



Rahara 88 Degree East Foundation

First Annual General Meeting

Rahara 88 Degree East Foundation

Date: 29th November, 2020

Time: 4:00pm onwards

Venue: Virtual Meeting (Google Meet)

Quorum

Excerpts from Bye law:

GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Notice : The Secretary shall annually call the Annual General Meeting as per provisions of W.B.S.R. Act, 1961, giving at least 14 day's notice to all members. The notice shall contain the place date, day and time of the meeting.

Agenda:

The business to be transacted at the A.G.M, Shall be : (a) to confirm the minutes of the last A.G.M. and of special general meeting if any, (b) to adopt with or without modification the report of the working of the society for the previous year, (c) to pass audited accounts of the society for the previous year ended, (d) to appoint qualified Auditor or Auditors, (e) to transact such business as may be fixed by the governing Body, (f) to transact such other business as may brought forward by giving 14 days previous notice from any member, (g) to conduct general election.

QUORUM OF THE MEETING

1/3rd members personally present at the commencement of the meeting shall constitute the quorum.

Foundation Members

Arindam Dhar	Soumya Chakraborty	Biplab Bagchi
Tirtha Sadhu	Susanta Mazumder	Subarna Shyam Roy
Debarya Majumder	Anik Sengupta	Indrajit Sengupta
Pijush Kanti Das	Amit Ghosal	Supratim Biswas
Priyakanti Das	Dipam Banerjee	Soumya Sarkar
Jayanta Chatterjee	Subharup Gupta	Soumyendu Sadhukhan
Kaushik Bhattacharya	Indranil Lahiri	Jayanta Karmakar
Rahul Bal	Arpan Biswas	Subhradip Ghosh
Abhirup Mukherjee	Gadadhar Joardar	Kaustabh Debbarman
Soumya Khasnobis	Partha Chakraborty	Jishnu Roy
Manabendra Roy	Prasun Sinha	Sugata Banerjee
Pradip Adhikari	Tathagata Roychaudhuri	Kuntal Roy
Biswajit De	Tirthankar Bhattacharya	Suratna Mukherjee
Prasenjit Joarder	Anindya Sundar Nath	Bhaskar Roy
Sangram Sinha	Samir Bhattacharya	Alok Bhattacharya
Sutirtha Mukherjee	Subhra Sinha	Sandip Hore
Kaustabh Tarafdar	Santanu Mukherjee	Kallol Das
Dipayan Basu	Anikesh Banerjee	Agnibha Dasgupta
Somenath Mukherjee	Sumit Sanyal	Sandip Ghosh

Total number of members (as on 31st October 2020): 57

Agenda Item #1

Welcome address by the President,
Dr Manabendra Ray, and brief on
projects completed and currently
in progress.

Objectives of the Foundation

- To keep close relation among the members of the Foundation for their welfare.
- To take up and handle the problems of the members to try to solve such problems through discussion.
- To establish vocational training institute with prior approval from competent authority and without profit motive for the welfare of local poor students.
- To help the needy members in case of sickness, accidents and death of such members.
- To help the needy students of all communities for the prosecution of studies.
- To organize self – help group based programme for augmentation of livelihood opportunities of the people at grass root level;
- To arrange health awareness programme for the people such as blood donation camp, free health check up camp, etc.
- To arrange and organize conference, meeting etc from time to time for discussion of various problems of the members of the Foundation,
- To help the people in marriage, funeral and cremation of the dead.
- To help the aged, sick, helpless and indigent persons.
- Relief times of famine, flood, draught & earthquake.
- To uplift street children in the aspect of education, social culture and moral development.
- To start free ambulance services to help the people in need.

The Rahara Eighty Eight Degree East Foundation is a not-for-profit organization run by a group of childhood friends who studied together in Rahara Ramakrishna Mission Boys' Home (informally referred to as Rahara Mission), and matriculated in 1988. Now in their forties, the "Friends Forever" came together a few years back, and realized that they don't just have shared memories of some of the best days in their lives, but also share a strong feeling that together, we can, and should, give back to the school, and the society in a structured manner. This eventually led to the formation of the Foundation, which was later registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 (Registration number S0006348, 2019-20).

