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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COONOR CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 2021 6.30 P.M. AT THE COONOR CLUB, COONOR

Members Present

In Person:	29
In Proxy:	Nil

The President Mr. Phillip Mathew welcomed members to the Annual General Body meeting and called the meeting to order at 6.30 pm. He read out the names of the members mentioned below who passed away since the last General Body meeting held in march 2021.

Mr. Jitendra S Shah, Mr. Chenoy FB, Ms Rekha G, Mrs Rohini Parikh, Mr Sunder R, Mr Vinod Narayanan, Mr SK Hazari, Mr Jayakumar HR, Mrs Elizabeth Zachariah, Mr Patel KR, Mr Vinod Reddy, Mr Krishna Rao D, Mr AS Sodhi, Mr Stephen. A, Mrs Leela Kalyanaraman, Mr Cherian TJ and Mrs Kalpana Mandradiar

Members paid respect to the departed members by observing a minutes' silence.

- 1. To read the notice calling the meeting:** The CAO started the proceedings by reading out the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
- 2. President's address:** President started his address thanking members present to take part in the deliberations despite the constraints. He said that we had progressed well since last AGM. Member's participation had helped the club to progress in a steady pace with the financials and continuous usage of the club. Infections of the Covid 19 was negligible and we were able to contain which cautious steps, cleanliness and hygienic maintenance of the club and its surroundings. In spite of the government restrictions for months together, we were able to provide members good sports facilities and hospitality and the financial position was quite healthy. We made a profit of Rs.34.77 lakhs during 2020-21 before depreciation.

We have performed considerably well during the year 2021 compared to 2020. Turnover from catering, bar, chambers and other activities were much higher.

Further, he added that;

- We were able to get the pending papers cleared with the District registrar for the past 8 years.
- Health insurance coverage for the staff and their families was taken costing Rs.2.55 lakhs
- The tally accounting software was upgraded spending Rs 3.19 lakhs.
- the sale of frozen food procured from ABAD Fisheries was a great success and the Club was able to offer good discount compared to the market price.
- Most of the cases pending in the Supreme court and Tribunal have come in favour of the Club. However the I.T. department had appealed against it.
- Plan to convert the old kitchen area into two rooms and storage space for linen etc. A servant rest room is also being built and also plan to build a Gym renovating the old soda shed and necessary clearance was given by the municipal authorities to renovate the old building.

President thanked the Committee members and staff for their support which had made good performance possible. He also thanked the CEO Mr Sudheer & Mrs Sheeja for their dedicated services.

He expressed his thanks to M/S. Ashok Associates for carrying out the audit.

President requested member's deliberation and advice for the future and betterment of the club.

3. **To approve and adopt the Minutes of the Budget General Meeting (BGM) held on 30th March 2021:** CAO mentioned that no comments were received about the minutes of the BGM held on 30th march, 2021 which was circulated along with the agenda.

Proposed by Mr. NK Devaraj and seconded by Mr V Srikanth, the Minutes of the Budget General Meeting held on 30th March 2021 was adopted and signed by the President.

4. **To approve and adopt the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 30th March 2021:** It was reported that there were no comments to the minutes of the EGM circulated with the agenda

There being no comments, the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 30th March 2021 was unanimously approved.

5. **To consider, pass and adopt the report of the Managing Committee and Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2021:** President mentioned that no comments were received from any members with respect to the Managing Committee's report and the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31st march, 2021. However, he sought if any member had any point to raise.

There was a suggestion from Mr HS Mehta that the chamber billing for the member's guest should be taken in to consideration as part of member's usage for the purpose of minimum billing. President clarified that the chamber occupied by the member alone can be considered as his usage and not that of his guest. There were divided opinion among the members present and since it was not brought up as an agenda item, it was proposed that it be brought to next General Body Meeting for its consideration.

Since there were no queries with respect to the Managing Committee's report and the Audited Accounts for the Financial year ended on 31st March, 2021, both were unanimously approved.

