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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022

The Sikh Association of Western Australia Inc

Held - Saturday, 24 September 2022

Canning Vale Gurdwara Sahib

Langar Hall

1 Meeting Called to Order (Official opening, attendance and apologies)

At 9:00 AM the Secretary advised that the quorum was not achieved. Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes to restart at 9:15am.

At 9:15am Giani Jaswinder Singh performed the *Ardas* before recommencement of the meeting.

The Secretary, Mahesh Inder Singh welcomed all the members and stated the following in respect to minute taking:

- Minutes will be noted in summary form and primarily based on the outcome of the Motion. Additional comments will only be recorded if they assist in clarifying the decision process.
- Requested the members to focus on the motion and not deviate from it. Any unrelated discussion to the proposed motion may not be recorded.
- Members should not assume that their comments would change the motion unless an amendment to the relevant motion is moved and voted upon.

The Secretary Invited the President Mr Paramjit Singh Kahlon to take the Chair and conduct the proceedings.

2 President's Report (Attachment 1)

The President, Mr Paramjit Singh Kahlon addressed the house and outlined the achievements of the EXCO in the short duration of its 4 months tenure.

- A Grant of 1 million dollars was approved by the Federal Govt pledged as election promise to build a multipurpose building to cater to the needs of the growing community. A further grant of \$2 million to be requested from State Govt. A visit by Honourable Tony Buti, Minister for Multicultural Affairs to the Gurdwara had been arranged on Sunday 2nd October. During the visit minister to be presented with plans, costing and usage of the proposed facility.
- Initial work for introduction of a Sikh platoon of 30 members in the Australian Army. A subcommittee led by Mr Amarjit Singh Pabla has been formed to work in conjunction with the Australian Army to plan and achieve the objectives of this initiative. The subcommittee also included representation from the Bennet Springs Gurdwara.
- The Executive committee has proposed a 7-member Sub Committee to revisit SAWA Constitution and provide recommendations on Constitutional changes. Expression of Interest was sought from members and the Executive committee selected the Working committee and a Reference group for discussing and getting feedback on various issues with current constitution.
- A land parcel of 5 acres in Piara Waters had been identified. The land is currently zoned as Rural. SAWA is in initial discussions with the City of Armadale to determine the possibility of rezoning the land parcel to construct a Community Centre. If the opportunity to rezone the parcel is realised, SAWA will need to fund the cost of the land as the \$1M federal grant cannot be used to buy the land. Further update will be provided once all the due diligence has completed.

SAWA EXCO is still looking for other suitable 5-to-10-acre land package to cater community needs for the next 15 to 20 years.

- SAWA has also supported various Sports, Cultural and Heritage initiatives including the Khalsa Women's club who would be addressing women's issues such as increasing Domestic problems in the community.
- President thanked and acknowledged the work and assistance of the outgoing EXCO, their families, clubs and sangat for their cooperation.

3 Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM

3.1 AGM held on 7 May 2022 (Attachment 2)

The Draft Minutes of the 2021 AGM (held on 7 May 2022) were posted on the SAWA website and Notice Board shortly after the AGM. Mr Abtar Singh Kaler objected to the accuracy of the minutes in respect to Agenda Item 6.2.1 of the Agenda and asked to rectify the minutes accordingly. A copy of Mr Kaler's objection appears at **Attachment 2a**

Members' attention was drawn to the 'Schedule D' of the SAWA Constitution which provided guidance on the recording minutes of General Meetings. It should be noted that at the AGM, Mr Kaler did not propose any amendment to the proposed motion, which was carried unanimously. He also did not make any comments, neither for nor against, the motion. Hence there was no need to record his detailed comments as they did not relate to the motion i.e. decision made at the meeting.

Mr Kaler also wants his full name to be recorded in lieu of his first name. This is noted and the minutes have been corrected accordingly. Hence further amendment to the AGM Minutes is not necessary.