The Foundation primarily supports projects in the following broad categories:

- Education – includes vocational training, skill development, re-skilling, developing self – help group based programme for augmentation of livelihood opportunities of the people at grass root level,
- Health – arrange health awareness programme for the people such as blood donation camp, free health check up camp, etc
- Charity – support needy/distressed/disaster-hit families, provide relief at times of famine, flood, epidemics etc.

Apart from Rahara Mission, our Alma Mater, we work closely with various partner organizations and like minded people. We are grateful that we have started achieving some of our objectives through collective effort of our members, along with a lot of support, both monetary and non-monetary, from our close acquaintances and well wishers, and of course the blessing from Thakur Ramakrishna, Maa and Swamiji.

Project Name : Health camp and community lunch

Beneficiaries: Inmates of Gobindo Home, Panihati

Project Status: Completed in August 2018

Project Size: Small

Project Details

Gobindo Home, Panihati, an iconic building in the Northern suburbs of Calcutta, houses an orphanage for destitute girls. On 26th August 2018, we conducted an eye check-up camp for the inmates. Led by Foundation member and ophthalmologist Dr Supratim Biswas and his team, and supported by other members and also the staff of the Home, eye checkup was done for 140 girls.

The day being the auspicious day of RakshaBandhan, the inmates tied the Rakhi on the hands of the Foundation members in a simple yet warm ceremony. The day ended with a community lunch where the foundation members served and shared food with the inmates and staff members.



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Based on the eye check-up exercise, it was found that as many as 30 inmates actually needed spectacles. This was subsequently arranged by the foundation, and on 15th September 2018, they were handed over to them.

Despite being a single-day project with limited scope and funding, the key significance of the project was the response it triggered among the members, and reinforced our belief that together, we can impart positive changes. While it was a great teamwork (the program was entirely funded by members), a few names need special mention – Debarya Majumder for fund collection, Dr Supratim Biswas for setting up the eye-camp, and Arindam Dhar for liaisoning with Home authorities.



Eye Testing Camp at Gobinda Home



Dr. Supratim Biswas at Eye Testing Camp



Community Lunch at Gobinda Home

Project Name: Setting up lab and engaging instructor to enhance computer and spoken English proficiency among high school students of Rahara Ashram

Beneficiaries : About 40 under-privileged students of the Ashram

Project Status: Ongoing, since April 2019

Project Size: Large

At present, this is our only long-term ongoing project. It was conceptualized based on discussions within and outside of the Foundation in context of 75 year celebration of Rahara Mission. The Alumni association was working on upgrading the computer lab in the school. As we discussed further, we found that this effort can be complimented by setting up a dedicated lab for the Ashram students. The project scope was discussed at length with Swami MuralidharanandaMaharaj, the head master of the high school and also in-charge of the Ashram students. He was kind enough to allocate space for the lab, and taking care of the civil and electrical work needed. We had a few meetings with the Ashram students, and their enthusiasm was really contagious.

This was a big-budget project. Thankfully, through personal and professional contact of some of our friends, the initial expenses needed in setting up the lab could be arranged. The lab was set up with ten desktop computer stations, table and chair. We engaged a young and enthusiastic computer teacher from the immediate neighborhood, and biweekly computer and spoken English classes got started. The classes have been going on ever since, and have been received well. We had a few career guidance sessions also arranged.

Members of the Foundation immediately swung into action. Response from members was quick, and spontaneous. Over the next several weeks, the Foundation would be actively involved in various relief operations, some of which are listed below.

This has been a large project, and a lot of members have contributed, or continue to contribute, towards this project on various ways. A few names that would stand out include Abhirup Mukherjee, ParthaChakraborty, Manabendra Roy, Arindam Dhar, PradipAdhikari, Sangram Sinha, PijushKanti Das, Bhaskar Roy, Debarya Majumdar among others for their role in conceptualizing the project, engaging stakeholders, and working on fund raising to these projects in various ways, the Foundation would like to thank Manabendra Roy, Arindam Dhar, Rahul Bal, Supratim Biswas and PradipAdhikari for the specific roles played by them.



