**Patrons**

S. Baldev Singh

S. Sukhbir Singh Bedi

**Chairperson**

S. Ranvir Singh Floura

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**Stage Secretary**

S. Khushwant Singh

**General Board Meeting 11/05/2023**

Ardaas recited by Bhai Jagmohan Singh 02:15 pm.

**Quorum met for General Body Meeting and election will be held on 11/19/2023.**

Chairman discussed the agenda and requested board members for agenda items and to follow the board meeting rules:

Agenda Items:

* Audit Report Review
* Yearly committee Reports
* Quorum numbers for upcoming elections.

The Recording Secretary confirmed the quorum (requiring 97 members, with 113 signatures) with the Membership Committee Coordinator for the upcoming general body meeting. The Chair requested approval of minutes from the previous general body meeting. A few GNFA members raised concerns, stating they did not recall the last general body meeting. In response, the Recording Secretary requested the Chair to read the minutes of the last general body meeting and informed the GNFA members that previous meeting records could be found on the GNFA website under the governance section.

The chair requested the Finance Coordinator and Accountant to read and review the Audit Report with GNFA Members and to provide answers and explanations. A GNFA member asked, 'Why does GNFA have a loan in the amount of $1.2M when they have $1.4M in their account?' The accountant responded that it is a management decision whether to pay off the loan using the available money or to focus on the new building construction and other obligations.

The Chairperson updated GNFA Members regarding a request received from a group of Sangat members regarding a construction project, seeking full autonomy to coordinate and finance a new building. However, the Chair also mentioned that there were additional terms proposed by this group which were not agreed upon, leading to further negotiations. Ultimately, the group backed out from the discussion.

The PRO provided information about all religious activities and events that occurred at GNFA during the year 2023, and also described the recent maintenance performed on the existing building. Additionally, the Capital Project Coordinator explained the construction events for the new building.

A current trustee sitting on the 2023 board and a GNFA member suggested that the general body should allow a new governance body comprising a few new members in addition to the existing board. Another GNFA member stated that the Chairperson and Recording Secretary did not respond to their proposal. Subsequently, another GNFA member suggested that the current management should step aside and provide an opportunity for a new group of Sangat members.

Another GNFA member proposed that a secret ballot vote should take place for any changes to the bylaws and other items, similar to candidate trustee elections. Additionally, the Recording Secretary requested all GNFA members making statements to understand the context of proposals from the Sangat member group before making negative statements toward the management.

**Motions:**

**Motion 1**

I move that: approval of meeting minute of prior general body meeting on November 06th, 2022.

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 (Motion: Tejbir S Phool, **Seconded**: Avtar S Barring)

Motion 1

**All those in favor**: “**YES**”: 14 GNFA members

**Abstain:** 4 members GNFA members **ZERO No’s**

**Motion 2**

I move that: Motion to approve 2022 GNFA audit report.

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 (Motion: Surpal S. Birgi **Seconded**: Navneet K. Singh)

Motion 2

**All those in favor**: “**YES**”: 24 GNFA members

**Zero’s Abstains and NO’s.**

**Motion 3**

I move that: Motion to adjourn.

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 (Motion: Tejbir S Phool **Seconded**: Taranjeet Loh)

Motion 3 **All those in favor**: “**YES**”: 24 GNFA members **Zero’s Abstains and NO’s.**

**Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**