



Kono District Descendants Association UK (KDDAUK)

Minutes of General Meeting August 2, 2025, at 08: 00 p m on Zoom

Present: Aiah Sodengbe, Ezzatu Josiah, Mariama Mafinda, Finda Ngegba, Saadiatu Hashim, Aroun Kargbo, Christiana Sodengbe, Aiah Mbriwa, Elizabeth Tondoneh, Francis Bayoh, Samuel Foyoh, Pettma Tejan, Yei Mani Bayoh, Dr Ngegba, Komba Tondoneh, Margaret Spaine, Max Jimmy, Elizabeth Sam, Kalay Wattu, Siah Boima

Apologies: Mrs Nganga Tondoneh

Minutes taken by Ms Boima

Opening prayers – Ms Josiah

Roll call and confirmation of quorum

Ms. Ezzatu Josiah welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their patience and commitment. She reiterated the purpose of the meeting and the association's objectives.

Correction and confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Minutes accepted by K. Tondoneh, seconded by E. Josiah.
- Mr. A. Tondoneh thanked Mr. Mbriwa and Ms. Boima for detailed minutes.

Chairman's Report

The Interim Chairman thanked members for their support and acknowledged past leadership. He reaffirmed the Six Guiding Objectives and presented the 10-Point Strategic Plan. He acknowledged the challenges of transition and the need for adaptable mindsets, patience, and refined structures to deliver meaningful results within constitutional boundaries. He announced forthcoming updated forum rules to ensure respectful, constructive dialogue and compliance with best practices; improved procedures for enrolling new members to be provided by the Interim Secretary. Confirmed the 2015 KDDAUK Constitution as governing document; under Article 29(V), the Chair sets the trustees' agenda in collaboration with trustees.

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Secretary's Report

Key points:

- Financial strain at KDDASL Sierra Leone.
- Proposed letters of introduction to institutions.
- Governance documents require review.
- Approval sought to anonymise member names online.
- Recommended minutes not duplicated via WhatsApp.

Treasurer's Update

Secretary reminded members to keep up with monthly payments and donate raffle prizes. Financial statement circulated with no concerns raised.

Outreach & Welfare Update

Birthday, bereavement, and get-well cards in circulation.

Social Secretary's Report – Africana Gala Night

Venue secured. Donations of some items confirmed. Menu and ticket pricing proposed. Members to support, contribute and engage'

Project Officer's Report

Project Officer to consult KDDSL on priority projects in Kono.

Legal Committee Report

Estimated legal fees: £2,160 – £6,500. Concerns raised. Discussed lengthily, Actions agreed: seek clarification, notify Dr. Manyeh, convene emergency meeting.

Constitutional Review Taskforce

Six members elected plus Chairman as tiebreaker:

- Mr. A. Tondoneh (Lead) - nominated by Ms Boima seconded by Ms Josiah unopposed
- Mrs. Yei Mani Bayoh - nominated by Ms Boima seconded by Ms Josiah eleven votes
- Mr. Aiah Mbriwa – nominated by Ms Josiah seconded by Mrs. Y Mani Bayoh eleven votes
- Mrs. Mafinda – nominated by Mrs. Ngegba seconded by Ms Boima twelve votes
- Mr. Aroun Kargbo – nominated by Mr. Tondoneh seconded by Mr. Mbriwa eleven votes
- Mr. Max Jimmy – nominated by Dr K Ngegba seconded by Ms Boima eleven votes

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Safeguarding Officer Appointment

Members agreed to appoint interim safeguarding officer after a lengthy discussion. Mrs. Mafinda nominated and elected unopposed. Roles and responsibilities to be added as an addendum to current working document.

Closing

Chairman thanked members. Next general meeting to be held face-to-face.

Outstanding: Africana Gala Night and WhatsApp forum policy.

Meeting closed at 23:45 with a prayer by Mrs. Mafinda.

Summary of Actions

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Circulate forum rules & enrolment procedures	Interim Secretary	Emergency meeting
Issue letters of introduction to institutions	Interim Secretary	Ongoing
Establish governance/policy review working group	Constitution taskforce	Next meeting
Confirm/amend Gala Night ticket pricing & arrangements	Members	Next meeting
Clarify solicitor fee structure & payment options	Legal Committee (A. Tondoneh)	Emergency meeting
Notify Dr. Manyeh re: civil court action	Legal Committee	Immediate
Convene emergency legal update meeting	Chairman	ASAP

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