Murli Maharaj at the inauguration of Computer Lab.



Desktops ready at Computer Lab, Rahara, RKM



Agenda Item #2

Updates on Financials of 2019-20
and compliance status by
Treasurer, Dr Supratim Biswas



AUDITORS' REPORT

To
The Members Of,

RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION** as at 31st March, 2020 and the related Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto, which we have signed under reference to this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the partners of **RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION**. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amount and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Further we report that –

- (a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account, as required by law, have been Kept by the Member of **RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION**.
- (c) The Balance Sheet and the Income Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement whit the books of account of the partners.



In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give the information required. In the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India.

In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of the affairs of the **RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION** as at 31st March,2020, and

In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the **RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION** for the year ended on that date.

FOR RAHUL BANSAL & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants



R. Bansal

(RAHUL BANSAL)
MEMBER SHIP NO:-068619
PAN:-AIMPB3167B

Date:- 25th Day of September, 2020

Place:- Kolkata

RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION

189, RAMKRISHNA NAGAR, P. O. - NATAGARH, P. S. - GHOLA, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN - 700113
PAN :- AAFAR8966A

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2020

	RECEIPTS	AMOUNT		PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	RS.	P.
					RS.		
TO	OPENING BALANCES		BY	LEGAL EXPENSES	3,750.00		
"	AXIS BANK LTD. (A/c No. - 919010096392634)	-	"	STAMP DUTY AND REGISTRATION CHARGES	2,000.00		
"	CASH IN HAND	-	"	OFFICE EXPENSES	824.00		
TO	DURING THIS YEAR		"	FOOD & BOOKS TO POOR CHILDREN	2,070.00		
	CORPUS ACCOUNT	120,000.00	"	EYE CHECKUP TO ORPHANS	1,570.00		
	DONATION AND SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED	13,799.98	"	AXIS BANK LTD. (A/c No. - 919010096392634)	111,841.98		
	SAVINGS BANK INTEREST	542.00	"	CASH IN HAND	12,286.00		
	TOTAL	134,341.98		TOTAL	134,341.98		

As per our report of even date

Secretary / Joint Secretary
Arindam Dhar
Rahara Eighty Eight Degree East Foundation
Ramkrishna Nagar, Howrah - 700113,

DATE :- 25th Day of September, 2020

PLACE :- KOLKATA

FOR RAHUL BANSAL & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

R. Bansal

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MEMBER SHIP NO :- 068619
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2020

	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT		INCOME	AMOUNT
		RS.		P.	RS.
TO	LEGAL EXPENSES	3,750.00	BY	DONATION AND SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED	13,799.98
"	STAMP DUTY AND REGISTRATION CHARGES	2,000.00			
"	OFFICE EXPENSES	824.00			
"	AUDIT FEES	2,500.00			
"	FOOD & BOOKS TO POOR CHILDREN	2,070.00			
"	EYE CHECKUP TO ORPHANS	1,570.00			
"	EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	1,085.98			
TOTAL		13,799.98		TOTAL	13,799.98

As per our report of even date

*Secretary / Asst. Secretary
Arindam Dhar
Rahara Eighty Eight Degree East Foundation
Ramkrishna Nagar, Kolkata - 700113*

DATE :- 25th Day of September, 2020

PLACE :- KOLKATA

FOR RAHUL BANSAL & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants



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RAHARA EIGHTY EIGHT DEGREE EAST FOUNDATION

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PAN :- AAFAR8966A

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2020

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<u>CORPUS ACCOUNT:</u> (DURING THIS YEAR)	120,000.00		<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u> <u>CASH AND BANK BALANCES</u> AXIS BANK LTD. (A/c No. - 919010096392634)		111,841.98
<u>CORPUS DURING THE YEAR:</u>			CASH IN HAND		12,286.00
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE SAVINGS BANK INTEREST	1,085.98 542.00	121,627.98			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> AUDIT FEES PAYABLE		2,500.00			
TOTAL		124,127.98	TOTAL		124,127.98

