



MALAYSIAN SINGAPOREAN BRUNEIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
Sunday, October 20th, 2019
1:00pm – 3:00pm
MSBCA Clubhouse

ATTENDEES: 34 members

INVITATION TO LUNCH - 1:00 PM – AGNES HOBMAIER (GOH)

CALL TO ORDER - 1:30 PM – AGNES HOBMAIER (GOH)

APPROVAL OF 2018 AGM MINUTES – AGNES HOBMAIER (GOH)

- Motioned by Jesse Cheah
- Seconded by Kum Mee Oh
- Motion passed

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – JONATHAN LOOI

- Summary of Malaysian, Singaporean and Bruneian Community Association past year activities covering the progress made collectively and the new programs that were introduced.
- Tribute to the past members, volunteers and supporters who have brought up MSBCA, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019.
- Looking forward to upcoming year of new ideas and new leaders in charge of new activities

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER – BLAIR PHILLIPS

- Financial statement and auditors report were posted on MSBCA website, sent via mass email and included in the 2018/2019 annual report.
- Casino funds are the backbone of MSBCA's finances – we cannot do what we do without them.
- MSBCA is a non-profit organization, meaning not for profit. We do not have dividends or shareholders. We are a corporation not trying to be profitable.
- AGLC supports community and cultural events which is benefited by the city at large.
- Our association is in a healthy financial position despite significant facility, event and function expenses, i.e. costumes for our inventory, increase in insurance, utilities and condo fees, repairs of the pipes and boilers.
- Our clubhouse remains to be a great capital asset - looking tidy and well organized.
- Strong annual budget will be a priority around how we want to balance our fixed facility expenses against anticipated events. Primarily, this will focus on how we want to manage our casino night proceeds which will need to last until Q1 2021. This includes maintaining financial

controls and proper planning, engaging with our members on the types of activities and how we want to prioritize the casino versus the general account funded activities.

APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT – BLAIR PHILLIPS

- Motioned by Giva Balasingam
- Seconded by Kum Mee Oh
- Motion passed

BREAK – 2:15 PM to 2:25 PM

REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT MALAYSIA – HELEN ONG

- Several new activities were introduced: senior home visit, dance bootcamp, wine and cheese, senior spring festival, dance technique program, Food Moments cooking class, mahjong social, and joy of dancing. Some were one-time activities while others ongoing.
- MSBCA bus tour “East Meets West”. This event connected members and strengthened the community bond.
- Prioritize clubhouse use & calendar bookings for member activities first, followed by potential renters, followed by shared space users. Priority is for members.
- Pumpkin carving though not related to our Asian culture; it was still well participated by many immigrants/new Canadians who have never experienced it.
- There may be more new activities for the upcoming year; in particular, traditional Malay arts & crafts like rattan weaving, wau kite making, batik painting.

REPORT FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – ADRINE CHONG

- Cultural Night committee and its members, the dancers, the volunteers, and dance groups all contributed to the success of the MSBCA 30th anniversary. There were dancers of varying ages; full of energy, enthusiasm, and all eager to learn.
- Costumes were ordered from parts of Malaysia brought over by MSBCA members. Many costumes worn by the indigenous peoples are rare and must be preserved properly in order to extend their lifespan.

REPORT FROM GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – YENSON ONG

- Table tennis social night, jogging activity along the Bow River, and biking trip to Bragg Creek were introduced. There was great participation across the sports’ activities.
- There is a continual interest in sports’ activities.
- New activities may be introduced in the upcoming months.

REPORT FROM MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – EMILY TEOH

- Membership count remains relatively constant with some new members and past members renewing their membership.
- Membership application and renewal process went online this year which significantly improved the efficiencies from an organizational perspective.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTOR & AUDITORS – JONATHAN LOOI

- Vice President Singapore (2017-2019): Charanjeet Kaur
- Auditor (2017-2019): Lita Chan
- Auditor (2017-2019): Clara Chiew
- It is a remarkable experience to work in a team of volunteers who find their self-worth, self-confidence, and personal growth in MSBCA.

APPOINTMENT OF INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS – JONATHAN LOOI

- Motion to elect candidates who are uncontested
 - Vice President Singapore (2019-2021): Givalatha Balasingam
 - Vice President Brunei (2019-2021): Joyce Yit
 - General Committee Member (2019-2021): Keat Hau Cheong
- Moved by John Quon
- Seconded by Jill Heng
- Motion passed

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRO – GIVALATHA BALASINGAM

- Second generation Singaporean. Spent her growing up years in Singapore.
- Left home to study law in U.K. and later was engaged in employment in other parts of overseas.
- Has been an MSBCA member since 2013 where she organized the 2014 Chinese New Year banquet, assisted in 2015 Cultural Night, and other MSBCA activities.
- Desire to see MSBCA expand across Canada and U.S.A.
- Desire to introduce activities to attract youth to grow and be the future leaders of MSBCA.

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRO – JOYCE YIT

- Born in Singapore with Bruneian heritage.
- Love to learn and explore the various aspects of the Bruneian culture.
- Serving MSBCA since 2000, holding various positions on the board of directors since 2012.
- Would like to work with the board of directors to bring MSBCA to new heights – exploring and developing new activities that will enrich every member, young and old.

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRO – KEAT HAU CHEONG

- Born in Malaysia and has settled in Calgary since 1999, later met his wife and started family
- Has been an MSBCA member since 2015 and has participated in various activities.
- Having volunteered and been volun-told in the past, would like to get to know the community more and help out.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 3:00 PM – AGNES HOBMAIER (GOH)

MINUTES PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY – AGNES HOBMAIER (GOH)