Mr Abtar Singh Kaler submitted an amendment as follows:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 07 May 2022 presented at Attachment 2 with the deletion of 5th Paragraph Item 6.2.1 'Abtar Singh Kaler stated that SAWA claims of getting a clean bill from ACNC was wrong not up to standard.' be confirmed as true record of the proceedings.

Moved: Abtar Singh Kaler

Seconded: Kuldeep Kaur Kaler

Mr Kaler spoke at the meeting and reiterated that he did not make any comments as suggested in the Minutes.

Mr Pushpinder Singh, former Secretary, responded that the AGM 2021 was audio recorded and at duration of 1 hour and 6 minutes there is an audio recording of Mr Kaler stating as suggested in the Minutes.

After some discussion the amendment moved by Abtar Singh Kaler and seconded by Kuldeep Kaur Kaler was moved and voted upon.

The amendment was carried with 44 votes in favour and 33 against.

The amended motion was then moved as follows:

Amended Motion:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 07 May 2022 presented at **Attachment 2**, with the deletion of 5th paragraph of the Agenda Item 6.2.1, be confirmed as true record of the proceedings.

Proposer: Abtar Singh Kaler
Secunder: Satinder Singh Samra
Carried Unanimously

4 Presentation and acceptance of the Association's financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 (**Attachment 3**)

Mr Darshan Singh Sidhu questioned the increase in Priest's wages from \$55,400 in 2020-2021 to \$ 68,184 in 2021 -22. Mr Sidhu also asked how the cash money received by the Granthi is accounted for in financial statements.

The Treasurer Mr Paramjit Singh Nagra stated that the accrued holiday pay for the last 4 years had been paid. Hence the difference. Mr Nagra explained that the money collected by Giani Ji (Priest) from house visits is shown in the statements under revenue – house visits. He also stated that we do not keep record of any moneys offered by Sangat directly to Giani Ji.

Mr Jagdeesh Singh Dhaliwal queried about the money paid to the 'Sikh Heritage' what was the basis? why it was given? was SAWA involved in this?

The money paid to Sikh Heritage was the grant received for the development of Adenia Park and several other grants for cultural activities are also shown in this category ie 'Sikh Heritage'.

Resolution:

That the Association's financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 presented at **Attachment 3** be accepted.

Proposer: Baldev Singh Bagga
Secunder: Abtar Singh Kaler
Carried Unanimously

5 Presentation and acceptance of the auditors' report (**Attachment 4**);

Resolutions:

That the Auditors report presented at **Attachment 4** be accepted.

Proposer: Shingara Singh
Secunder: Jaginder Singh
Carried Unanimously

6 Deliberation on Motions;

6.1 Special Motions proposed by EXCO

Nil

6.2 Ordinary Motions by SAWA EXCO

6.2.1 Review of SAWA Constitution

At the AGM held on 7 May 2022 it was resolved to conduct a review of the SAWA Constitution. Expressions of interest were sought from the SAWA membership to represent on the proposed Project Team. The submissions were divided into two groups a) recommended for the Review Project Team and b) the Reference Group. The list appears at **Attachment 5**.

It is intended that the proposed Constitution Review Subcommittee will use the Reference Group to formulate ideas/proposals and seek feedback after refining those proposals. The membership to the Reference Group is intended to be flexible where additional members could be included as required.

Mr Amarjit Singh Pabla and Ms Rowinderjeet Kaur stated that the Terms of Reference should have been described and narrowed for the special committee to focus.

The President and the Secretary advised that the Terms of Reference had been discussed by the EXCO level where the general consensus was to leave the scope broad.

Resolution

- a) That the Constitution Review Project Team with the following membership be endorsed to conduct the Constitution Review:
- i. Sarawan Singh Vagel (Chair)
 - ii. Amarjit Singh Pabla (Vice Chair)
 - iii. Pushpinder Pal Singh
 - iv. Devraj Singh
 - v. Harmeeek Singh
 - vi. Kalwant Kaur
 - vii. SAWA President
- b) That upon completion of the review the Constitution Review Project Team shall recommend the proposed amendments to the SAWA Constitution at a General Meeting by the end of May 2023.

