Present: Member devotees as per the list (Minutes Register) participated in the Holy deliberations of the AGM on 13th September 2020. Few devotees left at the start of the AGM. AGM was held as a zoom online session due to the Pandemic situation and to comply with the health guidelines & to ensure safety of all participants.

The following were present at the AGM:
Vijay Gokarn ji, Lalita Gokarn ji, Asha Gupta ji, Srini Immidi, Radha Krishna Sharma ji, Sushma Nadkarni ji, Sushil Kumar ji, Upasana Immidi, Rajesh Sethi ji, Lakshmi Rao ji, Manish Chopra ji, Gunavant Vaghela ji, Nayana ji, Nihal ji

Apologies: Swami Uditramananda ji, Karo Reddy ji, Shameel Reddy ji, Dr. Ajay Kumar ji

Chair: Vijay Gokarn

Minutes: Minutes were taken & prepared by Srinii Immidi

Invocatory Prayer & Welcome
The chair warmly welcomed and thanked all the members/devotees for their divine presence and offered prayerful best wishes for a very Happy and blissful Sadgurudev Birthday!

Minutes from the last AGM:
Minutes from the last AGM were distributed to members prior to the AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted.
Proposed by Sharma ji
Seconded by Vijay ji

Annual Report:
Annual report was circulated to members and was read out at the AGM. Annual report outlined the activities carried out during the year.

Thanks to Sharma ji for all the efforts in collating the report and presenting the report at the AGM.
Key messages from the annual report:
- Regular Management Committee meetings were conducted.
- Thanks to our Auditor Kanti Bhai, doing a great job helping with our Audit activity. Expressed gratitude and thanks to Kanti Bhai for auditing DLSA accounts.
- Monthly Satsangs: Restructured and adopted a monthly theme. The new format is working well. Providing insights to the key festivities through the year. We also held a number of cultural activities as part of Satsangs and was well received. Face to face Satsang events were not feasible due to Covid in the later quarter of the year.
- Overseas Aid Fund Management Committee functioning well. Educational & Vocational Skills development and Eye care projects are ongoing and well supported. Vocational skills development & support going well with a number of children and needy people been provided with training & educational help through the year. Aid fund report been circulated to MC to keep all informed.
- Language, Scripture and other Educational activities were conducted as part of the Hindi and Scripture classes regularly in support of SEFBF. These could not be continued during the later half of the year due to Covid restrictions. The AGM thanked all the children, their parents and Srimati Asha Gupta ji for the children activities. Suggested that we discuss the way forward around these activities as part of the MC meetings. All acknowledge that we need to do more than what is being done.
- We could not continue with Yoga classes this year. On International Yoga Day in June 20, an online DLS Australia Day session was conducted, with an online Yoga demonstration by Swami Uditramananda ji.
- Newsletters were circulated as scheduled and were widely read
- Much has been accomplished and much more can be done especially in the areas of improved communication, membership drive and more divine activities.
- All committee members, friends and supporters of the society were thanked for their ongoing support in making DLS activities a success. Special thanks to Sushma ji & family for help with Satsang activities and making the online platform available for DLSA divine activities.
- Expressed gratitude and thanks to Swami Yogaswarupananda ji, Swami Padmanabhananda ji from Rishikesh & Swami Premananda ji from Uttarkashi for their never ending guidance and blessings for a good and fulfilling year of activities

Annual report was endorsed by the AGM.
Proposed by Vijay ji &
Seconded by Rajesh ji.

Audit & Treasurers Report:
Copies of the report circulated to members present at the AGM. Copies of report were circulated via email to members & uploaded to DLSA website. Audit & Treasurer’s report was discussed at the AGM. Key points of the report being:
- Rajesh ji presented the details of the Audit report. Qualified opinion given by our auditor (Kanti Bhai ji) is observed for any Not for Profit organisation.
- In-flows to both Building fund and General fund declined this year. Rajesh ji recommends to improve efforts to raise more funds in the coming years.
- Receipts for the year are lower comparative to previous years. Refer to the financial report for details of income and expenses.
- Overseas aid fund – inflows were higher compared to last year.
- Building Fund: a way forward to be discussed and action a plan
- Memberships: Any dues to be followed up and collected. In relation to life memberships, it may be better to consider a 10 year duration to renew it as a help with ongoing fund position.
- Operations wise the society is maintaining and managing well.

AGM acknowledges the effort and help provided by both our Auditor Kanti Bhai ji and Treasurer Rajesh ji. All members convey thanks to both Kanti Bhai ji and Rajesh ji.

Reports were adopted. Proposed by Sharma ji and Seconded by Laxmi ji.

**Election to the new Management Committee:**

The chair declared that all the positions are vacant. Sharma ji proposed that we continue all positions as is. Rajesh ji seconded the proposal.

Following devotees are unanimously elected as office bearers and the committee members for 2020-21.

