



Kono District Development Association

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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2013

VENUE: Jessie Duffett Hall
Wyndham Road, Camberwell,
London SE5 0UB

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AGENDA

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Address by the KDDA Chairman – Dr. Kai Ngegba 15 minutes
4. KDDA Financial Report by the Financial Secretary – Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa 30 minutes
5. Elections 50 minutes
6. A.O.B 15 minutes

PRAYERS & MINUTES

The General Meeting started with a Muslim prayer by Mr. Amadu Sulaiman Bah at 18:49 hours. The Christian prayer was led by Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee. This was followed by self introduction by each member at the meeting. The printed minutes of our previous meeting held on 6th April 2013 were circulated by the Secretary General but not read. The Secretary General also informed the audience that a copy of the minutes has been sent to all KDDA contacts.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed all to the meeting and told the audience that the life span of the executive has come to its

constitutional end. He stated that despite the distraction by the previous executive, the current executive was able to perform effectively by carrying out the necessary duties as mandated by the membership. He mentioned some of the achievements of the executive as follows;

- Stopped the former Chairman of KDDA from purporting to be the Chairman of KDDA, and using the association's letterhead or corporate image for any communication purposes.
- Organised the first thanksgiving service for the association, which is now an annual event in the KDDA calendar.
- Questioned the autocratic activities of some authorities back home.
- Organised the Kono Language and cultural classes to educate children and descendants about our values.
- The shipment of a twenty feet (20 ft) container containing medical equipment to Kono District.

He commended the general membership for their support in achieving these goals. He also thanked the executive for their unstinting loyalty to his leadership.

The Chairman expressed his dissatisfaction at the Sierra Leone High Commission in London, for their snail pace in fostering peace among KDDA members. He emphasised that the peace effort is ongoing and the organisation will remain focus on key issues.

The Chairman also welcomed the ongoing formation of the Kono District Global Organisation in USA. He cautioned that KDDA will not be dwarfed by any new organisation but would play a consulting role.

He finally called on the audience to decide the date for the next KDDA elections, and appealed to all members to support the executive for another chance to finish up the work already started. In response, Mrs. Agnes Macauley thanked the Chairman and team for a job well done and commended the team for setting the pace.

KDDA FINANCIAL REPORT

The KDDA Financial Secretary Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa was not present at the meeting. The Secretary General informed the audience of her absence and that the report has been forwarded to him via

email. It was agreed that the Financial Report be deferred to the next general meeting.

ELECTIONS

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba told members that the meeting had been duly convened and that KDDA elections were now due. He invited nominations for electoral commissioners and a date for the next KDDA elections.

At this point, Mr. Tamba D.Sam Sumana asked whether the Sierra Leone High Commission have been informed. He was then informed by the Chairman that the High Commission has been updated on our position and KDDA must move forward. Mr. Bockarie Marah was also of the opinion that the executive must wait for the response from the Sierra Leone High Commission before elections are conducted. Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee insisted there was no reason to wait for feedback from the High Commission as they have failed to communicate with the executive. Mr. Mackie Sheik urged members to extend the mandate of the executive and embark on membership drive prior to the next elections. Mr. Amadu Sulaiman Bah appealed to members to think about the faith of Kono District and work together for the progress of the district, and questioned the idea of the organisation seeking mediators. After thorough deliberations, the following motions were made.

1. *The mandate of the executive is extended to 28th February 2014.* This motion was proposed by Mrs. Agnes Macauley and seconded by Mr. Amadu Sulaiman Bah. There were eighteen (18) votes in support of this motion, no vote against, and one (1) abstention. This motion was duly passed.
2. *The Electoral Commissioners be constituted by 28th January 2014.* This motion was proposed by Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba and seconded by Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee. There were fifteen (15) votes in support of this motion, one (1) vote against, and three (3) abstentions. This motion was duly passed.

3. *To further legitimise and validate the work of the current Executive, for an increase in the active membership of KDDA to about fifty (50) members against 28th February 2014.* This motion was proposed by Dr. J.D.Mondeh and seconded by Mr. Mackie Sheik. There were fifteen (15) votes in support of this motion, no vote against, and one (1) abstention. This motion was duly passed.

A.O.B

Ms Ezzatu Josiah (Nee Amara) urged the Executive to maintain the monthly General Meetings and this was unanimously agreed. Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee suggested that application forms be made available on the KDDA website. The Secretary General confirmed that the idea will be pursued.

At 20:40 hours, Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Mr. Bockarie Marah. The closing prayer was delivered by Mr. Tamba D. Sam Sumana.

There were twenty eight (28) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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