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**THE MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2011.**

VENUE: Actra Tenant Hall, 375 Old Kent Road, London SE1 5JQ

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Introduction by members
3. Minutes of General Meeting held on Saturday 2nd July 2011
4. Address by the Interim Chairman Dr.Kai Ngegba
5. Update on the seaside outing to Brighton beach by the Interim Social Secretary Mr.Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh
6. Financial report by the Interim Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa
7. KDDA Electoral Register
8. KDDA Electoral Commissioners
9. A.O.B

PRAYERS AND MINUTES

The meeting started at 17:17 hours with a Muslim prayer led by Mr. Mohammed Sourbah. This was followed by a Christian prayer by Pastor Juliet Samura. Members introduced themselves and the minutes of the general meeting dated 2nd July 2011 was read by the Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe.

On matters arising from the minutes Mr. Tamba Opel Sumana stated that the deadline for subscription payment set at 10th August 2011 was disagreed and that he was ready to proceed with the elections. Mr.Tamba Gbamoï thanked the Interim Secretary General for a brilliant minute. He further questioned why the Interim executive was announcing the election framework. He was then reminded by the Interim Secretary General that the matter has already been discussed and agreed at the general meeting held on the 2nd July 2011. Mr. Sahr

Gandi-Capio commented that the court issue must be discussed. At this point, Mr. Sahr Abu cautioned members to focus on the program for the meeting. In the absence of any other issues arising from the minutes, Mr. Aiah Tondoneh moved that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Samuel Torto.

INTERIM CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In the Interim Chairman's address, he welcomed members at the meeting. He stated that discussing issues that affect us here or back home in Sierra Leone has always been the practice of this organization and he is very happy that we have re-establish the practice ones again. He thanked all those who attended the seaside outing to Brighton. He expressed sympathy to the bereaved families and friends of the late Mr. Sahr Saffea Sam sumana and Miss Kumba Gborie. He commended all those who contributed to the KDDA bereavement fund.

SEASIDE OUTING

The Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh thanked the audience for their support. There was a special thank you message for the youths, as they designed the adverts and tickets. A total of 160 people attended the outing via the four coaches hired by the association. Among our guests was the Sierra Leone ambassador to Russia His Excellency Mr. John Yambasu and the Sierra Leone Chief of Staff at State house Dr. Kaifala Marah. The trip was a success and helped to improve community cohesion amongst our members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Interim Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa gave a brief statement about the seaside outing to Brighton and a handout was given to members showing the finances of the trip. She described the trip as successful. She gave a detailed report of the KDDA bereavement fund. £140 was contributed by members. A total amount of £130 cash was presented to the Gborie family and £10 was spent on water and ice cubes for the family. She also informed the audience that £100 was donated to the Chief Executive Officer of SCCAN Mrs. Sia Evelyn Nyandemo as our contribution towards the mobile clinic organised in Kono District. She urged members to pull their weight behind the executive for positive results.

ELECTORAL REGISTER

The Interim Secretary General informed members that the electoral register was essential for a transparent, free and fair election. He urged members to put forward their suggestions and comments with the 1998 KDDA constitution as the guiding principle. Chief S.Y.O Lebbie suggested that instead of paying 3 months subscriptions of £30 plus £10 membership card fee as previously agreed, qualified members must pay the annual subscription fees of £10 and pay £10 pounds for their membership cards. He also stated that members must also

satisfy the attendance requirement as stipulated by the 1998 KDDA constitution. This was supported by Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba. Mr. Malikie Foray Saffa also opined that the electoral list must adhere to the KDDA constitution. Madam Edith Sebba urged members to pay their contributions and that the amount should be £30. Mr. Tamba D. Sam Sumana suggested the annual financial commitment for each member should be £25. There were three different amount suggested for annual contribution for each qualified voter. The three different amounts were then put to vote. The result was as follows:

1. 30 people voted for £20 annual financial contribution.
2. 2 people voted for £25 annual financial contribution.
3. 16 people voted for £30 annual financial contribution.

It was therefore decided that the annual financial contribution stays at £20. This covers the £10 annual subscription and the £10 fees for membership card. The Secretary General then requested a deadline for payment. Pastor Juliet Samura suggested 31st August 2011. Mrs. Alice Will suggested 7th September 2011, Chief S.Y.O.Lebbie suggested 20th August 2011, and Mrs. Rosaline Kanu suggested 31st October 2011. The various dates for deadline were put to vote and the result was as follows;

1. 21 people voted for 31st August 2011.
2. No vote for the 7th September 2011.
3. 2 votes for the 20th August 2011.
4. 5 votes for 31st October 2011.

The deadline date for payment of financial contribution was therefore agreed as 31st August 2011.

The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe then urged members to please ensure that their financial commitments are honoured against the deadline agreed. He assured members that the electoral register would be published before the Election Day on 10th September 2011.

ELECTORAL COMMISSIONERS

The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe informed members that the role of Electoral commissioners is very important in achieving transparent, free and fair elections. He stated that people with wealth of experience and high standards must serve as commissioners. Comments, nominations and suggestions for the appointments were invited from the audience. Chief S.Y.O.Lebbie then reminded members of the role of the Electoral commissioners. He informed members that the Electoral commissioners carry out their duties on Election Day and their main duty is to conduct elections in accordance with the 1998 KDDA constitution. Mr. Komba Wusu Foday then opined that we appoint the commissioners now. The Interim Secretary General then presented six names for approval as Electoral commissioners. Mr. Tamba Gbamo also presented three names for approval as Electoral commissioners. The following names were presented for approval by

the general membership; Mr. David Sahr Morsay, Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo, Chief Saa Y.O.Lebbie, Mrs. Agnes Kumba Macauley, Mrs. Alice Will, Mr. Tom Leonard Fasuluku, Mr. Mackie Sheik, Mr. Jonathan Tutu, and Mr. Komba Wusu Foday.

After careful scrutiny and in accordance with Section 6(1) & (11) and Section 8(11) & (111) of the 1998 constitution of KDDA, the General Meeting agreed to have the following as Electoral Commissioners

1. Mrs. Agnes Kumba Macauley
2. Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo
3. Mr. David Sahr Morsay
4. Chief Saa Y.O.Lebbie
5. Mr. Tom Leonard Fasuluku

In the absence of any other business, Mr.Samuel Torto moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Mr. Tamba Gborie at 2056 hours.

There were 76 people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.

Aiah Yornie Sodengbe

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