

## Minutes

Date: 10/05/19

Attendees: Gurkiran Singh Jolly (GSJ), Arjun Singh Lotay (ASL), Arjun Singh Banwait (ASB), Inderjeet Singh Bhaker (ISB), Juvraj Singh Sawhney (JSS), Emman Kaur Bhangu (EKB), Teghvir Singh Gujral (TSG)

Minutes by: Arjun Singh Lotay

Apologies:

Absences: N/A

### 1. Recap of previous meeting

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### 2. Actions completed since last meeting

- Registration:
  - o Karenjit is ok as Senior Treasurer, Regent House members roll will be updated in November
  - o GSJ will register with his tutor until then
  - o Put to committee vote, unanimous support of this decision
  - o Once society is confirmed, we are able to apply for funding.
- Logo
  - o All admin is completed
  - o Logo is to be confirmed, is pending senior treasurer approval
- Press Office
  - o GSJ has been in touch with Press office since Diversity Day
  - o Press office keen to work with us
  - o Happy to offer courses on Social Media
    - ISB is keen to participate
- Ibz Mo
  - o ISB responded to a Facebook call for a short video in Pembroke
  - o Explained the aims and objectives of SikhSoc
  - o Video aimed at introducing the various societies in Cambridge
  - o Ibz Mo is now a link with the society

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### 3.

- Cultural Societies
  - o We are keen to work with cultural societies
    - e.g. PakSoc, BanglaSoc, ACS, IndiaSoc
  - o Interested in working with other religious societies

- Not willing to engage in 'debates'
  - Maybe some interfaith work, but not a priority
- Bank Account
  - ASB has made an appointment with Barclay's for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
  - Will take time
  - TSG suggests other contacts as a contingency
  - Will allow us to have funding
  - Already £200 in the old account, just needs to be transferred to the new one when set up
  - Sponsorships
    - Parent's businesses
    - Types of companies we want?
      - Sikh-owned organisations
      - Companies looking for graduates
      - Can be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
- Michaelmas
  - JSS spoke about a BOSS paintballing event with UK societies
    - Good chance for networking
  - TSG stressed the importance of holding events during aimed at Freshers
  - TSG suggested EY is offering money to sponsor a networking event
  - Collaborating with Khalsa Aid in terms of stash and publicity
  - Some of our own money needs to be put into projects taking place
  - Kirtan events
    - Oxford have managed to book Veer Manpreet Singh for a Kirtan events
    - Using student musical knowledge and networks to potentially hold a kirtan event
    - Working with the Gurdwara?
- Instagram
  - Currently aiming on following Sikh Orgs and societies
    - ISB suggests engaging with them and perhaps using this as a way to reach out to sponsors
      - ASB suggest difficulties of sponsorship with charities, as they are less resourced to fund us
  - ASL mentioned he has posted all the photos on the Instagram
    - ISB raised a commitment to appear at more society events
    - ISB will take a more active role in running the Instagram
  - Permanent stories of the whole committee, and roles they hold
  - Use of IGTV during our events
  - Recent post about American Football was our most successful yet
    - Posting features of our members, e.g. postgrads
  - Committee photo shoot at the **nearest available opportunity**
  - Committee sceptical about running a Twitter account
    - Case of maintenance

- ISB mentioned managing two accounts is enough
  - Committee vote: 2 for vs 4 against
- BME Campaign Garden Party
  - Committee interested in working on it, given there is no alcohol
  - ASB encouraged members to turn up even if there is no official involvement
- Summer Picnic
  - Had someone who was willing to host a barbecue
    - Communication fell through
  - Committee still hazy on dates, will be approached later
  - Committee keen on hosting this
  - TSG is sceptical about the amount of people who will turn up
    - However, after exams people will be free and more willing to turn up to events
- Sikh Chaplain
  - All other religious societies have a senior member of staff as a chaplain
  - Perhaps a long-term goal, but willing to look for applicants
  - TSG mentioned making going to the Gurdwara an event page
    - GSJ thinks low turn-out will be a turn off
    - TSG says non-Sikhs would be interested

#### 4. AOB

- TSG as part of the committee
  - Committee Vote: 6 for, 0 against
  - TSG now Non-Executive Director (advisory role)

#### **Actions**

##### GSJ:-

- Will register society with his tutor acting as senior treasurer
  - Will change to Dr Karenjit Clare for 2019/20
- Will inform and update the committee about progress made with the logo

##### ASB:-

- Will open bank account with Barclays, with GSJ
  - Will also move existing money across
- Will potentially look for sponsorships

##### TSG :-

- Will continue correspondence with EY to secure sponsorship and funding
- Will also look into society stash, pending logo approval

##### JSS:-

- Will work on ideas for events for Michaelmas
  - Will work with ASL on holding a kirtan event in the new term

- Will communicate with BOSS over attending Paintballing

ISB:-

- Will take a more active role in using the society Instagram page
  - Increased engagement with big Sikh Organisations and Groups
  - Will aim for greater visibility in the form of shout-outs
  - Will aim to use our Instagram story function more in order to engage with our audience and build it
- Will work on a time and place to get committee photos taken and uploaded

ASL:-

- Will liaise with the BME Campaign and update committee on their progress with their Garden party
- Will set up a prospective list of groups, organisations and projects for the society to work with
  - Working with ASB to help find potential sponsors.