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Kaveri General Body Meeting 2024 - Meeting minutes 12/15/2024, 4:00 PM at Rajdhani Mandir

Attendees:

Sudarshan Bhaktavatsala	x
Rohini Banavar	x
Mohan Venkobadas	x
Jyothi Mandya	x
Srikanta Rao	x
Prathima Murthy	x
Sowmya Vinay	x
Naga Chaithanya	
Kiran Chinivar	x
Subbu Karanth	x
Jay shankar Rudrachar	
Vinay Kalachar	Ched.
Srinivas AnandaRao	x
Sunil Kottary	x

Attendees - See attached sign in sheet

Agenda:

- Invocation
- KEC Achievements & Highlights
- Membership & Activities
- Financial Reports
- Q & A session

MOM:

- Shailaja is the moderator.
- Invocation by Saritha Rudrapatna.
- President Sudarshan represented KEC 2024 event details with a presentation video (Refer to the presentation)
- Treasurer Srikanta presented 2024 financials (Refer to financial spreadsheet)

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- Ronini clarified : For Deepavali event fee is same for both member & Non member as promotion & doesn't make sense to charge membership fee for last event.
- Sanjay & Krishnamurthy: It would have been good if we had listed: Akka finances as summarized as Kaveri co-hosted.
- Kaveri Krishnamurthy: A family of 4 with \$25 fee ends up paying \$100 for each event. Don't make an event fee more than : \$15 since we have money with BOT, Submit budget to BOT and get it reimbursed from BOT for the event.
- Mythri: Can't make the event fee always \$15. Expenses are more for International artists.
- Rohini Banavar: We will discuss in a new committee and decide what to do with the event fee. Also, a lot of people say: bring in international artists instead of only local kids performing. But to bring them we need more money .
- Sudhakar: BOT donates to nonprofit organizations. Why can't they donate to our own Kaveri, help with the event and bring down the event fee.
- Savitha Rao: Although it's good to bring international artists, don't neglect the local artists (She was referring to Deepavali event)
- Mahesh Mahadev presented BOT financials. (Refer spreadsheet),
- Mahesh: BOT always helps if we are planning to get international artists. It's standard practice. No resolution needed.
- Nagashankar & Mythri - presented AKKA financials. (It's high level and not audited yet) - Refer Akka presentation.
- General questions and answers
- Savitha - suggestion - Don't prioritize International over Local artists, Be mindful of the time/shortchange.
- Sudarshan says feedback will be taken for future committees
- Mahesh - Involve BOT if there are any program related disputes
- Anand Uppoor - Please announce about the food break (Deepavali event). Giving break for dinner helped people to focus on ALL Ok program
- Kanth Rudrapatna - Give time for AV tuning, Sudarshan responds by saying 3 hours set up for tuning, Sudhir saying challenge is due to international artists needing their own time.
- Bindu - about the Meravanige team getting recognized. Questioning about AKKA /Kaveri volunteers. Don't discriminate between AKKA and Kaveri
- Nagashankar - Kaveri AKKA Volunteer appreciation will happen in January
- Sudarshan - Kaveri displayed a presentation in Deepavali showcasing all Kaveri AKKA volunteers in the deepavali event. KCL winners called on stage, Kaveri Meravanige team Called on stage to share their experience.

Resolutions:

- Mohan's resolution, about lifetime member , so prorate BOT's seed money according to the amount of Lifetime members
- \$50 times the number of lifetime numbers
- BOT just adds the seed money to KEC amount left by previous year
- Mahesh - lifetime members - all won't come, BOT will give more than that if there is the need.
- Sudhir says he wants the resolution. It helps the incentives to become lifetime member
- Nagashankar - pass this for the same year. He is confused about how BOT can give money just like that
- Srikanta - supports resolution, incentive for people to become Lifetime members.
- My3 - 50\$ times lifetime members won't work, as number of life members joining the events are minimal.
- Sudhir - Can we not make it transparent? We give it to charity, give it to Kaveri
- Sudarshan - BOT only transferred the difference amount this year
- Krishnamurthy - keep the remaining amount and do not transfer to BOT
- Nagashankar - 1000 to 5000 increased within a few years.
- RB - BOT not giving money, also putting pressure to decrease the event fees.
- My3 - calculate the number of lifetime members that come every year.

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- increase the seed money to \$7,000
- Whatever the amount left at the end of the year stays with KEC

Outcome: **Resolution Passed**

Additional Suggestion - If KEC needs more money, they have to submit an estimated Budget to BOT.

2) By Lokesh

- There should be a process policy guardrail on
 - a. Intake receiving process of Kaveri for any major event participation
 - b. Communicate honestly to the attendees who made the event possible, if it went negative
 - c. Inclusive lessons learnt from the past events to incorporate on the upcoming events

Outcome: These suggestions will be considered, and passed to the AKKA board.