

# Navnat Vanik Association of the UK

Registered Charity CIO No.1173042

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2.30PM on 29 November 2020 Via Zoom.

1. The meeting commenced with prayers and a minutes silence was observed for the peace of departed souls.
2. The General Secretary confirmed that the required quorum had been met on line, and confirmed by the 4 monitors, and invited the President to open the AGM..
3. President greeted all and announced that this was the first ever virtual meeting and his first AGM; On Zoom and something new for everyone. Hence certain rules need to be followed, everyone would be muted and questions can only be relayed via the chat method, which will be noted and handled by 3 EC members. This would enable the zoom team to operate efficiently. We have got a few ask questions in advance by e mail and they will be answered in due course. I will now hand you over to our General Secretary Jaswantra Doshi

### **4. A -Gen. Sec.- Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 06 October 2019**

The minutes were on our website, and a slight amendment was required, this has been done and the corrected version has been uploaded. These minutes were taken as read. They were approved with no matters arising. They were proposed for approval by **Ketan Adani and seconded by Asha Mehta.**

### **B -Gen. Sec. -Approval of Minutes of the Special General Meeting -held on 01 December 2019**

Unfortunately these minutes were not posted on the Navnat website and hence I will have to read them out.

This meeting was called for approval of the audited accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The minutes were read and there being no questions, they were approved with no matters arising.

The minutes and the audited accounts are now uploaded on the Navnat website.

They were proposed for approval by **Ashwin Sheth and seconded by Asha Mehta**

**Members were requested to put any questions they may have via email to the President or the General Secretary.**

### **5. President's Report**

Dilipbhai Mithanii, in his address, commenced by stating he will start his report from after SGM, 01 December 2019.

In December we had the Xmas Party, NVBS will expand on this. Then the main thing was the Navnat School opening in Lohej, Gujarat, India in February 2020, which was attended by some 40 members from UK. It was an excellent opening, photos will be shown later on. (unfortunately due to registration delay they could not be shown earlier)

The last programme in our Home, was on 05<sup>th</sup> March which was the NVBS one, on Women Empowerment with Life Global UK. This was a very successful programme and I am sure Bhagini's President will say a few things on that..

On 12<sup>th</sup> March we had our EC meeting, where we decided that the Corona Virus was rife and we decided unanimously to shut our centre down as our members were all vulnerable and elderly and we need to protect them.

We were fortunate enough to have the foresight, 11 days before the Government, who took further 11 days to lock down.

We informed all, and cancelled all our programmes at Navnat Centre. There were no events in April and May.

In June, Hasmitaben Doshi, David Holden and myself visited the centre, and were shocked to see the centre overgrown with weeds and, dirty inside with lots of work required. A VIDEO WAS SHOWN AT THIS TIME TO SHOW THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR HOME.-taken last Friday by David. Dilipbhai thanked David and Hasmitaben. We had hoped that we would open in November 20. We have spent a lot of time and money to make our centre really nice.

We were the pioneers to hold our Programs on Zoom from 27<sup>th</sup> March -Thanks to Nemishbhai Mehta who started Zoom. Thanks to all the Zoom team as well. You will have seen my report in Darpan but I will mention the highlights.

1<sup>st</sup> Program was Paryusan -which was a real success with Paravachans, Sapnas -distributed to Bagyashali's at their homes via volunteers. I would like to thank the Paryusan committee, Bhupendrabhai Shah, Sangeeta Bavisha, and Nemish Mehta

2<sup>nd</sup> Priti-Bhojan -Swamivatsalya – We took advise and planned this and David was the Hero who worked very hard to prepare the Hall and our centre in line with Government guidelines. Our coordinator was Elaben Shah with Hasmitaben

Doshi. We had over 400 people attending just for 5 to 7 minutes, and we distributed 750 Prasad packages. Once again a very successful program. Plus over 450 children's gift bags were distributed. (donated by anonymous donor). Thank you all for executing another successful Priti Bhojan celebration. People were only there for 5-7 minutes and well organised and coordinated, first in the Mandir for Darshan, then to dining hall where we had tables for Jivdaya donations, and then into main hall for Prasad and children's gift bags. All within Government guidelines and safety.

