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INTRODUCTION

This past year, the Maldivian Students' Association (UK) has been very successful contrary to the previous few years in carrying out the objectives of the association as stated in the constitution. Events were held to strengthen the relationship among members. Also a new relationship was established with the Maldivian Students' Association in Egypt.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the general meeting on the first of January 1991, general elections were held which resulted as follows:

- Chairperson: Mr. Ibrahim Hassan (Glasgow)
- Vice Chairperson: Mr. Simad Saeed (Southampton)
- Secretary: Ms. Aminath Shaheen (Lancaster)
- Treasurer: Mr. Mauroof Jameel (Manchester)
- Student Advisor: Mr. Hassan Shafeeu (London)

As the chairperson I welcomed constructive fresh ideas to increase active participation by members. This was important because the MSA as a body has been inert for the past two to three years, and something had to be done to overcome this. Once this message was put across, the members responded positively, imparting their ideas for a more successful governing body.

It has come to my notice that the activities of the MSA has been constrained by several factors namely, members being dispersed throughout the UK, making it extremely difficult for them to attend meetings and take active participation. The expenses of travel and boarding that members have to cover, imposes as additional restriction for participation in activities. Lastly, most members lost faith and hope in the organising body after two consecutive years of hibernation, and therefore hesitate to take part in our activities freely.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Three meetings were conducted, of which two were attended by the whole governing body. For the convenience of the members all the meetings were held in Manchester.

01.01.1991 – Manchester

Discussion as to how the MSA would meet the expectations of the constitution for the next 12 months were carried out. This meeting, which was attended by the elected editor of the magazine, spoke of the prospects of publishing a magazine.

24.02.1991 – Manchester.

As the expenses for the trip was high, ways to obtain extra funds to cover was sought. In connection with previous meeting on publishing a magazine further discussion were held, and a means of obtaining articles from members were sought.

05.05.1991 – Manchester

The importance of having a logo for the MSA was felt and it was decided to hold a competition among members in order to achieve this objective. A discussion to formulate a letterhead for MSA were also put forward. In this meeting a reply to the letter sent to the MSA from the Maldivian students of Egypt was also discussed, which was subsequently drafted and sent.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

We were able to call for only one Ordinary General Meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. The meeting was held on the 31st of March 1991 in London. The attendance was not satisfactory. Nevertheless, those who attended did make the best use of the gathering.

SNOWDONIA TRIP

As the MSA needed to inspire members and attract them to the body, The Snowdonia Trip was arranged as a result of careful planning by the MSA's Central Committee, plus strong dedication by ordinary members. Although the main objective of climbing the mountain was not achieved, it was in general a success! It left memories of enjoyment, heartbreaks and sorrow that will linger forever.

I personally consider The Snowdonia Trip as a huge success in boosting the members' trust in the central committee in leading the MSA to a brighter future. This view was shared by many and expressed in the meeting during the Easter in London. Also it was felt that more members would take part in our future events now that the Central Committee has been successful in getting MSA to a colourful start.

Snowdonia Trip was a great experience to me both as the Chairperson and as an individual. Through this, the MSA learned a lot about administering such a huge event.

AWARD OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Under the clause 3.8 of the MSA's constitution, an Honorary Membership was awarded to Mrs. Mariyam Rafeeu for her outstanding contributions to the association over the past few years. On behalf of the association I take this opportunity to thank her once again for the services she has rendered.

MEETING WITH THE EDUCATION MINISTER

On the 2nd of November the Education Minister Hon. Us. Abdulla Hameed officially met the Maldivian students in the UK. Meeting took place both in Manchester and London.

The issue of MSA as a registered organisation has been debated for a considerable time. According to the present Maldivian legislation an association would need to have a principal in charge who is answerable in any situation, if it is to be registered. This person, by law, has the sole authority and responsibility over the activities and movements of the association. At present, I do not encourage the power of the MSA's Central Committee and hence of its members, to be handed over to someone perhaps not present in the UK. A solution to this burning issue has not been found yet.

When we met the Minister, I took the opportunity to introduce the MSA to him, explaining our aims, hopes and importance of being recognised as the official Maldivian student's body in the UK. The meeting with the Minister went very favourably. He agreed to recognise the MSA as a body and the Chairperson as the person responsible for its activities. He agreed to contribute to the MSA a fixed amount of money annually, to help with the running costs of the organisation, and a generous endowment of some 95 books and magazines mainly on Maldivian history and literature were received, which would be an enormous enrichment to the MSA's library. The Minister understood and shared our views and concerns about our identity and advised to send an official letter stating our aims to be registered at the Education Ministry. The letter is yet to be sent. The delay is deliberate. My wish is to find out from all the members what they feel should be included in this letter. It is my sincere hope that the next elected Central Committee would see this as their priority. I consider this a great triumph for the MSA and all its members.

CONCLUSION

I consider this past year as the beginning of a new era for the MSA's activities and its prosperity. It was a pity that the spirit with which we started the year dwindled as the time passed by. Nevertheless, the central committee has been very successful in finding publicity for the organisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Central Committee and all the concerned members for their invaluable advice and backing they have given me. My special thanks are to the Student Advisor Hassan Shafeeu and the treasurer Mauroof Jameel for their invaluable advice and services rendered to the MSA. I would like to share all our achievements of this year with the members of the Central Committee and all other members, especially those who took keen interest on how the Association could function most efficiently. Their constructive criticism and the advice gave me great inspiration and helped me carry out my duties as the chairperson. I am very grateful to all of them.

I hope that my period as the chairperson was satisfactory to all members. I shall treasure our achievements for a long time to come and will never forget the experiences that I have gone through. My sincere hopes and wishes are with MSA for better prosperity and progress in the future. I hope that its membership will increase every year and that it will be more effective and successful next year than it has been this year. I also trust that the new Central Committee will be better equipped to carry out its duties to a more successful end.

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