

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION – WEST GTA INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Cawthra Seniors' Centre, Mississauga, ON

The meeting was called to order by the President, Osbert Remedios at 6:20 p.m.
There were eight-two (82) members in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Osbert said the opening prayer followed by a one-minute silence observed for our deceased members.

He introduced the members of his committee and thanked members for attending the AGM.

Acceptance of the 2017 AGM Minutes

Members were asked if the minutes of the AGM held on April 5, 2017 could be accepted. Since there were no objections, Alcino Rodrigues proposed acceptance of the minutes. They were seconded by Cynthia Harris and carried by the General Body.

Report Back on Matters Arising from the April 5, 2017 AGM

- ***Liability Insurance:*** it was decided that it would be too difficult to develop a comprehensive insurance policy covering multiple groups because the mandate and activities of the various groups differ.
- ***Archive all the 55 PGA Material:*** this was discussed later in the meeting.
- ***Depreciation of the Laptops:*** not applicable since there is a balance of only \$100 left.
- ***Create a Reserve Fund:*** this recommendation was rejected.
- ***Giving Back to our Members:*** The events in 2017 were run at a loss of \$4,251 in order to keep the cost of the tickets for events low and to give back to our members.

President's Report for 2017

Osbert read his report to the members.

Al Mathias thanked the committee for a job well done.

To adopt Audited Financial Statements for 2017

Maria Martyres proposed the motion to adopt the financial statements. It was seconded by Neville Arnold and carried by the General Body.

There were a couple of minor changes proposed:

1. Under Events for the Year, on Page 8 of the report: Net loss from events for 2017 shown as -\$4,251.09, should read Net (Loss) (\$4,251.09).

2. The Income & Expense Statement for 2017 on Page 7 of report: shown as Net Income -\$3,264.02 should read Net (Loss) (\$3,264.02).
3. The Balance Sheet for 2017 on Page 6 of report (2nd Line under Equity): shown as Total Liabilities -\$3,264.02 should read Net (Loss) (\$3,264.02).

Our Treasurer Aggie D'Mello suggested that the changes proposed above by Al Mathias were correct, but could not be stated as "Net Loss" as they were comparative figures in the statements. **Aggie suggested that it should read as "NET PROFIT (LOSS)" on all the pertaining sheets.** Alban Mascarenhas, the auditor, agreed with the change suggested by Aggie and it was seconded by Alcino Rodrigues.

The Auditor, Alban Mascarenhas confirmed that he was satisfied with the 2017 financial statements that he had audited. The suggested changes will be implemented going forward.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee to appoint a Member on the Executive to represent the 55 PGA at all City of Mississauga activities for Seniors

This will be brought forward for the new committee to action.

Comments received from members with respect to the 2017 Annual Report, Financial Statements or any other matters that were sent in writing to the General Secretary

The only comment received was from John D'Souza. He spoke about the Goan Archives Report from 2009 – 2013. He wants to make sure that 55 PGA material is archived so that nothing gets lost. Osbert Remedios directed John to visit the 55PGA.com website where the Association's archived material such as reports, photographs, AGM minutes, flyers, etc. are posted.

Election of New Executive for 2018 & 2019

Osbert asked the General Body if there were any nominations for a New Executive Committee. There were none. Lydia Nazareth who was not present at the AGM because of a previously booked travel arrangement had sent a letter to the General Secretary confirming her acceptance of the position of President of the 55 PGA. There being no other candidate for the Presidency, Osbert Remedios nominated Lydia in her absence and Alban Mascarenhas seconded the nomination.

Although not a requirement in the 55PGA Constitution, in the absence of the Principal trustee Lydia Nazareth at the AGM, Alcino Rodrigues proposed that the house accord the Executive a special dispensation and accept Ms. Nazareth as the new President.

In her letter, Lydia had named the following for the remaining elected executive positions:

Vice-President	Norman da Costa
General Secretary	Leslie de Souza
Treasurer	Aggie D'Mello

She will choose the rest of her committee when she returns in early May. Osbert Remedios noted that there were several other candidates that expressed their interest to fill in the other available positions and he agreed to forward their names to the incoming President for consideration.

Norman da Costa expressed his disappointment as in spite of continual requests, no one had stepped forward to form or join a new committee. He said that it appears that the same old members are being forced into the committee. He emphasized that we need new people in order to make the 55 PGA a success.

Election of Auditors for 2018 & 2019

Alban Mascarenhas thanked the outgoing committee for their contributions in 2016/2017. Norman da Costa nominated Alcino Rodrigues as an auditor. Aggie D’Mello seconded the proposal. Carl Clutton nominated Alvito Fernandes as the second auditor. Alban Mascarenhas seconded the proposal. The nominations were carried by the General Body.

Any Other Business

Alcino Rodrigues noted that based on the membership dues received between 2016 and 2017 that approximately another 100 members were added to the roster and he commended the committee for that accomplishment.

Since there was no other business to discuss, Osbert proposed that the meeting should be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. and Leslie de Souza seconded the proposal.

Leslie de Souza
General Secretary
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