

AKKA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	November 29, 2007 (Thursday)	
Time:	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm	
Location:	Conference Call	
Attendees:	1. Mr. Amarnath Gowda 2. Mr. Ben Kantharaju 3. Dr. H.N. Viswamithra 4. Mr. Shantharaju Kempaiah 5. Dr. Kudur Murali 6. Mr. Madhu Rangaiah 7. Mr. Prabhu Dev 8. Mr. Ramesh Gowda 9. Mr. Ravi Dankanikote 10. Mr. Shamaiah Setty 11. Dr. Shekar Sastry 12. Mr. V.Nanjundaram 13. Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda 14. Mr. Dayashankar Adappa 15. Mr..Nataraj Kote 16. Dr. T. Sethumadhava 17. Dr. Prabhakara P. Rao	18. Mr. Murali Mina 19. Mr. Ramesh Banaglore 20. Mr. Srinath Bhalke 21. Mr. Ramesh Muniswamy 22. Mr. Keerthi Pandit 23..Mr. Ramaswamy Narayana Absentee proxy 24. Mrs. Vanita Harish 25. Mrs. Nagamani Viswanath 26. Mr. M.Krishnamurthy 27..Mr. Harish Hiremath
Guests:	None	

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. AKKA Rasamanjari Charity Event Update
3. Update on AKKA Lawsuit
4. Update on AKKA WKC 2008 MOU & Progress
5. Plan to amend AKKA Bylaws to remove ambiguities

Shantharaj, can you please read the roll call list to verify we have a quorum and call the meeting to order.

1. Welcome:

As always, the meeting started with a prayer emphasizing **Souhardathe - Harmony**–

The President welcomed the new Director from “Milana Kannada Koota of Milwaukee” of Wisconsin Sri. Anil Murthy who replaced Sri. Murali Iyer. Ramesh thanked the outgoing Director Sri. Murali Iyer for his valuable advises and support to AKKA for the past one year. He also welcomed Sri. Murali Minna of Srigandha Kannada Koota of Tampa who was representing the President Sri. Ganesh Ramachandran.

2. AKKA Rasamanjari 2007 - Charity Event Update:

The AKKA Rasamanjari 2007 Charity event with a theme “**Anaatha Makkalige AKKA la Aashraya**” concluded very successful and all the artists have returned back to Bangalore.

To summarize, this event was held in 8 cities across USA.

- Northern California
- Seattle
- Las Angeles
- Minneapolis
- Detroit
- Houston
- DC
- New York

Due to tight schedule of the artists and their availability, unfortunately we had to limit this event to 8 cities.

Ramesh thanked all those Kannada Koota Presidents who took leadership in organizing this event.

Ramesh thanked all the hosts who took care of the artists in their cities taking them around, sight seeing. The President specifically thank AKKA member Sri. Purushotham & Indira Chittakur of New York City who picked up the artists when they arrived in JFK and dropping them back to JFK when departing. Also, Raj Shashi & Vasantha Shashi of Brindavana Kannada Koota for hosting the artists during the Thanksgiving break and taking them around New York City.

On behalf of entire AKKA organization, we want to thank the artists for the time dedicated for this noble cause

Artists were of 3 categories:

Comedians: Richard Louis & Mysore Anand
Singers: L.N. Shastry & Dr. Shamitha Malnad
Actor: Sunil Rao

The program itself has received the rave reviews as this was very unique. You can see some of the testimonials on the AKKA website

Thanks to the Rasamanjari Team for putting together this event in just couple of months
The team consisted:

- AKKA Cultural Committee Chair – Naga Shankar
- AKKA Kannada Koota Liasion Committee Chair – Mahesh Srinivasa
- AKKA India Coordination Committee Chair – M. Krishnamurthy
- AKKA Business Committee Chair – Ravi Dankanikote
- Amarnath Gowda, BOT Chair
- Sanjaya Rao
- Past President Dr. Kudur Murali
- Secretary - Shantharaju Kempaiah
- Jt. Treasurers – Dayashankar Adappa & Prabhu Dev
- Ramesh Gowda
- Kiran Raj from India

Special thanks to Law Office of Amarnath Gowda for processing the artists visa literally in few weeks. Thanks to M.Krishnamurthy for coordinating the logistics in India

President mentioned that the Kannada Kootas are still finalizing the final numbers raised from their Kannada Kootas and some of them have already sent us the checks. We will keep you posted on the complete account information and how the funds will be used shortly.