3<sup>rd</sup> Navratri- As always organised by Kirit Batavia, I would like to thank the full committee, Hasmitaben Doshi, Bina and David Holden, & Chetnaben Desai. On my first day, I met for the first time, Grishbhai and Geetaben Mehta and Kalpeshbhai and Bhavnaben who come every year to decorate the Mudh, which takes a lot of time. Navratri Music was arranged and broadcast live from Mumbai which people enjoyed. The committee really did very well, and attended the Navnat centre everyday to light the Divas on Mataji's Mudh.

4<sup>th</sup> Diwali – Mega Diwali -over 507 devices and over 750 people logged in for the cookery program by Shakuben and cooking committee. Excellent program, everyone enjoyed. Thank you to the whole team.

Diwali Jalwa -Bhagini held a Musical program and rangoli competition which went very well and I am sure Renuben will say something in her report.

Chopda Pujan -Thank you to Bhogilal Shanghvi and Ramesh Shah for organising this on Zoom. Over 40 people took part, some in groups, but at a distance within their homes. Maharaj performed the Vidhi and all enjoyed. Very well done.

Main thing NVM- Diwali Gala International Fashion Show:-This was a superb event and the talk of the town. A lot of effort put in by the coordinators Hasmitaben Doshi & Purnimaben Meshwani. We had the highest no. of viewers, ever, both on Zoom and on U-Tube. 596 devices, well over a 1000 people logged in and enjoyed the show. A real professional presentation.

Matters arising-Independent Enquiry- RE Playground.

We were asked at the AGM to look into how 3-5 people involved in making the playground decision. We have appointed 3 people to look into this and improve from their findings. There are over 200 emails to go through.

I need to thank the people who have been helping us throughout the year. Special thanks and appreciation for :-

1<sup>st</sup> -Vice President -Ketan Adani- He is the pillar, who has worked very hard to finalise the accounts. Also Sunilbhai Sanghani, and his staff who helped with the accounts preparation tremendously.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Our Secretary -Jaswantraji Doshi Hard working man. Very busy and lots of minutes to write. He is now getting faster.

3<sup>rd</sup>- Assistant secretary- Bachoobhai Mehta – He was stuck in India due to virus, but he regularly attended meetings from Rajkot, even if it was 3am there. Always makes very good comments. He is now back and we will utilise him. Unfortunately his wife, Kundanben, passed away recently in India and we are very sorry for this sad loss.

4<sup>th</sup>- Treasurer- Ramesh Shah – Hardworking and prudent. We had problems re signatures, which has taken time to sort out. He has also ensured that all monies were invested, as when he took over there was a lot of money uninvested and not earning interest.

5<sup>th</sup> -Assistant Treasurer- Paresh PD Mehta – has helped tremendously in preparing the Audit file and supporting the treasurer. He goes there every Friday.

6<sup>th</sup> -Bhupendra Shah – He is 83 years old, and our real pillar. Anything I ask he is ready to help and gets things done. Like Paryusan, Navratri -organises duties etc. Gets 100% right -well done and Thank you.

