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Mr. V. Vithyanathan

January 24, 2010 Special General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started at 1.30 PM with the required quorum in attendance.

1. Welcome Speech by President Mr. P. Puvanendrakumar
2. April 10, 2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes approval
 - Dr B. Maheswaran moved to accept the Meeting Minutes and Mr. V. Ravindiran seconded the motion. Motion voted unanimously without additional discussion.
3. The President conducted the selection of the Moderators for the 2010 year. The following volunteered to serve as Moderators:
 - Mrs. Manithy Anton
 - Mr. Velupilai Ravindiran
 - Dr. Karunaharan Ratnam

In accordance with the BTA By-Laws, as this was the requisite number of Moderators, they were selected unanimously to serve as Moderators. The President thanked the past Moderators (Mr. V Ravindiran, Mr. V. Tharmalingam and Mr, R. Ramanan) for their services and welcomed the new set of Moderators.

4. As there no other Agenda Items, the President Mr. P. Puvanendrakumar opened the floor for questions:
 - Dr Bala Maheswaran inquired why there was a new policy to charge fees for non-members and stated why not keep it open as in past years. President explained that to cover expenses, the Board of Directors agreed to charge fees to non-members. Mr. Ravindiran, Dr. Arunthy Thiagalingam, Mr Suresh Sivasithamparm and Mrs Yaso Aravinthan voiced support with the Board of Directors policy and stated that this is the standard policy.
 - Mr. Victor Tharmalingam stated that the Moderators had no power and were unable to contribute positively. Dr Sam Thiagalingam stated that this was the Members overwhelming request.
 - President's brief update on BTA Growth & Strengthening initiative,
 - There were suggestions to increase the age to 18 years.
 - Mr Ravi Mahadeva commented that the children should be left to decide on their own. Dr Nanda Nanthakumar, Mr Victor Tharmalingam and Mrs. Yaso Aravinthan voiced support for the initiative and stated that let us go ahead with the initiative and allow the children to participate.
5. Closing statement by President Mr. P. Puvanendrakumar and the meeting ended at 2.15 PM.