Pertaining to this event, the President thanked Prabhu Dev, the Jt. Treasurer for his efforts in organizing this event in Northern California literally in couple of days.

President also thanked the leaders of Houston Kannada Vrinda Venkatesh, Vishwanath, Yamuna & Dr. Dayanand for conducting this event in Houston. He reminded, Houston has not been active in AKKA for last 7 years. These three individuals worked against all odds and conducted Rasamanjari event very successfully and raised over \$8,000. In addition to this, they are working on how to get Houston Kannada Vrinda back into AKKA.

The President thanked the Kannada Koota Presidents and their team

- Nagan Goud, Vallisha Sastry of LA
- Swamy Narayana of DC
- Raghava Puttaswamy of Detroit
- Mohan Cadaba & Ben Katharaju & Madhurangiah, Raj Shashi for NY & NJ
- Chitra Mandyam & Kumar Rao of Seattle
- Ramesh Muniswamy of Minneapolis

3. Update on AKKA Lawsuit:

The President reminded the Board that it's almost one year since this lawsuit was brought against AKKA from Seetha Ramaiah, Dr. Renuka Ramappa & S.B. Rajur. This case gone nowhere and we are confident that it will go nowhere.

Amarnath Gowda gave a brief update on the recent development of this lawsuit and he mentioned that the lawsuit has been transferred to another county in Florida. He said not to worry too much on this baseless lawsuit and asked to continue to work towards goals and objectives of AKKA organization.

4. AKKA WKC 2008 MOU and Update

In June 14th BOD meeting, a draft of AKKA WKC 2008 MOU was presented and requested Board to review and approve. The draft MOU was modeled after AKKA WKC 2006 MOU with Kaveri and improved few things in the best interest of AKKA. The Board had no concerns on this draft MOU

With the above in mind, the Board passed the following resolution:

"The Board approved the AKKA WKC 2008 MOU to be signed by the AKKA President and the Secretary".

*Proposed by: Prabhu Dev
Seconded by: Keerthi Pandit
Resolution passed with no objections.*

AKKA VP and one of the conveners Vasanthi Gowda updated the Board with the following:

- The MOU is ratified by all parties and is ready for final signatures
- Registration will start by December 2007
- Vasanthi mentioned that the WKC 2008 Committee members are motivated with the AKKA activities such as Rasamanjari, cloth drive and other charity activities
- Requested board to spread the word to encourage for registrations.
- Thanked key people from WKC2006 – Ravi D, Nagashankar, Sanjaya Rao and other AKKA people for visiting Chicago and meeting the AKKA WKC 2008 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs to share their experience.

5. Plan to amend AKKA Bylaws to remove ambiguities

President appointed “**MR. Basavaraju Shivanna, NY**” as a Chairman of the AKKA By-Law Committee. The committees’ responsibility is to look at AKKA Constitution as it exists today and recommend changes clarifying ambiguities and also to accommodate the growing needs of the AKKA organization

The plan of action is:

- The By-Law committee to review and recommend updates/ amendments to BOD.
- BOD to review, modify and approve the updates & amendments
- After BOD approval, the revised constitution to be sent to AKKA General Members via mail for ratification.

In this regards, the Board passed the following resolution:

“By-law committee to review constitution and suggest any changes and clarifications to BOD. BOD will review and approve the changes via email. With the BOD approved constitutional changes (if any) will be sent to all General Members (as of December 2007) for ratification “

*Proposed by : Ben Kantaraj, Prabhu Dev
Seconded by : Dayashanker Adappa
Resolution was passed*

6. Miscellaneous Issues

- Mr. Nanjudaram suggested WKC 2008 committee should send flyers to all the members in addition to e-mails.
- Setu Mahadava suggested to use Kannada TV media for AKKAWKC 2008 publicity.