



Hong Kong Bengali Association

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- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
- Hong Kong Bengali Association
- Date: Saturday, 31 May 2025
- Time: 3 PM
- Venue: India Recreation Club, Hong Kong
- Present: Quorum was Achieved (Refer Annexure2 for detailed list)
- Chaired by: Pradip Putatunda, President
- Minutes Recorded by: Rudra Basu, In-coming Secretary

Confirmation of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by the Out-going Secretary (Sanjay Bhattacharya referred to as Secretary in later parts of the document), who confirmed that a quorum was achieved with all members present agreeing.

Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

The Secretary presented the agenda and invited objections to the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. No objections were raised.

Motion: Approval of the previous AGM minutes.

Proposed by: Gautam Halder

Seconded by: Subid Das

Resolution: Minutes approved unanimously.

Presentation of Annual Report and Audited Accounts for 2024-2025

The Secretary presented the Annual Report for 2024-2025, noting that the books of account was audited by an external professional audit firm, as in the previous term. The Secretary provided a hard copy of the audited and signed balance sheet, which was reviewed and accepted by all members. Subid Das congratulated the Executive Committee (EC) for this achievement. Subid Das enquired about the continuity of the external and independent audit. The President confirmed that this will continue as a best practice and the details will be worked out by the new EC.

Resolution: The audited accounts for 2024-2025 were unanimously accepted.



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Member Proposal: Movie Screening

Subid Das proposed screening Satyajit Ray's Aranyer Din Ratri. The proposal was noted for consideration by the new committee.

President's Report and Financial Overview

The President presented a detailed report on the previous year's activities, highlighting:

- Membership: 152 members (including 11 associate members, 4 single members).
- Financials: Details of subscriptions, collections, revenues, and expenses were shared.
- Events: The President noted that decisions on future events would be made by the new committee based on available funds and expenses.

Election of New Executive Committee

The Secretary announced the nominations received for the new Executive Committee and expressed gratitude to outgoing EC members who could not continue or had resigned. The new committee was announced, consisting of names in the annexure.

Executive Committee Nominations

The President welcomed the enthusiasm of new members interested in joining the EC, emphasizing the importance of a balanced mix of senior and younger members. A total of 13 nominations were received for 11 EC positions.

Discussion on nominations

Debjyoti Sarkar was co-opted into the EC. Discussion, challenge and deliberations followed for the other two nominations of Gautam Lahiry and Kaushik Rout, and it was decided the matter will be discussed and agreed outside the AGM.

Subsequent update: Goutam Lahiry and Kaushik Rout have been offered and have accepted the role of sub-committee members that are being set up to ensure the effective functioning of the association. Both have enthusiastically taken up their new roles.



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Financial Deficit Discussion

Subid Das raised concerns about the financial deficit and its persistence over two years.

The President explained that revenue was lower than expenses, though expenses were reduced this year by approximately HKD100k due to hosting the Puja event indoors and securing discounts. Additional expenses were attributed to the annual function.

Sagnik Ganguly highlighted the committee's challenges in securing advertisements, which contributed to the shortfall. The President noted that savings from the Puja not being held during COVID had helped, but reduced advertisement revenue remained an issue.

Action: The new committee to investigate additional revenue streams.

Any Other Business

The Secretary opened the floor for additional matters. No further items were raised at this stage.

Closing Remarks

The President thanked all members for their participation and contributions, concluding the meeting on a positive note, with optimism for the new committee's leadership.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:00pm

Rudra Basu

Signed:

Rudra Basu

Secretary, Hong Kong Bengali Association

Pradip Putatunda

Approved by:

Pradip Putatunda

President, Hong Kong Bengali Association



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Annexure1

Executive Committee

1. Pradip Putatunda – President
2. Bhaskar Sengupta – Vice President
3. Sujoy Das – Treasurer
4. Arindam Basu – Cultural Secretary
5. Rudra Basu –Secretary
6. Rajdeep Mojumder
7. Dipankar Mukutmoni
8. Sagnik Ganguly
9. Alok Ray
10. Tanushri Ghosh
11. Deb Dutta Barman
12. Debjyoti Sarker (Coopted by the President)



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Annexure2

List of attending members of the AGM in separate PDF file