- 7<sup>th</sup> Membership Secretary -Kirit Batavia -Also a Coordinator of Navratri , A lot of membership records had to be updated and he is keeping these with the help of Mahendrabhai Kothari. Lots of errors from a long time which are now being sorted out, and we hope are now correct.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Hall Secretary – Hasmitaben Doshi - Best Hall Secretary we can have – She is always ready and works very hard and has kept the hall and the storage clean and neatly arranged. She lives close by and hence anytime, even at short notice, she comes to Navnat. Her work is immaculate. Keep it up
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sangeeta Bavisha – Our Koyal -She has helped with our CIO rules and managed the Volunteers during lockdown and distribution of food & groceries to vulnerable vadils. Managed Paryusan Gift Sappas and delivery and much more. Always ready to help.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nitin Mehta -Car Park Incharge – He has done a wonderful job in getting all the car park information updated and accurate. An excellent and intelligent job -showing various scenarios. He is capable of drafting excellent letters, and has done several for me.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nemish Mehta -Our Zoom Hero– we started in March with a small team, Initially 1 or 2 programs, and ended up with more than 10 volunteers on Zoom team and 10 to 12 programs per week.– He has also continued as our Webmaster. Since Paryusan, he has handed over Zoom to Arvind Mehta and team. He has got two people from the zoom team to help with the new website. Which is coming along nicely. Our new e mail was sent today,done an amazing job.
- 12<sup>th</sup> David Holden–Health and Safety Officer- He is always available and even at his age he travels to see people at Navnat for various things, including the engineers and planners etc. He organised the H&S for Pritibhojan- did a wonderful job.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Paresh P and Bharat Mehta –Both on several sub committees for events, but due to cancellation they could not do anything. Paresh is in the fundraising and building committee and hopefully he will be raising more funds. Always ready to help.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dipak Shah – was our Assistant secretary for a long time, now looks after our insurances, and is working hard on our loss of income claim, due to Covid19. We hope that we will recover our losses.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nalinbhai Udani- President NVM- has been very active via Zoom (Fridays and Saturdays)during the lock down, since March. He and his committee are working very hard to provide all kinds of new and entertaining programs. They have also raised good amount of funding for our Dining Hall Extension project and are continuing to do so Keep it up.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Renuben Mehta -President NVBS – An amazing woman. -always helpful and Bhaginis are always there to help. I am sure she will mention details in her report.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Team -now managed by Arvind Mehta with Nitin Savadia, Kishore Batavia, Anika Bavishi, Darshna Bajaria, Jagdish Sanghani, Banshri Rupani, and Mukesh Dadia. The team has shrunk by 2 people who have gone to the web team – Kevin Mithani and Piyush Vora. They provide a service with a smile and spend hours and hours to prepare for a tedious task. Working extremely hard,and managing well. Thank you to all
- 18<sup>th</sup> We have others who are not in the EC or anywhere, but do help us tremendously via other sub committees. -  
I) BP2020 -Building extension Committee – Bejal Mehta , Koolesh Shah, Anita Kamdar, Jay Bhuvra, Haresh Sanghavi  
ii) Fund raising Committee -Yogesh Mehta who is our advisor, Ketan Mehta, Bina Shanghvi, Divesh Kamdar, Jay Bhuvra, Sunil Sanghani and Bhupendra Shah - Please help us to raise as much as possible for our project, and thank you for your efforts.
- 19<sup>th</sup> BOA – Board of Advisors – Ketan Mehta, Sunil Sanghani, Mehool Sanghrajka, Bina Sanghavi and our youngest Amit Lathia.-Thank you for your continued advise and support.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Kitchen Committee for their programs -Worked very hard when we were at Navnat. Now we are on Zoom, and

they have given programs that I have already mentioned. Thank you to Shakuben and her team.

21<sup>th</sup> Yoga Zoom Programs –Voluntary services provided by Shurbiben Khona, Bharatbhai Mehta, Dipakbhai Jasapara and of course most important, our MBE award winner Lavinaben Mehta -We have an article in Darpan on her. Currently Yoga classes are provided by Manishaben Wala and Bhavnaben Jogi - Thank you all.

22<sup>th</sup> Finally, I need to thank my other half, the 1<sup>st</sup> lady, Taruna Mithani, who has looked after me for the last 14 months, where I had, probably in the region of 75 meetings. She ensured that I do not miss any meetings, have water/fruit ready and generally keep me calm. Thank you

Lastly re:-

Dining Hall Extension:- I have several questions here. I will answer them later. We are on fast track. Our project Manager Maheshbhai Doshi of Currie Brown will be analysing all tenders shortly, and that the price will be within our budget of £1.2M, inc Vat or a little bit less, which we await next week and will have a building committee and EC meeting to decide and how to go further.