President specially thanked members and our the statutory Auditor Mr L Ashok for their support and services.

6. **To appoint Auditors for the financial year 2021– 2022 and fix their remuneration:** President informed general body that the Managing Committee had recommended appointing M/s Suri & Co as the statutory auditors for the FY 2021-22. Mr HS Mehta wanted to know the reason for appointing a new audit firm. Mr. Ullas Menon explained the reason for proposing the change of statutory auditor by the Managing Committee and thereafter, the proposal to appoint M/s Suri & Co. the auditors for the FY 2021-22 was unanimously approved by the members.

7. Special Resolution:- To consider and, if thought fit, to amend the existing Bye – Law- 5.7, BYE LAW 5.7: Business Class Members

EXISTING BYE-LAW: 5.7 - Business Class Members	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYE - LAW: 5.7 - Business Class Members
Manager & Assistant Managers in plantation within the revenue district of Nilgiris up to the age of 30 years of age may admitted as “Business Class Members” subject to confirmation in writing by the authorized signatory of the plantation company concerned confirming the candidates employment. The membership will be ceased on resignation, retirement and or transfer from the district. Business class members will be entitled to all privileges of a regular member during their period of membership, except voting rights and the right to propose or second candidates for membership. The refundable deposit payable will be Rs.1,00,000/- and annual subscription will be Rs. 4.500/-	Manager & Assistant Managers in plantation within the revenue district of Nilgiris up to the age of 50 years of age may be admitted as “Business Class Members” subject to confirmation in writing by the authorized person of the plantation company concerned confirming the candidates employment. The membership will be ceased on resignation, retirement and / or transfer from the district. Business class members will be entitled to all privileges of a regular member during their period of membership, except voting rights and the right to propose or second candidates for membership. The refundable deposit payable will be Rs.1,00,000/- and annual subscription will be Rs. 4.500/-

The proposed amendment to Bye-Law 5.7 Business Class Members was discussed in detail. Mail dated 21st November 2021, received from Mr. HS Mehta regarding the the amendment of this law was read by CAO ,in which he mentioned that the club was not planters alone. All category of civilians were members and there should be a specific category for planters alone. He mentioned that all the civilians should be treated equally.

Mr NK Devaraj expressed his view by stating that Nilgiris was basically the plantation area and some consideration given to the planters is acceptable. President explained that the basic idea was to make the Managers and Asst Managers of estates use the club which increases the revenue of the club. Unlike in the past, many estates were not supports the officers financially and they were not able to take up Long Term Temporary membership due to higher deposit required.

As there was no consensus, President proposed putting the proposal to vote. The amendment to the new Bye Law no.5.7 was adopted by the members as there was only one vote against.

8. Any other business:

Mail dated 21st November 2021 received from Mr. HS Mehta was read by CAO in which he had stated that the Committee should provide an updated list regarding validity of all licenses applicable for running the Club to the general body meeting It was pointed out that it was the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that the licenses renewed and there was no need to bring it up to the general body meetings. However it was agreed that the auditors could be requested to incorporate in the audit report that they have checked the validity of licenses that are required to run the Club

Mr HS Mehta also suggested that assurance should be given to the floor by the Committee that they are not violating any rules for the construction works that are planned to do and to get proper approvals for all the construction work done. Mrs. Deepa Jacob stated that the present committee is also very keen about it and will do accordingly.

He also queried about shifting the bar to the main lounge. Mr. Ullas Menon clarified that the shifting from the pine room to the lounge was done as advised by the Asst. Commissioner, Excise when came for inspection. According to him, as per the license, the location was approved at the main lounge.

Mr NK Devaraj congratulated the committee for the team work done to the welfare of the club.

There being no further matter the Annual General Meeting was concluded at 19.30 p.m.

G. SUDHEENDRAN
Chief Admin Officer