Secretary / Asst. Secretary
Arindam Dhar
Rahara Eighty Eight Degree East Foundation
Ramkrishna Nagar, Kolkata - 700113

DATE :- 25th Day of September, 2020
PLACE :- KOLKATA

FOR RAHUL BANSAL & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

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Agenda Item #3

Review and approve the Audited statements of Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 and the Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2020, together with the Auditor's Report thereon, by passing the following resolution:

“RESOLVED”: that the Audited statements of Receipt and Payments, Income and Expenditure for the year ended on 31st March 2020 and the Balance sheet as on the date, together with Auditor's Report thereon, be and are hereby APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

Agenda Item #4

Proposal to appoint Auditor, for the period from the conclusion of this meeting to the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, by passing the following resolution:

“RESOLVED”, that M/s Rahul Bansal and Associates, Kolkata, being eligible, be and are hereby appointed as Auditors of the Association to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, on an annual remuneration not exceeding Rs. 4000/- exclusive of taxes.

Agenda Item #5

Consider and adopt the report of the Returning Officer on the election of the new members of the Governing Body 2020-2021, at the expiry of the term of the current Governing Body.

Rahara Eighty Eight Degree East Foundation

Notice for the election to the Governing Body for the year 2020-2021

15th November, 2020

Dear Members,

I, Suratna Mukhopadhyay, S/o Late Dr. Snigdhansu Mukhopadhyay, residing at 27/2, Siromoni Para Road, Kulinpara, P.S- Khardah, Kolkata-700116, have been appointed as the Returning Officer, by the Governing Body 2019-20, for conducting the Election of the Foundation's Governing Body for the year 2020-2021.

Notice is hereby given to all Members of the Foundation that the Election to the Governing Body (2020-2021) for the post of 11 (Eleven) Members as per details below shall be held as per the process outlined in the next few sections. Election report including the final outcome of the election will be presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the foundation scheduled on 29th November 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the voting process will be performed through online voting methods. Details pertaining to the voting system will be communicated to members as per the schedule mentioned in next sections.



Name: Suratna Mukhopadhyay

Email: mukherjeesuratna@gmail.com

Date: 15th November 2020

Bye Law Clauses

Your kind attention is hereby sought to the following relevant clauses of the bye laws of the foundation.

Rights and obligation of members

Any ordinary member of the society has the right (a) to elect and to be elected in any election of the society, (b) to submit suggestion for discussion to the Governing Body and subcommittee on any matter relation to society, (c) to inspect the accounts and the proceedings of the meetings of the society on appointment with the Secretary, (d) to pay his/her subscription within the prescribed time, Defaulting members shall not be allowed to take part or vote in a meeting. Member shall have one vote each.

TERM OF ELECTION:

The term of office of the Governing Body shall ordinarily be every one year, unless it is dissolved/ terminated early under unforeseen circumstances. After election, the old Governing Body will continue to function till the new Body takes over charge which shall under no circumstances be more than 30 days from the date of election.

GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

The business to be transacted at the A.G.M, Shall be : (a) to confirm the minutes of the last A.G.M. and of special general meeting if any, (b) to adopt with or without modification the report of the working of the society for the previous year, (c) to pass audited accounts of the society for the previous year ended, (d) to appoint qualified Auditor or Auditors, (e) to transact such business as may be fixed by the governing Body,(f) to transact such other business as may brought forward by giving 14 days previous notice from any member, (g) to conduct general election.

Nomination Process

- Ordinary members with no outstanding dues (subscription and other payments due to the foundation) as on 31st October 2020 are eligible for nomination.
 - The candidate must not be convicted of immoral activities. An elected candidate stands the risk of being disqualified as a Governing Body member, if such a conviction is issued after the elections.
 - The candidate should not be found to flout the provisions of the bye laws or the laws of the foundations.
- Interested members are required to send duly filled nomination forms to the Returning Officer. Both hard copies as well as soft copies (scanned and sent over email) will be acceptable.
 - Nomination shall be proposed by any other member of the Foundation who is not filing his/her nomination for this election and has no outstanding dues to the Foundation as on 31st October 2020.
 - If the Candidate is also in the elected/ nominated member of any other society self-declaration letter on plane white paper addressed to the Returning Officer shall be submitted along with the nomination form.