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Mahesh Inder Singh

Carried Unanimously

6.2.2 Construction of a Multi-Purpose Hall

During the last federal election both parties gave a commitment to provide \$1M funding contribution to build a multipurpose hall. SAWA is now required to prepare a proposal including the building plans, estimates and construction timeline to access

that funding. SAWA President had been in contact with the Federal Local Member who has shown his willingness to assist SAWA. It should be noted that the federal funding will be available for the building only.

To implement the project in a timely manner it may be advisable to utilise the concept previously prepared for the facility, which was approved by Council at that time. At this stage only the multipurpose hall could be constructed and the remaining parts of the facility could be considered at a later date with modifications if required.

The plan of the previous proposal appears at **Attachment 6**

Mr Amarjit Singh Pabla queried which specific Dept will deliver the Grant?

The President replied that this proposal to set up a Committee to develop the proposal and the details including the specific funding bodies can be found afterwards.

Mr Baldev Singh Bagga and Mr Devraj Singh also spoke at the meeting.

It was suggested to include Federal and State Govt for funding which was accepted by the proposer of the motion.

Resolution

That the incoming EXCO set up a Project Committee to progress with preparing proposal for the Federal and State Governments and construction of a multipurpose hall after obtaining required approvals.

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Mahesh Inder Singh

Carried Unanimously

6.2.3 Feasibility Study to Build a Childcare Centre

There is an excellent opportunity for SAWA to establish a Childcare Centre at Gurudwara Sahib. We have sufficient land to build a Childcare Centre, and the added benefit is that we can make a good use the existing car parking facility throughout the week for the centre. SAWA has financial capacity to undertake such a project and this will also provide a permanent income stream to SAWA. The only cost will be the cost of construction for the centre and there are many tangible and non-tangible benefits to our community in the long run. Obviously, SAWA must manage the day-to-day operation of the centre. A comprehensive feasibility study is required to establish the sustainability of centre.

Amarjit Singh Pabla and Parvendar Singh spoke for the motion whilst Amarjit Singh (Amrar), Mrs Harbinder Khaira, Balbir Singh Buttar and Ajmer Singh spoke against the proposed motion. Questions about regulatory requirements and commercial activities by SAWA were also discussed.

Proposed Motion

That the incoming EXCO conduct a feasibility study to establish a Childcare Centre at 280 Shreeve Road, Canning Vale.

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Paramjit Singh Nagra

Lost (76 against and 9 for)

6.2.4 Appointment of a permanent part-time Executive Officer

Our community is growing, our assets have grown many folds, and compliance requirements are becoming complex and challenging day by day. Traditionally, SAWA is managed by volunteers (EXCO Members), sometime volunteers do not have time and/or skill set to run an organisation on a professional basis. This leads to many errors, omissions, and undesirable outcomes. To continuously improve our organisational performance, we need to establish a permanent part-time position of an Executive Officer to assist the EXCO to manage the affairs of SAWA in proficient and timely manner.

Baldev Singh Bagga, Harbhajan Singh Bejawn and Harbhajan Singh Dahliwal spoke for the motion, Gurdarshan Singh Kailey, Baljinder Kailey and Balbir Singh spoke against the motion and Amarjit Singh (Amar), Mahesh Inder Singh and Jagdish Gill pointed out that the EXCO has the power to hire staff as required.

Proposed Motion

That the incoming EXCO establish a permanent part-time position of an Executive Officer to assist the EXCO to effectively manage the affairs of SAWA.

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Paramjit Singh Nagra

Lost (38 for and 58 against)

6.2.5 Past AGM Resolutions

*A progress report of the active resolutions is presented at **Attachment 7**.*

Mr Pabla pointed out that AGM 2017 Resolution 6.4.1 should be kept open as more work needed to be done as the formal announcement has not been made. Further syllabus has not been prepared and it would take ongoing effort.

