

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE MAYO COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DELHI HELD ON 17TH AUGUST 2023 AT 6.30 PM AT DCM RAYONS, 508, 5TH FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM, AKASHDEEP BUILDING, BARAKHAMBA ROAD, NEW DELHI.

Present

1. Mr Harmeet Singh(President)
2. Mr Dipin Kapur
3. Mr Rudra Shriram
4. Mr Sanjay Singh
5. Mr Pankaj Rakesh
6. Ms Divija Singh
7. Ms Jasleen Kochhar
8. Mr Goumtesh Singh
9. Mr Kirit Javali(Secretary)
10. Ms Cini Suresh(Executive Assistant)

Leave of Absence

Mr Sumant Dhamija(Vice President)
Mr Pankaj Karna(Treasurer)
Mr Alok Shriram
Dr Jitendra Nath Misra
Mr Vilas Pawar
Mr Sameer Mutreja
Mr Ambarish Raghuvanshi

1. **Review of the Minutes of the last Meeting.** The President said that the minutes of the last meeting has been circulated and asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes. As there were no comments, the same was approved. The President expressed concern about MAAD's financial state, noting that for the last 3 to 4 years MAAD has hardly generated any income. Further, he emphasized the urgent need to generate income to sustain MAAD's operations effectively. The Secretary proposed to hold the next Executive Committee (EC) at Niti Bagh Club instead of the more expensive options like Claridges and Delhi Gymkhana Club, etc. This suggestion was made in line with the need to reduce expenses.
2. **Mayo Alumni Monthly Meet.** The President commended the efforts of the Secretary and Mr. Goumtesh Singh for successfully restarting the Mayo Alumni Monthly Meet. However, he expressed concern that the event had not been generating any funds.

Several points were discussed to address this issue:

- **Charging Entry Fee:** The suggestion to charge an entry fee for the Monthly Meet was proposed and discussed. It was agreed upon that starting from the next month's event, an entry fee of Rs 300/- would be charged.
- **Partnership with Restaurants:** Mr. Goumtesh Singh suggested allowing the restaurant to increase prices by 5% to 10% on drinks, with the restaurant agreeing to pay a loyalty amount to MAAD. This would be done in return for booking the restaurant with a minimum guarantee.
- **Venue Consideration:** Ms. Jasleen Kochhar suggested that conducting the Monthly Meet at hotels/restaurants might be expensive. She recommended exploring the possibility of hosting the events at clubs such as Delhi Gymkhana and Niti Bagh Club. However, concerns were raised regarding time restrictions at clubs, as they may not allow events after 11 pm. It was decided to consider hosting a winter brunch at these venues.

Pub Quiz Session:

- The Committee members discussed the idea of including a Pub Quiz session with the theme "All things Mayo" in the Monthly Meets. Mr. Pankaj Rakesh kindly agreed to host the quiz session.
 - The President urged Mr. Goumtesh Singh to redesign the event flyer to incorporate information about the Pub Quiz session.
3. **Mayo Annual Lecture.** The President informed the members that the Mayo Annual Lecture, which was originally scheduled for August 2023, did not take place due to Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla (guest speaker) unavailability to participate because of his commitments related to the G20 Summit. Further, it was decided to postpone the Mayo Annual Lecture to Oct/Nov 2023.
 4. **Release of Mayo Alumni Directory.** The President informed the Committee members that MAAD had received around 3000 entries from Mayo alumni for the Mayo Alumni Directory. The Secretary suggested for releasing it either on Prize Giving in December or on Mayo Alumni Dinner in Jan 2024.
 5. **Mentorship Program.** It was proposed to schedule the Mentorship Program for 23rd Sept 2023.
 6. **Annual Jassi Memorial Mayo Golf Tournament and Mayo Annual Dinner.** The President informed that there is another engagement on 16th and 17th of December, the dates proposed for Golf and Dinner, respectively and it was noted that a significant number of golfers would be unavailable for the tournament.

Further, Mr. Rudra Shriram consulted with Mr. Dhruv Pal Singh, Jaypee Greens and informed the committee members that the Golf course would be available on 20th January 2024. After considering this availability, it was decided to postpone the events as follows:

Mayo Golf Tournament to be held on 20th January 2024.

Mayo Annual Dinner to be held on 21st January 2024.

The Secretary agreed to check with Claridges for the availability of a hall for the Annual Dinner. Additionally, Mr. Rudra Shriram suggested the Delhi Golf Club as a potential venue for the Mayo Annual Dinner, which was noted for further consideration.

Regarding the budget for the Golf event, it was mentioned that the total budget allocated was 15 lakhs. The President urged Mr. Rudra Shriram and the committee to aim to raise Rs 25 lakhs, which could cover expenses for not only the Golf Tournament but also other MAAD events.

Furthermore, Ms. Jasleen Kochhar was requested to reach out MCGS Alumni, to identify if any of them were interested in participating in the Golf Tournament.

7. **MAAD website and App.** The President emphasized the need to address the costing issue related to the development of Mayo Alumni App Phase 2, especially regarding an invoice raised by Olive of Rs.150,000/- plus 18% GST for each month till March 2023. It was noted that this matter had not been discussed in previous Executive Committee (EC) meetings, and it required immediate attention.

The following points were discussed during the meeting:

- Mr. Dipin Kapur provided information regarding the total cost involved in the development of Mayo Alumni App Phase 2, which amounted to 18 lakhs plus taxes. Further, he informed the Committee that all features related to the 2nd phase in done except the creation of a control panel for OBS and also, other chapters, if interested.
- The President informed the committee that OBS had agreed to pay Rs 10 lakhs upfront and Rs 5 lakhs at a later stage.
- Mr. Dipin Kapur suggested focusing on integrating OBS into the Mayo Alumni App now. He proposed that a formal proposal could be sent to other chapters as well, and a Zoom meeting could be organized with the chapter heads to explain the benefits and features of the app.

8. The President proposed co-opting Mr Goumtesh Singh to the MAAD Executive Committee, Mr Dipin Kapur seconded the proposal, which was appreciated and welcomed by all members.

9. **Mayo Alumni Football Match.** The Secretary informed the members that he had been in touch with Mr. Vikramaditya Jaitly, who shared the following information regarding the event:

- 45 participants have been confirmed.
- Date: 3rd September
- Venue: AB Plaza, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi
- Proposal is to have 4 teams, 6-a-side, and 8 matches.
- Additional provisions include:
 - 2 referees
 - Seating areas with fans and couches
 - Speaker system for announcements and music
 - Dedicated housekeeping staff
 - Dedicated parking manager
 - Sports equipment


The President then informed the members that the total cost for the above arrangements would be Rs25,000/- plus 18% GST. The committee members approved this cost. The Secretary mentioned that he would reach out to an MCGS Alumni contact who is in Garment sector to inquire about the possibility of providing T-shirts for the event.

The President suggested approaching Mr Nagesh Sharma or Mr Akshay as an alternative option if the above is not materialised.

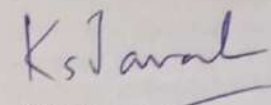
It was decided that a flyer for sponsoring the football event should be prepared and circulated as soon as possible to attract potential sponsors and supporters.

10. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 20th October 2023

11. **Vote of Thanks.** The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Harmeet Singh
(President)



Kirit Javali
(Secretary)