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NAO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Meeting on June 1st

Location: US West Taekwondo School at Beaverton

Member Present : Daya Shakya, Sagar Onta, Hari Ranabhat, Dillu Thapa, Shuddhodan Ranjit, Anupama Shrestha

Agenda

1. Review of minute from last meeting
- Transfer of Check Responsibility
- Status of NAO logo
- Status of website management
- Status of Academic Discussion
- Comments on Namaste Newsletter
2. Picnic Plans
- food & supply
- cost
- activities
- responsibilities
3. Survey for future NAO plans
4. Nomination of two members
5. Nepali language class
6. Nepali cultural night
7. Fundraising projects
8. Communications with members and interested Friends of Nepal
9. Membership
10. Others

Agenda Discussion

1. Review from Last Meeting

-Check Writing Responsibility

The check writing responsibility will be of Daya Shakya Hari Ranabhat and Anupama Shrestha.. Anupama Shrestha will be added so that there will always be two people out of the three to sign the check.. Daya Shakya, Hari Ranabhat, Raju Mali and Anupama Shrestha will coordinate the transfer of check signing authority. Due to time constraint this was not processed but should be taken care of within two weeks.

- Logo Status

A logo has not yet been decided. A discussion lead to the idea of incorporating Mt. Everest, Pine trees and Namaste icon in the logo. Hari and Anupama will try to talk to artist to see if this is feasible. Other ideas are still welcome.

- Website

The website is being maintained by Rajesh Tamang. There has been many changes already .Inputs were brought forward to either add links that contained information of trekking in Nepal or us writing about it. This way we can provide useful information for interested people.

- Academic Discussion

Sagar Onta and Daya Shakya will explore the feasibility of hosting a forum for the academic discussions on issues related to Nepal (?).

- Comments on Namaste Newsletter

Some information were still missing . Some information that was in the final draft was missed in the final print of the newsletter. We will continue to work together to improve the newsletter.

2. Picnic Plans

Picnic will be held on June 2nd at Oaks park from 2PM till 7PM . Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and children 5years through 12years and under 5 years is free. Detail information of the picnic will be posted on the website . Daya Shakya will send an email to the Nepal Oregon list. Division of work will be done so that each executive member will call 10-15 people and get confirmation of their attendance and notify the committee by June 14th through email. NESCO will handle the sporting activities. Sagar Onta proposed and will work on a map to determine the dwelling (place of residence by zip code) of members. This will be a fun activity at the picnic.

- Daily News
- Useful Links
- NAO in Action
- Reports
- Classifieds
- Recipes
- Nepali Businesses
- Namaste

3. Survey for Future Plans

Sagar Onta and Anupama Shrestha will work on putting together a survey that will collect information of how NAO is doing and members expectations for the future program activities. The purpose of the survey is to form a guide for future work for the committee and better serve the members. This survey will be conducted at the picnic.

4. Nomination of the two members

The 2 open seats for the executive members are still open. It will be closed at the summer picnic. If there are more than two candidates, then the executive committee will vote to decide the two new members.. This information will be posted in the website. Currently there are no individuals that have come forward.

5. Nepali Language Class

A Nepali Language class will be held

Month -August and September

Day-Sundays

Time- 1AM till 3PM

Location- US West Taekwondo School at Beaverton

Target Age- 5- 18years

Sagar Onta will contact Washington DC and Anupama Shrestha will contact Denver to see if they can obtain any vital information and supply that can lead to the success of the Nepali class here in Oregon. Daya Shakya has already prepared a guideline of what should be taught. There will be a sign up sheet at the picnic. We are still seeking volunteers and teachers to help make this a success. A few interested names have been collected .There will also be a trainer's training as well to set up guidelines to make this Nepali class a success.

6. Nepali Cultural Night

There will be no Nepali Cultural Night this year due to time and resources constraints. A request was made for a performance at a private residence. Daya Shakya will get more details and bring the proposal forward to the committee before a final decision is made.

7. Fundraising Project

A suggestion was made to organize a Nepal Day with an exhibition of Nepali items, Academic Discussion and a Nepali film presentation.. A proposal was made to show a Nepali movie "Mukundo" that has been shown in other states. We need to explore as to how well this movie is rated and whether we can find a location and audience to show this movie. The Momo party was also suggested as another fund raising idea.

8. Communications With Other Members and Interested Friends of Nepal

It was decided that we would update the list we have of the member and any other interested individuals during the picnic and see how they would like to be contacted. We will need to utilize our website more by adding information that is relevant to interested people such as information on trekking in Nepal.

9. Membership fee

An informal information gathering by executive members suggested that many community members are in favor of introducing the NAO membership. Hari Ranabhat and Anupama Shrestha will put together a form and present it to the executive members for their approval. The constitution and website contains the information of the rates of membership

1. Family Membership (5 or more members) \$35
2. Family Membership (up to 4 members) \$25
3. Single membership \$10
4. Student membership \$5

Amendment to the Membership fee

On June 14th , 2003 executive committee, by the vote of majority, amended some provisions regarding the implementation of membership:

- that for the purpose of "membership," a family is considered to have an adult member, spouse and their children under 18 years of age, and
- that a family member pays flat fee \$ 25 for a couple plus all of their children under 18 years of age, and
- that the membership benefit details will be provided as a part of membership form.