



Date: 11th July 2012

BABA Meeting Minutes

Time: 19:25

Venue: Mem-Saab Restaurant

~ Attendance ~

	Name	Email	Initials	Role	Attendance
1	Jasbir Singh Parmar	jasbir.parmar@hotmail.co.uk	JsP	Chair	Present
2	Sukhpal Singh Gill	gill-s@gillinsurance.co.uk	SsG	Vice Chair	Present
3	Eric Masih	goldcrownstateagent@talk21.com	EM	Vice Chair	Present
4	Kuldip Singh Rupra OBE	krupra@ntlworld.com	KsR	General Secretary	Present
5	Sukhi Thiara	sukhiarra@hotmail.com	ST	Treasurer	Present
6	Geeta Sandhu	geetauk@hotmail.com	GS	Chairs of Tasks and Finish	Present
7	Jagtar Singh Basi	jagtarbasi@yahoo.com	JsB	Media and Communication Secretary	Present
8	Billy Gill	billy_r_gill@hotmail.com	BG	Charities and Events Secretary	Apology
9	Ram Dhariwal	ramdhariwal@hotmail.com	RD	Minutes Secretary	Present
10	Ash Parmar	ash.58@hotmail.co.uk; ashparmar@sytner.co.uk	AP	Sponsorship Secretary	Apology
11	Balbir Singh Chahal	balbirsingh.chahal@gmail.com	BsC	Sponsorship Secretary	Absent

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The meeting commenced at 19:30pm

Ref:	Item for Report / Discussion / Feedback	Action	Status
1.0	Apologies received from BG, AP. Absent: BsC		
2.0	NABA Attendance		
2.1	JsP had kindly invited 2 senior members of LABA & NABA to attend the BABA meeting; Mr Uday K Dholakia, Chairman of LABA & NABA, and Mr Jaspal Singh, President of LABA, Director of NABA		
2.2	Both introduced themselves, with brief background of LABA & NABA. And advise to BABA on how best to progress.		
2.3	Bank Account <u>Previous Meeting Action 4.1</u> JsP informed of receipt of the Barclays application pack to open a Community account. But, have very little funds to open any account. JsP also mentioned his conversation with Ms Sharon Jandhu, who has moved from HSBC to RBS, and she advised that she may be able to offer better deals. It was agreed to open a standard Current account, to get things moving, with a few to transforming this account into a Community account, once the bank options have been reviewed. The Current account is to have 2 signatories for now; ST & KsR.	ST/JsP/KsR	Open
2.4	Membership Application form <u>Previous Meeting Action 5.1 & 5.2</u> RD presented the Membership Application form. Mr Dholakia suggested having a Subscription option in the form as well. RD to revise and resend form for feedback.	RD	Close





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	<p><u>Previous Notes</u> 13/06/12 JsB suggested having members make initial payment via cheque, then setup regular DDs or SOs. Need to provide receipts for membership on collection of fees.</p>		
3.3	<p><u>Previous Notes 7.3</u> 13/06/12 Need to look at alternative time of meetings for members who cannot meet in the evenings, such as local Asian restaurateurs.</p>		
3.4	<p>EM suggested to possibly having a membership card facility for applicants, or some sort of certificate which members can display at their premises to show affiliation with BABA. EM to look to Raamprasad &/or his designer friend, Nick to produce said certificate. EM to look at Laminate card machine.</p>	EM	Open
3.5	<p>EM advised all of the forthcoming Indian Independence Day event he will be hosting on Sat 18th Aug 2012, and invited members to attend</p>		
3.6	<p>KsR queried the reason for having "If exporting / importing, please indicate your main markets" question in the application form. Mr Dholakia explained that having this type of question will allow BABA to understand our reach and help cross networking of members to expand their business in certain markets. Generally applicants will not initially fill in this section, and may only come back to it if they feel it will help their business.</p>		
3.7	<p>Suggested to have posters and banners produced for the launch. ST to look at sizes and costs.</p>	ST	Open
3.8	<p>ST advised that he has received payments of £50 each from only 3 BABA members. Mr Dholakia kindly offered £101 from NABA as a donation. All thanked him and Mr Singh for their generous donation.</p>		
3.9	<p>KsR and JsB suggested that we need to recruit more women to become BABA members. GS was requested to take on this action.</p>	GS	Open
3.10	<p>A number of corporate organisations/businesses were suggested to approach for sponsorships; Noble Solicitors, Premier Solicitors, Bedford University, Charles Wells, Garcha family, Bookers Cash & Carry (Jigs), Cranfield University, Nissan R&D, Mahendra, Bedford BID, Banks (RBS, Barclays, HSBC), UKTI, Princes Trust, Business in the Community.</p>		
3.11	<p>JsP closed the meeting by stating that we need to keep focused, and don't go mad in the process. And to keep links with all Communities and Politicians close.</p>		
4.0	Next Meeting		
4.1	Next Meeting Date: Wed 25th July 2012 at 6:30pm , Venue: TBC		

The meeting ended at 9:15pm

