

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE RY2022-23  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON GOLDEN MILE**

These are the minutes of the **fifth meeting for RY2022-23** of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile (and the Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile Community Service Fund Ltd.,) which was held on **Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**, at the India Club. BOD members at the next meeting will hold these minutes for approval.

**Present:** President Simon Castley, PP Silva Yeung, PP Nana Lachman, PP Gautam Daswani, VP Kumar Ramanathan, Treasurer Vinod Sehgal, Sec. Robin Roberts, PP Raju Daswani, Rtn Terrence Annamunthodo, Rtn Deven Pandaram, PP Mazhar Sultana, Rtn Anil Moorjani. (12 voting members present. Quorum achieved.)

### 1. Call to Order:

President Simon called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm

## 2. Apologies Received:

PE Richard Albuquerque, IPP Vishal Daswani, PP Carola Chard, Rtn Novy Hung, Rtn. Marc Hellmann, Rtn Arti Malik, PP Fakul Islam Babu, PP Joseph Kwan,

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):**

President Simon presented the minutes prepared by Secretary Robin from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD meeting. PP Silva proposed that the minutes be approved. It was seconded by PP Nanu and approved unanimously.

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

Club Meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November: President Simon gave a special thanks to Rtn. Deven for arranging such an interesting speaker from CLP to discuss eMobility, a topic that is very much in line with Rotary PPE (Green) month. He noted that we were expecting the DG, DS, DSS and District PPE Director to be our guests. He also expected PDG David to make a short presentation regarding the ONE as there were still a few more tickets for the November 17 dinner that needed to be sold. We will also have the PHF pinning of Rtn. Deven.

District Re-Zone: We need to hold a BOD recommendation vote regarding a proposal from District (Resolution No. DLM 01/2022-23) that has been circulated regarding the realignment of District 3450 away from its current Rotary Zone to Zone 10. In the current situation, District 3450 is in a primarily Taiwan Zone that includes 12 Taiwan Districts. So far it has been impossible for anybody from our District 3450 to get promoted through the Zone to key RI offices. Under Zone 10 District 3450 would join the districts of Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines and it is believed that would increase the likelihood of 3450 officers progressing. DG David has voiced his support for this move as well as CP Chandru. With all of this considered, PP Simon proposed that the BOD officially support the resolution. VP Kumar seconded the motion and there was unanimous support. At the District level, this will be voted on via a Zoom meeting on November 26. Given our club size, KGM is entitled to 3 votes.

## 5. Treasurer Report: Vinod

- a) Bank Balances (as of November 7):  
RCKGM Club Account: HKD 701,645.07  
RCKGM-CSF Account: HKD 2,310,839.33
- b) Annual Membership Dues: Only two current members have not yet paid. We also have two new members who Vinod will have to follow up with.
- c) So far this RY, we have approved HKD 96,680 for Community Service and HKD 104,295 for International Service.
- d) Bank Account Signatures: The plan is to have a total of 5 people with signature authority for both KGM and CSF accounts. So far, signatures for the CSF account have been approved, but not the KGM account. PE Richard is following up with HSBC to complete this transition process.
- e) We have a few miscellaneous expenses to be settled for PP Elisa, President Simon for transport and for bulletins.
- f) Full accounts report is attached.

