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INTRODUCTION

It is with deep regret and utmost embarrassment that I admit the past year as one of the most bleak years in the short life of the Maldivian Students' Association (UK). In contrast to the year before, no single event was successful organised and held to achieve the objectives of the association as stated in its written constitution. However, I believe the year has taught a lot of lessons to every member of the Central Committee (CM) as to how we as a body could and should have gone about if we were to make the association function as it did in the previous twelve months.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 22nd of December 1991 at 7pm in 9Rosemont Avenue, London. The main item on the agenda was the election of anew CM which resulted as follows:

- Chairperson Mr.Ibrahim Hassan (Glasgow)
- Vice Chairperson Ms. Dunya Maumoon (London)
- Secretary Mr. Ahmed Mohamed (Hull)
- Treasurer Mr. Ahmed Riza (Leeds)
- Students Advisor Mr. Hassan Shafeeu (London)

Before the election was called upon, a silence of 30seconds was observed in honour of Mr.M.Saeed, a former treasurer of the association. As the chairperson I highlighted that the previous year had been successful mainly due to co-operation of the ordinary members and hoped that would continue to do so. A lot of constructive and fresh ideas were put forward on ways to run the association more efficiently. The ideas ranged from holding a Maldivian cultural evening to arranging sports activity week, from organising a food fair to sending a copy of the associations constitution to those who wanted one. The greatest challenge for me, I felt was to maintain the heights that the association has reached, and to broaden the scope of the association. It was agreed confidently among the CM members that the challenge would be met.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Two meetings were conducted, one on the night of the AGM and the second on the 23rd of February 1992. Only one was attended by all members of the CM. Both meetings were held in London.

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 22-12-91

Priority was given to incorporate a list of activities that were to be conducted during the course of the year. This included organising a sports week during the Easter break. A decision was made for me to draft and send a letter to the Ministry of Education, with reference to the meeting held with the Minister on the 2nd of November 1991, to register the MSA (UK). At the same time a letter of condolence was also send to Murraths family.

During the course of the meeting the treasurer was given the responsibilities of finding information on opening a bank account for the association.

The meeting, which lasted almost an hour, was concluded on a very optimistic note.

2. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 23-02-92

This meeting was attended by three members, excluding the treasurer and the vice-chairperson. Since no information was obtained on the opening of the account for the MSA (UK): the student advisor was given the responsibility of finding it through the treasurer.

A deadline for the articles for the next magazine was reached: this being the 21st of April 1992. At the same time a way of finding out whether the Ministry of Education had received the letter send to them was discussed.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

With regret it has to be said that not a single meeting was called upon. At this moment we must not forget the difficulties that are associated in assembling members from afar. However, if the CM had co-ordinated together in carrying out its duties it would not have been an impossible task.

CONCLUSION

The experience that the past year brought to me as the chairperson and as an individual would be remembered for a long time to come. My personal opinion is that each member of the CM has the potential and the necessary leadership qualities to run MSA (UK), but the lack of willingness, co-operation and unity lead to its inefficiency. Due to this factor it is my wish that in electing the next CM all ordinary members would keep in mind the necessity to elect people who are capable and willing to work together. However, despite the inefficiency of the CM, one record has been put straight. An assurance had been given by Minister of Education to grant annual financial aid to the MSA (UK). After receiving two letters from the MSA (UK) in regard to the registration of the association, the Minister of Education revealed that such a letter had already been received by his predecessor, and that no written affirmation was necessary. However, I feel that a verbal assurance is not sufficient. I therefore advice the CM to work hard to obtain a written document regarding the matter.

Finally I wish to call upon all members to work in unity to achieve prosperity and progress for the association. I also hope that the CM would be more able and successful than the present CM.

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