

Urbana Welfare Association

MINUTES OF MEETING- MOM NO 18

DATE - 10th. February, 2021
Club Urbana - B1 Conference Hall

Time: 7:30pm

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MINUTES OF MC MEETING HELD ON 10.02 2021

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1	<p><u>OPENING OF MEETING:</u></p> <p>SB opened the meeting stating that previous meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum but as it was suggested by SK, discussions on Agenda points took place. Hence this meeting was a continuation of the Adjourned meeting and same points were to be discussed and decisions to be taken.</p>	
	<p><u>IN-HOUSE MEDICAL FACILITIES:</u></p> <p>SB stated, that after the discussion held on 4th February he contacted AMRI and requested to consider allowing resident Doctors at Urbana to continue their practice using the medical room. This was accepted by AMRI with certain clarifications.</p> <p>SB had forwarded the offers received to Dr. Deb Kishore Gupta (DKG) for his opinion and spoken with him as well. SB said he had requested DKG to attend this meeting to give his views to the Committee. Unfortunately, owing to prior commitments, he was unable to attend but, agreed to join in the meeting over video conference / phone. Accordingly DKG was contacted over speaker-phone and he joined the meeting. DKG on review the documents appreciated the efforts taken by MC to have a professional body to run the medical room.</p> <p>His only concern was, if a hospital was given charge of the Medical Room, there could be an inclination by the hospital Doctor to recommend hospitalisation unnecessarily. Further, the residents should be free to choose which hospital he/she wants to go for. To safeguard the interest of residents, there should be some kind of vigilance in place. SB in reply said that he had already discussed this with AMRI and they had agreed to an Oversight Committee and this would be part of the MOU. Such a Committee would have 7 members (2 from AMRI, and 5 from amongst Urbanites including the President & Secretary of UWA and the Convenor of the Health Committee. 2 other members would be nominated by the UWA Committee) to oversee the performance as well as address any issue arisen out of the medical services. On hearing this, DKG expressed his satisfaction and agreed to extend his full cooperation in running the facilities. Copy of the comparative study of offers received from various hospitals to provide medical services for the residents is attached.</p> <p>SR wanted to know whether there would be an exit clause. SB replied there would be one and the terms of such a clause need to be discussed. Both sides are eligible to terminate the contract.</p> <p>SR in support of this deal stated that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Currently about 30% residents are senior citizens. Many of them staying alone. In any emergency they need to be provided assistance from a single focal point. Hence this type of professional service will defiantly help them in hospitalisation. b) Why AMRI! Because their offer is much better than others. 	



Other members also took part in the discussions.

Finally it was unanimously agreed by majority that UWA should go ahead with AMRI. SB is authorised to coordinate with AMRI to prepare MoU as well as SoP which will be distributed to MC members for their review and then appropriate action will be taken.

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BAR BRANDING:

SB brought up that at the last MC meeting held on 4th Feb'21 it was agreed that Diageo had given the best offer and that UWA would recommend to the UFM, accordingly. He went through Diageo's offer again and said that the Agreement would be for 3 years. Members appreciated SB's effort for finalising the deal.

AP while appreciating SB for his effort was of the opinion that the matter had not been handled transparently especially, since SB had talked so much about transparency in the past and that other members of the committee had not been brought into the picture. Further as per his reliable information, Seagram had offered a better deal. Yet, SB had finalised with Diageo. He wanted to know if Seagram's offer had been forwarded to Diageo in order for Diageo to better Seagram's offer. He also suggested that there was a possibility that even if Diageo deal was actually the best as per SB, if other members had been involved, may be they could have extracted an even better deal from Diageo.

AP brought up the Valentine's Evening that was to be held and objected that the event was being organised single-handedly by SB without involving any other Committee member. Teamwork should have been there for better result.

SB replied, it was not as if he had done this entirely in the dark and presented a fait accompli to the Committee. He had informed his idea about bar branding earlier and had placed both, Seagram and Diageo's offer in front of the Committee for opinions and had gone ahead only after the Committee had approved. He agreed that he should have involved other members but the bar branding was a slightly complicated idea as it could be concluded only with BNRI/UFM approval. Further, there had been a request to keep the offers under the radar till it was finalised. He apologized for having proceeded the way he did but, felt he was acting in the best interests of the Committee and the Residents. He also expressed his surprise at AP's comments regarding Seagram giving a better offer. He also assured AP that he had never passed on Seagram's offer to Diageo to enable them to better the former's offer. That, his only motive behind this was to make the Club a lively place with regular events which in turn would earn extra revenue for the Club and thereby take a step forward to becoming self-sufficient. He mentioned that most members may not be aware that till current CAM Committee came in till around April 2020 the Club was running at a loss of around Rs 5.00 lakhs a month which was borne by BNRI/UFM. Curtailment of service/expenses owing to COVID had helped in bringing it to a break-even but, all service in full flow could not be sustained without Club earnings going up. He felt this should help to some extent. SB offered to send all mails exchanged with both parties for members to ascertain whether there was any favouritism involved.



	<p>With reference to Valentine's Evening, SB mentioned that the idea of the Valentine's night could only be finalised once all terms were agreed with the Vendor for the Bar Branding. The major party was planned as an announcement that Club Urbana would be getting a permanent bar license and bar branding. For this the Agreement or atleast the Draft Agreement needed to be in place. It was originally planned for 23rd Jan but got postponed as the deal could not be finalised. Subsequently, it was agreed to have it in early February and then since Valentine's Evening is considered an "occasion" Diageo felt it would be good to go on that evening. There were doubts whether it would actually happen even 10 days before the event. SB accepted AP and SR's criticism regarding the handling of the event.</p>	
4	<p><u>ANY OTHER MATTERS:</u></p> <p>Saraswati Puja :</p> <p>SB stated that an amount of Rs.68 K is approved for Saraswati Puja. Any additional fund if generated must be credited or advised to the UWA before spending. We have to ensure that forthcoming Holi should be celebrated in an appropriate manner.</p>	
	<p>On the above note the meeting was concluded at 9:30 pm</p>	

Sujit Bhattacharya - President

URBANA WELFARE ASSOCIATION
 Tarun Basu - Secretary