**RESPONSIBLE**

## President Simon

**Treasurer Vinod**

<p><b>6. President's Address:</b> Simon</p> <p>a) A special congratulations to PP Silva for another successful Medical Check for the Elderly.</p> <p>b) The date of the handover to the RY2023-24 BOD will need to be scheduled before the end of June because President Simon will need to travel during July 2023.</p> <p>c) Xmas Party: Planned for December 14, but there were discussions about possibly moving it to December 7 because the choral group that performed last year is not available on the 14<sup>th</sup>. In the end it was agreed that we would stay with the 14<sup>th</sup>, though we will need to arrange some other entertainment. Secretary Robin agreed to again be the Santa.</p> <p>d) AGM: Per the bylaws, this must be done before the end of December. Given the date of the Christmas party on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the fact that many people will be out-of-town by December 21<sup>st</sup>, it was agreed the December 7<sup>th</sup> would be the most practical date.</p> <p>e) District ePlatform: The DG wants us to encourage as many members as possible to sign-up. So far only 15 KGM members have joined. President Simon will send out the link again.</p>	<p><b>President Simon</b></p>
<p><b>7. Plan of Action:</b></p> <p><b>A) Vice-President:</b> Kumar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Bylaws Amendments: The draft amendments were emailed to BOD members on November 1<sup>st</sup>. VP Kumar reviewed a few highlights of the proposed changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 5 / Section 3 to be updated to allow Club meetings and attendance recognition to be achieved via physical presence <b>and/or</b> electronic platform (e.g. Zoom) presence.</li> <li>Article 5 / Section 4 to be updated to reduce the percentage of club members required to form a quorum at club meetings, AGM's, etc. This is viewed as important given the larger size of the club and the expectation that significant members of the club will be travelling or otherwise unavailable, especially as Covid period restrictions are relaxed. After some discussion it was agreed that we would recommend a move from 1/3 (33.33%) of membership to ¼ (25%) of membership for quorum.</li> <li>Article 11 is proposed to allow for members to request and be granted a 'Leave of Absence' from the club for a specified period. That period can be modified by BOD as required.</li> <li>Article 13 / Section 11 to be updated to include a clause regarding the assignment of a member to assist each new members with assimilation and integration into the club.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It was noted that these Bylaws changes need to be approved by full Club membership, possibly at AGM planned for December 7<sup>th</sup>. <b>POST NOTE:</b> We will have an EGM in early 2023.</p>	<p><b>VP Kumar</b></p>
<p><b>B) Secretary:</b> Robin</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p><b>C) President-Elect &amp; Fundraising Chairperson:</b> Richard (represented by President Simon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charity Ball: Confirmed for March 4 at Kowloon Shangri-La. We are working to ensure that we can get a minimum of 240 persons, though we are hoping that by March we will be able to have an expanded capacity. In terms of pricing, a gold table will cost \$32K, a regular table will be \$16,800 and a single ticket will be \$1,688.</li> <li>Handbag Auction: Has now been rescheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at Club Lusitano in Central. The November 2<sup>nd</sup> date had to be postponed due to the typhoon. We need more promotion.</li> <li>Charity Bazaar: We have been informed that the Wanchai Playground is now expected be available by the April/May period. We will plan accordingly.</li> <li>Virtual/Real Golf Tournament: Rtn. Deven is working to organize as a fundraiser in February at the venue at Olympic Station. Cost is estimated to be \$21,000-\$30,000. 11 bays (each for 2 people) would be available in 1-hour slots between 2pm and 10pm. We would need 160-180 participants from across the District, each paying \$300-\$350 to make it viable. More later.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PE Richard</b></p> <p><b>Deven</b></p>
<p><b>D) IPP:</b> Vishal</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>E) Rotary Foundation:</b> Terrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Paul Harris pin for Deven will be presented at next club meeting</li> <li>PE Richard and Rtn. Anil will also do a PHF contribution</li> <li>VP Kumar will be moving to the next level</li> <li>Several new members have indicated their intent to become PHF. Terrence will follow-up.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Terrence</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We should point out to members that once they have made their US \$100 ERFY contribution, they only need to contribute US \$900 more to get to PHF</li> <li>A 1000 USD contribution to the Endowment Fund allows one to become a Benefactor.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>F) <u>Community Services:</u></b> PP Silva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Medical check for Elderly at the Mongkok Kai-fong Association Chan Hing Social Service Centre on November 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success. We served approximately 250 elderly residents from the neighborhood. A special thanks to all participants, including the Interactors who escorted elderly back to their homes and to Rotaract members. We will create an appreciation certificate for Ying Wa. The DG was impressed with the program and stayed over 1.5 hours.</li> <li>TSW Medical check continues to be delayed due to LCSD Covid restriction rules. We may be able to do it in the spring (April/May).</li> <li>Next YMCA/KGM Dinner for the Elderly will be held the first Saturday of December.</li> <li>Donation to Sichuan school: Following up, PP Silva has been back in contact with Dr. KM Chan (of Baptist Univ., now a visiting professor in Zhuhai) who has indicated that the school has requested that the \$30K previously allocated be used for school uniforms rather than for shoes and socks as previously proposed. PP Silva proposed that we honor their request, it was seconded by PP Mazhar and approved unanimously.</li> <li>Program to teach Cantonese to ethnic minorities at a centre in Tseung Kwan O: PP Silva has not yet received an update on this.</li> </ul>	PP Silva
<p><b>G) <u>International Services:</u></b> PP Gautam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects for remainder of year: We still have funds available. We should use them for international projects that are aligned with RI initiatives, such as Environmental challenges, Peace &amp; Conflict resolution, Growing Local Economies. Suggestions would be welcomed.</li> </ul> <p><b>H) <u>Membership:</u></b> Arti (represented by President Simon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phoebe Yeung will be installed on November 16.</li> <li>We still have potential new candidates. Their information will be sent around.</li> <li>So far this RY, KGM is ahead of District's growth target of net 5%.</li> </ul>	PP Gautam
<p><b>I) <u>Club Board Advisor:</u></b> PP Joseph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
<p><b>J) <u>Vocational Services:</u></b> PP Nanu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocational Awards Dinner: We will need to postpone the event because the Police and Hospital Authority have concerns about having their staff attend any events like a dinner, that would require them to unmask. Given the situation, sometime around March 15, after the Charity Ball may be a good date to consider. The Holiday Inn will come back to us with other suggestions.</li> </ul>	IPP Nanu
<p><b>K) <u>Green Services (PPE):</u></b> Deven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November is 'Green Month' in Rotary and Deven has arranged a speaker from CLP who will address issues related to eMobility.</li> <li>Deven attended the District Carbon Reduction Seminar on October 30 as well as the tree planting service event.</li> </ul>	Deven
<p><b>L) <u>Program Director:</u></b> PP Carola (represented by President Simon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PP Carola are working to find a speaker for the November 16 club meeting</li> <li>Annual Christmas Party will be on December 14. Ballroom has been arranged. Need to determine what we will do for entertainment.</li> </ul>	PP Carola
<p><b>M) <u>Fellowship Director:</u></b> PP Raju</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Going forward we will hold our fellowship events on Wednesdays. Based on recent experience it is challenging to get an adequate attendance level on weekends.</li> <li>December club meetings will be on the first two Wednesdays, ahead of the holidays. The Holiday Inn and the District have been informed.</li> <li>PP Raju and Anil continue to work with the Holiday Inn regarding the quality and value for money of the food served at club meetings. For time being, we will not have Indian cuisine.</li> </ul>	PP Raju