- Current Governing Body members are eligible for re-election.
- Nomination and Election schedule is as follows:
 - Last date for submission of duly filled nomination form: 22nd November
 - Publication of list of nominations: 23rd November
 - Last date for withdrawal of nominations: 25th November
 - Publication of final list of nominations: 26th November
 - Start of e-voting: 27th November
 - End of e-voting and announcement of results: 29th November

Voting Process

- All members with no outstanding dues (subscription and other payments due to the foundation) as on 31st October 2020 are eligible for casting their votes.
- One eligible member will cast only one vote.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only electronic voting option is available.
- Voting will start two days before the AGM and will close on the day of the AGM.

Assumption of office by new members

- The conclusion of the election will be declared by the undersigned on the day of the AGM.
- The newly elected members will assume office immediately upon conclusion of the AGM. In the first meeting of the Governing Body, election of the office bearers will be conducted.
- Any queries with regard to the conduct of elections may please be addressed to the Returning Officer on his e- mail id and with a copy to the secretary of the Foundation. The Returning Officer's decision will be final.
- We look forward to your active participation in the forthcoming election.

Self-Declaration of RO

I, Suratna Mukhopadhyay, S/o Late Dr. Snigdhanu Mukhopadhyay, residing at 27/2, Siromoni Para Road, Kulinpara, P.S- Khardah, Kolkata-700116, do hereby declare that as a Returning Officer, I am bound to be an unbiased party with no involvement in the elections, and shall ensure transparency in the elections and adherence to the rules and regulations of the election.



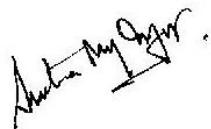
Name: Suratna Mukhopadhyay

26th November 2020

Dear Members

Further to our circular dated 15th November 2020 and subsequent communication date 23rd November 2020, I do hereby publish the final list of Nomination here under :-

1. Mr. Abhirup Mukherjee
2. Dr. Manabendra Ray
3. Mr. Arindam Dhar
4. Mr. Sangram Sinha
5. Mr. Bhaskar Roy
6. Mr. Sandip Ghosh
7. Mr. Pijush Kanti Das
8. Mr. Pradip Adhikari
9. Dr. Supratim Biswas
10. Mr. Tirtha Sadhu
11. Mr. Anikesh Banerjee



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Agenda Item #6

Discuss any other matter with the permission of the presiding officer.

Agenda Item #7

Vote of Thanks.

Vote of Thanks

- Manabendra, Rahul - bringing and keeping the Rahara 88 batch friends together, and helping with initial formation,
- Anikesh Banerjee - advising us on the legal framework for registration all along starting from the initial phase, getting PAN card, registering with the Income tax authorities,
- Arindam Dhar - taking the registration process forward - working closely with agent and with registrar office, and for being kind enough to allow his residence be used as official address of foundation,
- Partha Chakraborty and Sangram Sinha - active support, including financial and planning, for major projects like Ashram computer lab set up and operation, interfacing with RKM authorities, fund raising
- Surata Mukherjee - for co-ordinating the election process as the Returning Officer,
- Founding members - who formed the Governing Body - Manabendra Ray, Tirtha Sadhu, Arindam Dhar, Abhirup Mukherjee, Supratim Biswas, Pradip Adhikari, Bhaskar Roy
- Members who have worked very closely with the Governing Body - often acting as an extension of the Governing Body - Rahul, Debarya, Pijush, Sandip Ghosh, Sandip Hore, Somnath Mukherjee, Anikesh Banerjee, Samir Bhattacharya, Surata Mukherjee
- All the donors - mostly friends and acquaintances of the members - who had faith in our initiative, and came forward to support us through generous donation,
- R K M Rahara authorities, in particular Swami Muralidharananda (Murali Maharaj) for his constant support and encouragement towards the computer lab project,
- Our partners - Rahara alumni association, Gobindo Home, Prosari, Vivekananda Lokshiksha Mandir
- Finally, all the members of the foundation who have always been generous with their support and donation, often in very short notice.