Amendment:

That Resolution 6.4.1 of AGM 2017 be kept open

Proposed: Amarjit Singh Pabla

Secunder: Balbir Singh

Carried Unanimously

Mr Pabla clarified that AGM 2018 resolution 6.3.2 did not relate to the research project carried out by the Murdoch University student. The secretary pointed out that the progress report on this motion presented at the succeeding AGMs referred to the research study done by the Murdoch University student. Gurdarshan Singh Kailey

later clarified that the History book was published some time back and the motion could be closed.

Proposed Motion

That the progress report of current resolutions appearing at **Attachment 7** be received noting that all the past resolutions except the Resolution 6.4.1 of 2017 AGM have now been closed.

Proposer: Mahesh Inder Singh
Secunder: Paramjit Singh Kahlon
Carried Unanimously

6.2.6 Membership fee

{Current Membership Fees are \$350 for Life Members and \$35 for Ordinary and Associate Members. It is proposed to maintain the same for 2022/2023}

Proposed Motion:

- i That the membership fee for Life Members be set at - \$350
- ii That the annual membership fee for Ordinary and Associate Members be set \$35

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon
Secunder: Paramjit Singh Nagra
Carried Unanimously

6.4 Ordinary Motions with financial implications submitted by Members

{In accordance with SAWA Constitution members may submit their Motions having financial implications by 30 June}

The following motion has been received by the EXCO

SAWA AGM 2022 Budgetary Motion Celebrate SAWA Golden Jubilee

15. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS b. Members may submit motions containing budget requests to the Secretary, no later than 30 June of respective year prior to the AGM for inclusion in the Notice of that AGM. Budget requests shall not be considered at the AGM unless they are included in the AGM notice and have been circulated to all members.

Respected SA WA Members — Sikh Asso of WA will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2024-2025. Request is made to all members to celebrate the whole of Golden Jubilee with vigour. We need to celebrate and thank the people for their hard work. This motion is sow the concept and start planning for maximum community satisfaction and engagement.

We (the undersigned) request to **budget for \$100,00** (one hundred thousand dollars) to promote and propagate the religious activities. Below are some ideas (not limited to) just to expand this concept.

Eg : 1. Inviting kirtan jathas, katha vaachaks, historians, philosophers, etc. to organise special samagams,

2. Organise interfaith seminars in SAWA gurdwara sahib.

3. Organise nagar kirtan in CBD.

4. Extra weekly evening deewans (other than those on existing calendar of events).

5. Special deewans/samagam in remote areas having sizable Sikh community like Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Mandurah, Northam, etc.

Date : 26/June/2022

Proposer Tarun Preet Singh - Life Member

Seconder

1. Gurdarshan Singh Kailey Life Member

2. Kulwinder Singh Sidhu Life Member

3. G. Kailey (Life Member)

4. Parvinder Singh Gill (Life Member)

5.  (Life Member)

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EXCO Comment

Whilst the 50th Anniversary for the formation of SAWA is an important occasion, spending the proposed amount of money needs a careful consideration. Further the 50th Anniversary falls in 2024/25. The incoming EXCO may consider and develop a plan for the celebrations in 2024/25 and bring back the funding proposal at the next years AGM

Mr Gurdarshan Singh Kailey clarified that the requested amount is upper limit for expenditure on the event.

Mr Amarjit Singh Pabla asked what the proposed motion was to which Mr Tarunpreet Singh stated that it was a request for budget of \$100,00 for religious activities to celebrate 50th Anniversary.

Mr Harbhajan Singh Dhaliwal, Amarjit Singh Pabla and Balbir Singh spoke against the motion.

Mrs Baljinder Kaur Kailey spoke in favour of the motion

The motion was lost (for 44 against 56)

6.5 Ordinary Motions Submitted by Members

{Members may submit their Motions by 6:00 PM Friday, 16 September 2022}

6.5.1 Establishment of a Community Legal Centre

Resolution

That EXCO is charged to take all necessary steps to establish a Community Legal Centre and provide progress report to members on quarterly basis.

