



Kono District Development Association

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MINUTES OF KDDA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2013

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

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AGENDA

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Minutes and matters arising from the General Meeting held on Saturday 23rd February 2013 10 minutes
4. Chairman's address by Dr. Kai Ngegba 10 minutes
5. Report on the Fund Raising Dinner & Cultural Dance held on Saturday 12th January 2013 by the Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh 10 minutes
6. Update from Kono District 5 minutes
7. Constitutional Review Process 60 minutes
8. A.O.B 15 minutes

PRAYERS & MINUTES

The meeting started with a Christian prayer by Pastor Juliet Samura at 1814 hours. This was followed by self introduction of each member at the meeting.

The minutes of the KDDA General Meeting held on Saturday 1st December 2012 was read by the Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe.

On matters arising from the minutes, the assistant Chairwoman Madam Sia Komba, reminded members that the maximum number of years that an executive can hold the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer is four years. Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh moved that the minutes be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Dian Fasuluku.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed all from holidays and urged all to work hard in facing the challenges ahead. He informed members that the Sierra Leone High Commission has been contacted in relation to the outcome of the case at Lambeth County Court. This refers to the Court Order issued on the 16th October 2012 by His Honour Justice Blunsdon in the case: Tamba Opel Pessima Sam Sumana vs KDDA (Claim Number 0LB02212 refers). In

accordance with the Court Order, the Sierra Leone High Commissioner His Excellency Edward Mohammed Turay and the Head of Chancery the Honourable Sahr Prince Demba, are to arbitrate between the parties.

The Chairman thanked the Social Secretaries for a successful venture on 12th January 2013. Special thanks were extended to the Grand Chief Patron of the venture Mr. Tamba Lamina and the fund raiser of the occasion Mr. Samuel Torto. He also thanked all those who attended and supported this successful venture.

The Chairman also updated members on the KDDA shipment to Kono District. He stated that many items have been collected but the organisation was in need of funds to send the items to Sierra Leone. He thanked Mrs. Gladys Boahene, Mr. and Mrs. Nyandemo, Mr. and Mrs. Saffa, and Mr. and Mrs. Sodengbe for their donations.

FUND RAISING DINNER & CULTURAL DANCE

The Dance report was delivered by the Assistant Social Secretary Mrs. Mariama Mafinda. A detailed breakdown of income and expenditure prepared document was distributed to the audience, before her delivery. She thanked all those who helped in various ways for the success of the Dance. Out of a total expenditure of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds (1750 pounds), the total income generated from the Dance was two thousand three hundred and five pounds (2305 pounds). There was a liquid cash profit of six hundred and thirty five pounds (635 pounds) plus seven hundred and fifty pounds (750 pounds) in pledges to be collected. There were also some outstanding cash from drinks.

In his observation, the Assistant Secretary General Mr. Sahr Adimoenjæ Mafinda stated that the food was expensive and that prices of food items should be reduced in future similar ventures. In response to his remarks, the Social Secretary Mr. Aiah B Tondoneh opined that food was catered by a member, independent of KDDA. He said it was an experiment and the observations were noted.

The report was commended by most members and the Assistant Social Secretary thanked for her diligent report.

UPDATE FROM KONO DISTRICT

The Secretary General briefed the audience about his trip to Sierra Leone. He had series of meetings with the Vice President of Sierra Leone Chief Sam Sumana, the Minister of Finance Dr. Kaifala Marah, His Lordship Mayor Saa Emerson Lamina of Koidu City, and the Chief Communication Officer of OCTEA mining company Mr. Ibrahim Kamara.

The Vice President was updated with the activities of KDDA and was impressed with our objectives. He stated that all previous communications sent to him were never received and offered to assist the organisation with

our shipment to Koidu Government Hospital. He urged members to be patriotic and promote the interests of Sierra Leone.

Dr. Kaifala Marah assured the Secretary General that funds will be secured for the Matotoka- Kono Road project.

The Mayor of Koidu City appealed for our support in facing the challenges in Kono District. He expressed his concerns on mining activities and the effects on the welfare of Sierra Leoneans.

The OCTEA mining officer expressed their willingness to engage with KDDA in discussing their operations in Kono District.

The Secretary General also visited two Schools; Jaiama Secondary and Yengema Secondary. Discussions were held with the Principals on how KDDA could assist with their educational needs. The Koidu Government Hospital and Jaiama Health Centre in Nimikor Chiefdom were also visited.

Mr. Feias Gbondo-Saque thanked the Secretary General for his effort and urged members to think about the needs of our people.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Sahr Otto Fasuluku made a presentation with the aid of a projector. The draft 2013 Constitution and Bye-laws of the Kono District Development Association (KDDA) United Kingdom were then discussed meticulously. Part 1 and Part 2 of the documents were revisited and final agreements made as detailed in the final draft available freely on our website www.kdda.co.uk. These draft documents can also be accessed freely on our open forum; Kono District Development Association.

In conclusion, four resolutions were agreed to be presented to the General Membership for consideration, and if thought fit, pass Special Resolutions. The resolutions to be considered are:

- 1. That the existing 1998 Constitution of the Kono District Development Association United Kingdom be repealed and shall cease to have effect on the day of the next General Meeting.*
- 2. That the draft 2013 constitution of the Kono District Development Association (KDDA) United Kingdom be adopted and shall come into effect on the day of the next General Meeting.*
- 3. That the draft 2013 byelaws of the Kono District Development Association (KDDA) United Kingdom be adopted as the rules and byelaws of the association and shall come into effect on the day of the next General Meeting.*
- 4. That the laws of the Charities Act subsisting from time to time apply to the Kono District Development Association (KDDA) United Kingdom.*

A.O.B

It was agreed that the Secretary General should send out notices to members reminding all of consideration of Special Resolutions at the next General

Meeting. Due to work commitment, the Secretary General left the meeting at 2050 hours. The Assistant Secretary General Mr. Sahr Adimoenjae Mafinda undertook the functions of the Secretary General in his absence. Mr. Sahr Otto Fasuluku urged the Assistant Secretary General to ensure that the list of registered members is prepared as soon as possible. The General Meeting was adjourned at 21:08 hours, followed by a closing prayer.

There were twenty people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.



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