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VP Kumar will try to organize a fellowship at the HK Country Club, possibly on November 30.</li> </ul> <p><b>N) <u>Sergeant at Arms:</u></b> Marc Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>O) <u>Attendance Director:</u></b> Novi (represented by President Simon) We need to properly identify and account for our Senior Active Members. By RI rules they are awarded 100% attendance which will help with our overall attendance figures. To qualify a member must comply with the 'Rule of 85' which requires a 60+ age to which is added one's years of membership.</p> <p><b>P) <u>Bulletin and Public Image Director:</u></b> Anil It was suggested that Anil interview PP Cassidy as to what prompted him to start the Medical Check for Elderly some 20 years ago. It is one of our most successful service programs.</p> <p><b>Q) <u>Youth Services Director:</u></b> PP Babu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>R) <u>YW Boys &amp; Girls Advisor:</u></b> PP Babu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YW Boys supported the Health Check for Elderly service program on November 6 in various capacities, including escorting our elderly guests back to their homes. We are arranging a special Certificate of Appreciation for them.</li> </ul> <p><b>S) <u>Ho Lap Advisor:</u></b> PP Babu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>T) <u>Junioract:</u></b> PP Babu (represented by President Simon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need to create a flyer to promote the club to students.</li> </ul> <p><b>U) <u>Rotaract Advisor:</u></b> PP Mazhar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club had a wonderful Halloween event on October 31.</li> <li>5 members supported the Elderly Health Check program on November 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>The club has requested \$4500 to participate in a Crypto Seminar. After some discussion it was decided that more clarity was needed about the goals/benefits before any resolution is done.</li> </ul> <p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[POST NOTE/WhatsApp EGM] to consider our support for the <b>Rotary HK Ultramarathon</b>: We received a request to provide financial support for this District level event from Jeffrey Kwok / Roy Tang the event co-chairs. It is scheduled for December 31<sup>st</sup>. On November 14 President Simon circulated their petition and proposed via WhatsApp that KGM contribute \$4000. It was seconded by PP Raju and approved by 12 voting members.</li> </ul> <p><b>9. Summary of Club, Area and District events scheduled during the upcoming month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ONE Dinner – November 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Club Fellowship proposed for November 30</li> <li>AGM – at the start of the December 7 Club Meeting</li> <li>KGM Christmas party – December 14 Club Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>11. Proposed Date, Time, Venue for next meeting:</b> Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm Location: India Club</p> <p><b>POST NOTE:</b> On 17/11/22 a majority of BOD agreed via WhatsApp to shift meeting to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>12. Meeting Adjournment:</b> The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm</p> <p>(Minutes recorded by Secretary Robin)</p>	<p><b>Novi</b></p> <p><b>Anil</b></p> <p><b>PP Babu</b></p> <p><b>PP Mazhar</b></p>
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

