



30 December 2023

**Minutes of the Dharan Samaj UK (DSUK) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 25 November 2023.**

**Attendees:**

- *Ramesh Limbu, Nikesh Limbu, Bhaskar Rai, Kishor Rai, Maha Rai, Lata Limbu, Bishal Limbu, Uttam Rai, Pabin Rai, Renuka Limbu, Shova Limbu & Sarita Limbu.*
- *Rajen Limbu, Raju Limbu, Prashanna Dewan Rai & Nepaldhan Rai.*
- *Surya Rai, Dihren Chemjong, Nisha Tamang, Nilam Rai, Milan Sunwar, Chhatra Rai, Khagen Limbu, Raju Rai, Santosh Rai & Prakash Gurung.*

**Apology:**

- *Chandrakala Limbu, Bijay Lingthep, Prem Tamang, Pritihviraj Rai, Laxmi Psd Chongbang, Paras Rana Magar & Kubir Rai.*
- *Kiran K Subba, Umesh Moktan, Suryaman Gurung, Padam Rai BEM & Khadahang Limbu.*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of the DSUK held their 1<sup>st</sup> AGM on Saturday, 25 November 2023 at Folkestone Nepalese Community Centre (FNCC), Baker Road, Folkestone, CT19 4NN under the chair of the DSUK President, Ramesh Limbu.

All the attendees were formally welcomed by the Senior Vice President, Nikesh Limbu.

All the administration, refreshment and food were arranged by the Vice President, Bhaskar Rai.

1. **For the First Phase of AGM** (Reporting): on behalf of the President and the Committee, the General Secretary & Treasurer Kishor Rai presented the reports respectively at the AGM for the DSUK's yearly Activities from Sep 2022 - Nov 2023 and the **summary of the reports are as follows:**
  - I. DSUK last AGM was held on 11 September 2022 at Buckhurst Park Community Centre, Swindon under the Presidency of Kiran K Subba where the 7<sup>th</sup> executive committee was elected under the Presidency of Ramesh Limbu for two years.
  - II. Quarterly Meetings were held on 19 November 2023, 25 March 2023 and 30 July 2023 (Dharane Bhela Coordination) prior to the current AGM. Many committee
  - III. **DSUK also held Zoom Meetings;** First Committee meeting on 02 October 2022, 15 Jan 2023 for Dharan Drinking Water Project (DDWP) and Coordination of the DSUK Charity Dinner Night for 11 February 2023, 25 February 2023 Committee meeting for Dharan Budha Subba Gold Cup and Horizon Basketball Tournament financial support, and Emergency Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 regarding the medical financial support to one of the former executive committee members.
  - IV. DSUK successfully held Charity Dinner Night on 11 February 2023 with the surplus of **£6,226.66**, of which total income was £12,246.50 and total expenditure was £6019.84.



From the previous quarterly meeting held on 25 March 2023 and the AGM consensually agreed on the above surplus; **£1,226.66** will be put forward to the next annual Charity Event and **£5,000.00** will be donated to Dharan Sub Metropolitan Mayor's supporting project- to make a Children Playground at the SDS Rock Garden know as Shram Saskriti Park led by Sachet Dharane Samuha. From the DSUK, **Vice President, Bhaskar Rai** will be the lead responsible for coordinating and reporting the work and financial activity of the project.

AGM heartily applaud the Coordination Team of the DSUK Charity Dinner Night for their wonderful and successful fundraising event of the highest standard and again we thanked them: **Advisor Prashanna Dewan Rai, Cultural Secretary Pabin Rai, Senior Member Chhatra Rai, Vice President Bhaskar Rai and Senior Member Khagan Limbu & All the musicians (U Turn & Veteran Band).**

- V. Annual event of DSUK, 10<sup>th</sup> Budha Subba Gold Cup was held successfully on Saturday, 13 May 2023 at Swindon by the DSUK Committee & Sports Secretaries Team, Bishal Limbu and Uttam Rai. Treasure reported the surplus of **£1,202.41** of which total income was £7,939.00 and expenditure was £6,800.48.
- VI. Our most waited another annual event "Dharane Bhela 2023" was held on Saturday, 02 September 2023 at Farnborough. The AGM thanked for the beautiful theme to the Cultural Secretary, Pabin Rai, and her Team. Treasure reported the surplus of £664.26 of which total income was £9,190.62 and expenditure was £8526.36.
- VII. **Other main financial activities of the DSUK are as follows:**
- a) On voluntary basis we crowd funded for the DDWP and on 25 January 2023 for the Dharan Drinking Water Project (DDWP) we donated £10,332.00. President and Treasurer, Kishor Rai, has liaised with Dharan also the DSUK President is in update with the "Sila Lekh" of the donors' names.
  - b) On voluntary basis we crowd funded: on 27 February 2023 for Dharan Budha Suba Gold Cup, and Horizon Basketball Cup we donated £991.00 of which £300.00 was from the DSUK account. The donation was made 60% and 40% respectively of total money.
  - c) On voluntary basis we crowd funded £7,0202.00 between June and July 2023 for the medical support of our prominent former executive committee member Nirmal Gurung.
  - d) On voluntary basis only within executive committee and advisors board, we crowd funded £351.00 on November 2023 toward Nepal Run Northolt 10K and the DSUK was bronze sponsored of the event.
  - e) **The names of the donors of our request for the crowd funding and sponsoring at the Budha Subba Gold Cup and Dharane Bhela are safely with Treasurer. AGM and President heartily applauded all the members who supported us with their beautiful heart.**
- VIII. AGM applauded Treasure for handling the annual revenue of **£47,770.12** and Treasurer, Kishor Rai, reported the DSUK account balance as 25 November 2023 of **£14,132.41** of which **£6226.66** is from the Charity Dinner Night held on 11 February 2023.
- IX. Treasure presented the detail of these above financial activities in minute and hold the details record which AGM consensually approved and applauded.