Proposed *Will* Full Name *Jaswant Singh Brar* Date *8/9/22*

Seconded *Samra* Full Name *SATINDER SINGH SAMRA* Date *8/9/22*

Mr Brar, Mr Samra, Mr Pabla, Mrs Kalwant Kaur spoke in favour of the motion

Mrs Baljit Kailey and Mr Baldev Singh Bagga spoke against the motion

Mr Brar clarified that SAWA is not required to make any funding commitment. The funding will be provided by Federal and State Governments

Motion was carried (For 59 and Against 7)

6.5.2 Distribution of funds to External Organisations (3rd Party)

Following is proposed.

1. Disbursement of Funds shall be capped to max. AUD1,000 for each external organisation per annum. Any funds provided as 'LOAN', complete terms & Conditions shall be developed and signed by both organisation representative. Repayment period agreed and funds recovery method identified. This shall be implemented within 1st month of new elected Committee.
2. During Constitution review/amendments, following requirement shall be added, 'NO approval shall be provided to ANY external organisation beyond AUD1,000 for Charitable, Sports or Cultural organisation'.
3. Organisations requiring funds for disaster relief, humanitarian aid and non government organisation (NGO), max allowable limit is AUD2,000.
4. Organisation which are subsidiaries of SAWA (in future), funds to be raised through AGM or EGM.

In the absence of external funding in SAWA Constitution, this approved motion to be adhered to manage fundings to external organisation.

Proposer: Dhaliwal, Jagdeesh Singh

Secunder: Minder Singh Dhillon

Paramjit Singh Kahlon spoke against the motion and highlighted the difficulties imposed on EXCO to fund its core activities in conjunction with associated groups.

Gurdarshan Kailey, Baldev Singh Bagga, Amrit Pal Singh spoke against the motion.

Mahesh Inder Singh pointed out that this motion contains the elements suggesting changes to constitution would render it a special resolution and spoke against the motion.

Mr Jagdeesh Dhaliwal stated that this was discussed as part of SAT and we needed to have expenditure limits otherwise we would be going against the SAT consent agreement.

After discussion the proposer agreed to withdraw the motion

6.5.3 Sustainable Development of Sikh Community

A sustainable plan to be developed with assistance of incoming SAWA EXCO. The plan is owned by SAWA members (Life and Ordinary members) and NOT SAWA EXCO, hence removing the risk of plan falling apart when new EXCO comes onboard in September every year. Some amendments is required in SAWA Constitution to support this 'Special Project', however this can be follow-up once the plan is approved by SAWA members. Plans need a proper direction, accountability and transparency.

This Sustainable Development shall focus on following areas,

1. Religion
2. Youth Development
3. Family and Women Development
4. Games and Sport Development
5. Community Economic Prosperity
6. Cultural Sustainability
7. Migrant Welfare
8. Building OUR presence in WA Politics

SAWA incoming EXCO shall seek volunteers to assist in developing this plan with key stakeholders. Quarterly review progress shall be conducted. This plan will also serve the basis of seeking funds from WA State Administration & Federal Government for Community development.

Once this plan is rolled out, SAWA members own this plan. Every 3 years, SAWA members shall plan review to meet current market trends, facilitated by SAWA EXCO. Incoming SAWA EXCO standing for election during yearly AGM shall be vetted against this plan, in the event incoming SAWA EXCO do not support the plan, eligibility to stand for SAWA annual election shall be revoked.

This process shall attract members who are keen to perform Community service instead of attracting members who are keen in acquiring 'position' in EXCO.

Proposer: Dhaliwal, Jagdeesh S

Secunder: Minder Singh Dhillon

Jagdish Singh Gill and Amarjit Singh Pabla questioned if this was a motion as nothing concrete outcome was put forward. Jagdeesh Singh Dhaliwal provided clarification that to Develop a Sustainable Plan is the motion.

