

**55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION – WEST GTA INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Cawthra Seniors' Centre, Mississauga, ON**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Alcino Rodrigues, at 6:20 p.m.

There were sixty-one (61) members in attendance.

Alcino introduced Ruth Remedios as the Social Secretary for 2015.

**Opening Prayer**

Gerry Almeida said the opening prayer and observed a moment's silence to remember the members that passed away in 2014.

**Acceptance of the 2014 AGM Minutes**

Members were asked if the minutes of the AGM held on March 4, 2014 could be accepted.

Since there were no objections, the motion was proposed by Franco Castello, seconded by Tony Fonseca and carried by the General Body.

**Adoption of the 2014 Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements**

The members were asked if the 2014 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements could be adopted. There were no objections raised and the motion was proposed by Norman Da Costa, seconded by Yvonne Hart and carried by the General Body.

**Appointments of the Vice-President for 2015 and the Treasurer for 2014 & 2015**

The appointments of Gerry Almeida as Vice-President for 2015 and of Alick Alphonso as Treasurer for 2014 & 2015 were ratified. The motion was proposed by Farida Alexander, seconded by Pio Gomes and carried by the General Body.

**Election of Auditors**

Tony Fonseca and Roland Francis were named as the auditors for 2015.

The election of Tony Fonseca was proposed by Alban Mascarenhas and seconded by Norman Da Costa. The election of Roland Francis was proposed by Thelma D'Souza and seconded by Franco Castello.

**Comments from members regarding the Annual Report and Any Other Business**

1. A suggestion to change the method in which the Financial Statements are presented was received. The President, Alcino Rodrigues, stated that we would take a look at the Financials to see if they could be presented in a different manner. He agreed to meet with the member who made the suggestion to discuss the matter.

2. There was a question about the 55 PGA Affiliation with the City of Mississauga. The requirement is that there should be no less than five (5) members on the Executive Committee

and the majority of them should reside in Mississauga. We currently have seven (7) members on the Committee and four (4) of them reside in Mississauga. We agreed to focus on getting more new members from Mississauga in order to increase compliance with the City's Affiliation requirements.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance**

Alcino Rodrigues informed the General Body that a Grand 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Extravaganza would be held on Friday, November 27, 2015 at the Renaissance by the Creek. The event is open to members and friends.

A special committee has been formed to organize the event. The initial planning meeting was held on February 10, 2015. Joe Lobo was elected Chairman of the committee. Rudi Rodrigues and Norman Da Costa are responsible for producing a Special Souvenir Publication that will be distributed at the event to commemorate the occasion. Christine Rodrigues is leading the team responsible for the decorations.

A "Celebrating Ten Terrific Years!" flyer was circulated at the AGM. More information is to come.

### **Other**

Leo Lopes informed members that he is planning a Track & Field event on July 4, 2015. The event is open to anyone who wishes to participate and it is free for all attendees. The goal is to bring families together for a fun day.

Leo asked for contributions to fund the event. After some discussion, it was decided that since the 55 PGA is a non-profit, non-charitable organization, we could not make a donation towards the event. Instead, members are encouraged to support the event by making contributions as individuals.

Since there was no other business to discuss, Alcino adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Leslie de Souza  
General Secretary  
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