2. **The Second Phase of AGM** where the annual road maps of the DSUK November 2023 - 2024 was discussed and consensually agreed which are as follows:

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- a. **11<sup>th</sup> Budha Subba Gold Cup 2024:** After the proposal from the Sport Secretaires Team the AGM decided to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Budha Subba Gold Cup on **Saturday, 27 April 2024** at Swindon. Further details will be provided on 27 Jan 2024, Quarterly Meeting.
- b. **Dharane Bhela 2024:** After the change made from last year that the “Dharane Bhela” will be held annually on the first weekend of September, the AGM decided to host “**Dharane Bhela 2024**” on **Saturday, 07 September 2024** at Farnborough / Feltham, but later it has been confirmed that the 2024 Dharane Bhela will be held in Feltham.
- c. **Charity Event 2024:** To be confirmed at the next quarterly meeting (27 January 2023 at Swindon) and Senior Member (Advisor) Chhatra Rai will liaise with the Committee for further planning and date. AGM also consensually agreed that the Chairty Event from now onwards hosted by the DSUK will for the **DSUK fundraising purposes** as the DSUK has been financially supporting many projects in the UK and in Dharan, Nepal by raising money on voluntarily contribution basis from their members.
- d. **Change of the DSUK Logo:** Positively discussed on the sentiment and meaning behind the current logo and the AGM requested Vice President, Bhaskar Rai, and S. Vice President Nimesh Limbu to enhance the present of the Dharan Stadium’s gate open/close and add symbol that represent the sentiment of the DSUK.
- e. **Cooperation with Dharan Run:** AGM was very positive towards DSUK cooperating with Dharan Run’s project as per discussion between the DSUK and the former DSUK Treasure, Santosh Rai, who is also founder of “Dharan Run”, national event of Nepal, the AGM consensually agreed to support weekly funding /sponsoring of Nepalese Rupees 2,500 for the “Dharan Run-weekly event” at Dharan from Jan 2024 - Dec 2024 (1 year).
- f. **DSUK Constitution:** Since, last AGM in 2022, the DSUK agreed to renew the membership annually by subscription of £5.00 per membership but with few technical difficulties it has not be applied. Therefore, AGM has nominated Constitution Amendment Committee consisting of:
  - Advisor Rajen Limbu, Chair
  - Advisor Raju Limbu, Member
  - Maha Rai, Secretary

Also, Constitution Amendment Committee is requested to produce DSUK Constitution in English for the future generation to understand the norms and aim of the DSUK latest by next AGM.

- g. **Financial Support/Sponsor to the Dharan Budha Subba Gold Cup 2024:** President presented the formal letter he has received on 6 Nov 2023 and the meeting he has attended with Dharan Football Club during his visit in Nepal. They have requested the DSUK to sponsors 24<sup>th</sup> Budha Subba Gold Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of Rs 5,00000.00 (Rupees 5 lakh). The AGM had a deep discussion on the previous support that DSUK and senior members has provided and particularly members concerned were on the financial transparency of the tournament and the management committee of Dharan Football Club. In the meeting there was discussion that will be followed in the future and change of the committee will happen soon hence, the AGM consensually agreed to voluntarily contribute by the members to raise money they have requested. Also, more will be discussed and updated on 27 Jan 2024, Quarterly Meeting.
- h. **Financial Support to Depot High School:** Again, President presented the **Proposal on play group for Covered Hall (Shade Hut) Project 2023** submitted by Depot High School to the DSUK at his visit to Nepal. The proposal was thorough, and the AGM consensually agreed to support such a heart-warming project and the AGM requested Senior Member (Advisor) Khagen Limbu to liaise with all Depot School former students and the DSUK to organise on how the fund could be raised to support this project. Although, immediate President, Advisor Kiran K Subba had sent the apology to the AGM, as he was in Dharan, Nepal at that time, the AGM



has requested Advisor Kiran K Subba to coordinate and support the DSUK in this matter/project. Again, further detail will be available on 27 Jan 2024, Quarterly Meeting.

3. At the AGM, there was purpose of the addition of the three Advisors to the current Committee to serve for remaining one year term. The AGM consensually agreed, and the nominees also agreed, hence the President, Ramesh Limbu, formally welcomed them to the Advisor Board as well, who are:
  - I. Advisor Raju Rai
  - II. Advisor Khagen Limbu
  - III. Advisor Chhatra Rai.
4. At the closing stage of the AGM, the DSUK former President, Advisor Rajen Limbu summed up beautifully about the agenda, discussion and decision made at the AGM and thanked the committee and members present on the day. He advised the DSUK on the projects that we can support and how we can in future to keep the DSUK legacy to years to come.
5. **President Final Remarks and Closing for the AGM:** Before the President, Ramesh Limbu, final remarks he was presented by Nepal Run UK founder Santosh Rai a token for thanking the DSUK as one of the Bronze Sponsors of "Northolt 10K Run 2023"

President also welcomed the new DSUK members with Khada, Prakash Gurung, Nisha Tamang, Nilam Rai, and Milan Sunwar.

President, Ramesh Limbu, provided the detail of his visit to Dharan, Nepal with all the stakeholders of the DSUK and the projects that we have supported and that we are supporting.

He thanked his committee, advisors, senior members and all the members of the DSUK for supporting his work and responsibilities to keep the DSUK on the wonderful road that is benefiting of the Dharane in the UK and Dharan Community in Nepal.

Finally, President thanked the members of Folkestone for administrating food and refreshment of the AGM, especially Vice President, Bhaskar Rai.

**Sincerely,**

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