Mr Harbhajan Singh Dhaliwal and Mrs Baljinder Kailey, Mahesh Inder Singh and Daljit Singh Dhillon spoke against the motion and suggested. Mahesh Inder Singh also pointed out that the elements of this motion require constitutional

Motion was lost (only 5 votes for the motion and votes against were not counted)

6.5.4 New Multipurpose Hall at Guru Dawara Sahib Ji

Referring to the AGM Notice dated 2/9/2022 attachment 6, we are requesting you include our proposal as per attached layout drawings to be discussed in the oncoming AGM.

This will fulfil the community requirements:

1. Senior's day requirement.
2. It will set with Gurudawara Sahib Original design.
3. Small Community gathering or requirement for outside lecturer to address the community.
4. Second Darbar if require for more than one function.
5. Overflow area during a big function.
6. Use for Punjabi school if required to accommodate more student.
7. Additional Lift can be installed to take hot Parshad safely.

It will within our budget i.e. <\$1M.

Proposer: Jagdish S Gill (LM-102)

Secunder: Amarjit Singh (LM6), Jaginder Singh (LM93)

After discussion it was considered that the motion was proposed for discussion and **did not require voting.**

6.5.5 Revocation of SAWA membership of 17 members

Proposed Motions:

1. The SAWA membership offered to 17 applicants (Membership Numbers 555 – 571) by the SAWA Exco of 2020/2021 be revoked with immediate effect.
2. The original waiting membership list be displayed on the notice board in the langar hall and memberships to be offered as per the order of ranking given at the public and open

Proposer: Mr Prem Singh Judge LM137

Seconder: GURMEET SINGH SIDHU LM 406

Background

1. At the 2019 AGM – a motion was approved to prepare, a waiting list for spouses and children of life members who are interested in SAWA ordinary membership.
2. One hundred plus applications were received, verified and a public draw was held in the langar hall by the 2018/19 Exco on 21 September 2019. Five public members drew 5 lots each which made up the waiting list of 25 applicants. I, as President 2018/19, can confirm that only 25 applications were drawn on that day with witness signing that list.
3. The above list of 25 drawn applicants was later changed by the 2018/19 Secretary to include 2 additional applicants namely:
 - Applicant No. 50 – daughter of a Trustee 2020/24 and committee member 2020/21.
 - Applicant No. 61 - daughter in law of Vice President 2019/20 President 2020/21.
4. The SAWA Exco 2019/2020 conducted a complete audit of the membership register as directed at the 2019 AGM.
5. The SAWA Exco 2019/2020 offered membership to the 25 applicants.
6. A draw was conducted of the remaining 69 membership applicants from 2019 including applicants 50 and 61, to offer membership when future vacancies occur.
7. The EXCO of 2020/2021 offered and accepted membership for applicants 50 and 61 in Oct/Nov 2020. The membership numbers for these applicants are 555 and 556 respectively on the SAWA membership register.
8. Apparently another draw of was conducted by the Exco 2020/21. The previously ranked membership waiting list was disregarded.
9. Further memberships (Membership Numbers 557 – 571) were offered during 2021. Many of those offered SAWA membership were family members or relatives of SAWA Trustees or relatives of the EXCO members who had conducted the private membership draw.
10. When questioned about these offers of memberships not in accordance with the existing ranked membership list from 2019/20, the secretary and president stated that there was no such membership waiting list.
11. There are now about 60 applicants waiting for SAWA memberships who do not know what their ranking is or when they will be offered memberships. Many of these are dedicated sewadars and have served the community every Sunday from as early as 5.30 am for the last 20 years or more.

Proposer: Prem Singh Judge

Seconder: Gurmeet Singh Sidhu

After inviting Mr Judge to speak on the motion and hearing comments and views from several members, **the President ruled this motion out of order** on the grounds that approval and acceptance of the membership applications falls within the Powers and responsibilities of EXCO. In making his ruling the President cited the case decision between SAWA and Baldev Singh Bagga & others in respect to removal

of the then Priest and not calling the SGM, petitioned by SAWA members, by the then EXCO.