- **Vijay Gokarn ji** President (Param Sewak)
- **Dr Asha Gupta ji** Vice President (Uup Param Sewak)
- **Rajesh Sethi ji** Treasurer (Kosh Sewak)
- **Srinivas Immidi** Secretary (Lekha Sewak)
- **Manish Chopra ji** Assistant Secretary (Uup Lekha Sewak)
- **Sushil Kumar ji** Assistant Treasurer (Uup Kosh Sewak)
- **Swami Uditramananda ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Gunvant Vaghela ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Radha Krishna Sharma ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Sushma Nadkarini ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Upasana Immi** Member (Sewak)
- **Lakshmi ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Lalita ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Dr. Prakshi Chopra** Member (Sewak)

Follow up with Karo ji & Radhika Mata ji to confirm their availability to be members of MC. Srinid did follow up Karo ji and has confirmed that Karo ji is unable to join MC this year.
Advisors:
Sri Swami Padmanabhananda Maharaj, General Secretary DLS HQ
Swami Uditramananda ji
Radha Krishan Sharma ji
Karo Reddy ji

Trustees:
HH Sri Swami Yogaswarupananda ji, President of The DLS HQ
Sri Gunvant Veghela ji (Chair)
Sri Swami Uditramananda ji
Sri Radha Krishan Sharma ji

Auditor:
AGM approved Sri Kanti Bhai Patelji to continue as the Auditor for DLS Australia

DLSA Overseas Fund:
AGM expressed gratitude and thanked Dr. Neela Bhat for all the support and guidance over the years. AGM acknowledges that Dr. Neela Bhat will be unable to continue in this role.

AGM elected the following for the DLSA Overseas Fund Committee
Chair: Sri Radha Krishan Sharma ji
Sri Gunvant Veghela ji
Sri Himansu Pota ji
Sri Manish Khanna ji

DLSA Sivananda Educational Foundation Building Fund:
AGM approved following to be on the DLSA Educational Foundation Building Fund Committee.
Chair: Dr. Ajay Kumar ji
Gunvant Veghela ji
Dr. Asha Gupta
Anshu Chopra

Sub-committees:
Management Committee was tasked to form various Sub-committees for the smooth functioning of various divine activities in a timely manner, the Chairs of these sub-committees have delegation to make things happen and report back to the Management Committee. Suggested areas to focus are: Monthly Satsangs, News Letter revamp, Website upgrade.

Other Divine Business:

Monthly Satsangs:
- AGM supports the continuation of monthly Satsangs based on festival theme.
- Continue the satsang with an online format to ensure safety and wellbeing of all involved in the process. This also provides ability for those who are unable to travel also join online.
Online Study Group / Meditation Sessions:
- Suggestion put forward to explore the feasibility of organising a study group as an online activity.
- Perhaps this activity could be integrated with Gita Study sessions.
- Suggestion put forward to explore the feasibility of hosting a weekly Pranayama and Guided meditation session

Web Site:
- Website needs revamp. It is old styled and lacks the appeal. All agree it needs a serious thought and upgrade. Key issue being the availability skilled resources to help.
- All agree if required we will need to engage resources commercially to facilitate an upgrade.
- AGM suggests we take this work as a small working group & report to MC for any decisions. Sushil ji & Manish Chopra ji volunteered to help with this work.

Life Memberships:
- Funds from life membership are held in Fixed Deposit and Rajesh ji advised that these should held and not touched.
- Life membership is more of a commitment and involvement.
- Suggestion was made to increase the membership fees to $200 going forward for new memberships and also review the duration of membership with a view to drive additional fund raising.

Sivananda Education Building Fund:
- Few devotees continue to offer regular contributions. Gita ji is noted as one of them.
- We could establish the facility with Gurudev’s grade and guidance, so we should continue to support it with the intended framework.
- We need to continue with the educational activities in a structured way with a set syllabus and varied participation from community.
- All agree we do need to develop a strategy around how we will progress these activities and the intent for the fund.
- Sushma ji / Vijay ji mentioned that we could request Radhika Mata ji to explore the possibility of hosting Vedic chanting sessions.
- Asha ji to continue with education classes.

Message from elected President:
- Elected President Vijay ji spoke and called for everyone to join forces and work together to move forward, with the aim for all of to grow in our spiritual life.
- Gurudev’s mission is to grow spiritually. Let us not forget Gurudev’s message and let us use this platform to spread the message of Seva & Karma yoga, the essence of Gurudev’s teachings.
- Let us work together as one family. Let us put aside any differences and be ‘Givananda’ & with Gurudev’s grace we move forward
Thanks with gratitude:

Prayerful best wishes today for the Sri Sadgurudev birthday celebrations and coming birthday of Gurubhagwan Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. Many thanks with deep gratitude to Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivananda ji Maharaj, GuruBhagwan Sri Swami Chidananda ji Maharaj for Their Godliness Kripa upon all. Thanks to Param Pujya Sri Swami Yogaswarupananda ji and Param Pujya Sri Swami Padmanabhananda ji Maharaj for His Holiness guidance and blessings during the year. Thanks to all the devotees and members of the Management Committee and their families for their valuable time and great contributions during the years.

Many thanks with deep gratitude to Kanti Bhai Patel ji for his tremendous support, suggestions, professionally and promptly auditing the annual accounts.

The Chair thanked each and every one for their divine presence and contributions during the society’s various cultural and spiritual programs.

The meeting was closed with the concluding prayers.

Minutes prepared by: Srini Immidi

13th September 2020