (all 5 directors **YES** and the president **YES**). NEC chairman will be sending out the communication to the membership regarding the elections.

**Agenda item B:** Update by KOA President on Zone 9 director issue

The president Sunil Fotedar mentioned that the zone 9 Director Mr Rajeev Sumbly had resigned in July and since then the President has been talking to a number of members in zone 9.

Some of the members mentioned that elections should be conducted to fill in the vacancy. Sunil has mentioned to the members in the zone that as per the established KOA bylaws the president can nominate a person and the board will have to approve the nomination.

Sunil was also advised by senior members to talk to few groups and for the last 3 weeks he mentioned that he has spoken to a number of people in Zone 9. Sunil also mentioned that he will forward the name of the candidate for the board to review.

Pradumon Tickoo, Zone 8 Director, requested the background information of the candidate and Swapna Raina, Zone 4 Director, wanted to make sure that the candidate is passionate about KOA and has a record of community service and would work under the KOA umbrella.

Sunil will forward to the Board the name of the person on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the secretary will put it for vote with the vote closing on 2<sup>nd</sup> September midnight EST. The directors will be given a brief background of the person along with the phone number so that they can contact the person directly for any clarifications.

**(Vinod Moza has since been declared the Director Zone 9 for the remaining period of the directorship, effectively immediately until December 31, 2009)**

**Agenda item C: Miscellaneous**

- Update by President regarding the KOA directory: The directory is in the process of being shipped. 700 copies have been printed and will be shipped to 530 existing members (2007 dues-paid members + 2008 dues-paid members as of July 31<sup>st</sup>). The balance 170 directories will be with the President and will be shipped on a first come-first basis to new members who join KOA this year. Sunil also mentioned

that the appeal for advertisement to support the cost of printing was below expectation with only one advertisement coming through.

- Sunil mentioned the DVD that was made by Dr. Inder Bhat which has the KOA camp video over the last 25 years. This DVD was distributed at the recent KOA camp. Sunil suggested that this DVD could be sent to all the 1200 members and non-members. The total cost would be around \$2200 for the DVDs plus postage. However, Pradumon Tickoo, Zone 8 Director, suggested that it may be a better use of resources if we could put the same to be available for online viewing. Sunil to get back on the possibility of putting the movie on line.
- Ajay Koul, Zone 7 Director, and Pradumon Tickoo, Zone 8 Director, confirmed that the Bylaws review team had completed the work on the Bylaws Review and incorporated the suggestions from members. The final draft will be sent to the community members. The final document is expected to be sent to the Board for approval within the next 15 days using the template developed (Sunil to send the same to BLRC).The template will make it easy for the community and the board to compare side-by-side the various changes suggested. It is expected the final document will be put to vote at the next board meeting.
- Sunil and the two directors Ajay and Pradumon suggested that at the next meeting the BLRC Chairman Mr. J.B. Kaul would be invited to present the Bylaws Review document. This was accepted by all present.

The meeting ended at 5.03 pm after 1 hour. The Secretary, Soman Dhar, thanked the participants for attending the meeting and confirmed that the next meeting will be held in 2 months time.