6.5.6 Review And Amendment For Sikh History Thesis Submitted At Murdoch University

Motion : Review and amendment for Sikh History thesis submitted at
Murdoch Uni

Introduction - The Sikh history thesis funded by SAWA fails to justify and recognize the contribution of Sikh Asso of WA. SAWA has been mentioned in 2 sentences for their generous support for the project. Australian Sikh Heritage Association has been mentioned 3 times.

Though the topic says 'The Pioneer Sikhs of WA 1886 – 1950 ' a student named Santokh Singh from 1953 has been mentioned 7 times. {Page 94}. But no mention of historic year on 1975 when SAWA was established – Mr John Singh and other pioneer SAWA founders are not mentioned.

Further, this thesis mentions about 123 Richmond Street, Leederville house in 1905 which was alleged as a brothel. (Page 67-71 & 71).

It does not mention about the Indian Famine Appeal of 1900 printed in Gurmukhi language in The West Australian, This document inspires sikhs worldwide about the vision an international leadership stature of these pioneer Sikhs of WA.

I request the members that this thesis although it has been submitted it should be reviewed and amended and shared by all SAWA members before it is re-submitted.

Proposer: Tarun Preet Singh

Secunder: Harneet Kaur

Amarjit Singh Pabla, Sarawan Singh Vegal and Harbhajan Singh Dhaliwal spoke against the motion pointing out that the research based on university standards.

Kuldip Kaur Kaler spoke in favour of the motion.

Balbir Singh and Didar Singh Cheema stated that SAWA should have actively engaged with the research and the opportunity was lost.

The motion was put to vote

Motion was carried (For 39 Against 9)

7 Endorsement of the Auditors.

In accordance with the constitutional requirement the outgoing EXCO recommends Mr Harpreet Singh Cheema and Mr Rajinder Singh Sunner to be appointed as Auditors.

Proposed Motion:

That Harpreet Singh Cheema and Mr Rajinder Singh Sunner be appointed as Auditors for the 2022/23 financial year.

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Mahesh Inder Singh

Carried unanimously

8 Authorization of incoming EXCO expenditure limit for all elements linked to a single event.

Last year the expenditure limit for the EXCO for any single project was \$35,000. AGM may authorize the same or a different limit for the 2022/23 financial year. EXCO recommends that this limit be increased to \$40,000.

Proposed Motion:

That the expenditure limit for the 2022/2023 EXCO for all elements linked to a single event be set at \$ 40,0000.00

Proposer: Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Secunder: Mahesh Inder Singh

Carried Unanimously

9 Such other matters specified in the Notice convening the AGM;

Nil

10 Declaration of election results and appointment of office bearers of the EXCO;

President	Harbhajan (John) Singh Bejwan
Vice President	Jaskiran Kaur Cheema
Secretary	Prem Singh Judge
Asst Secretary	Amarjit Singh
Asst Secretary	Juginder Kaur
Treasurer	Paramjit Singh Nagra
Asst Treasurer	Rajinder Singh Bassi
Asst Treasurer	Ranjit Singh (S Hardial Singh)
Committee Member	Baljit Kaur Sidhu
Committee Member	Bhupinder Singh Brar
Committee Member	Daljit Singh Dhillon
Committee Member	Paramjit Kaur Tur
Committee Member	Pushpinder Pal Singh
Committee Member	Rani Kaur Samra
Committee Member	Rowinderjeet Kaur (Ninder)
Committee Member	Simrat Singh Malhotra

11 Elected President's address / Meeting Closed

The President elect had already left the meeting for personal reasons.

Paramjit Singh Kahlon

Paramjit Singh Kahlon
SAWA President
Dated.



Mahesh Inder Singh
SAWA Secretary