One of the questions from Dr. Vishal Vora /Ashwin Mehta and many others asked – How we have got 92%? let me explain -we sent 2237 letters of which 902 responded which is about 40%. very good. Prior to this in 2013 poll we had less than 500 replies. We had asked what would you like to be the first item, majority of them wanted a bigger dining hall. Although asked then, we started in 2019 again. Of the 902 responses, 828 were in favour of the extension and 74 were against.

Harshad Mehta asked how can you justify spending £1.2M when it will not generate an income? We are a charity and its not a profit making item, but its for our members use, as a priority. We will of course get some income.

How will you finance it?- we have reserves, but at the same time we are looking for donations, we already have appx.£400K and we will also get loans and further donations, A big commitment, but I think it will be the talk of the town. We are doing this for our own house and eat together as one family. We are following the members request and we are elected to provide for them. We are nearly there and we hope to start by Jan. A larger dining hall is an investment, and will add value to our site, which will leave to the future generation with an enhanced legacy. This is the view we took when we first bought the site, and spent lots of funds for improvement. I really want people to think like we live together and are extending our house and lets think positively as one and support project.

Other questions will be dealt with the Questions and answer session.

## 6. Gen. Secretary's Report-

Reminded, that the minutes of the 06<sup>th</sup> October 2019, have been amended and will be uploaded on the website.

At the risk of being repetitive, I will start with the article I wrote for the Vanik Council which you may have read. Navnat EC was fortunate to have the foresight and decided to shutdown our centre at the EC meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 20, well before the government on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 20.

The aim was to keep our Vadils & the Community safe & active.

With the help of the web & zoom team lead by Nemish Mehta and volunteers, we held our first Zoom program on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, immediately after lock down.

We were the pioneers in keeping our community active and entertained during lock down. 10 programs of various types were presented, including, Yoga and Fitness, Religious, Spiritual Bollywood songs, Business talks, Cookery classes, Arts & Crafts and much more.

Navnat also hosted the first ever Jain Tambola in the UK. We had excellent performers from India and these programs were very well attended. Our audiences are from across the globe. Feedback was fantastic and very appreciative.

Navnat were at the forefront of collaborating joint spiritual programs with other local Jain organisations.

One of them was the Mahavir Janam Kalyanak, with Jayeshbhai-Pujari conducted was the talk of the town

Our Paryusan with live lectures and Bhavanas from India and UK with Vikrambhai Nizama and the Kellayagroup was enjoyed by all. We had a dedicated Paryusan Committee, which excelled this year and performed beyond call. We had live Uchaavis on line via zoom and people bid for the Sapnas, which were then delivered by dedicated teams to their homes with a miniature set of 14 Sapnas, gifted to keep as momento, while being telecast live on Zoom. It was a totally new experience for all and the feedback was superb. Everyone enjoyed Paryusan in full from the comfort of their homes. All Bhagyasalis as well as Tapasvis were spotted live on Zoom. Our Web/Zoom team volunteers have done a sterling service, and we are proud of them. The Sapnas delivery concept was thought of by our EC member Sangeeta Bavisha.

We also supplied groceries & essentials to those vulnerable and shielded Vadils via a dedicated group of volunteers, who also served during the second lock down.

Navratri was a unique feature this year and again due to lock-down, we had to do it on line, although we had the permitted number of people daily at the centre lighting the traditional Mataji na Mudh na Divas, live music and garbas and dandias were done from India and people were spot lighted on the screens taking active part and enjoying themselves..

Overall we have done pretty well during these tough times and hats off to all the performers, Yoga teachers, Zoom and Web team. A real team effort from all sides.

I now come to a subject that is very close to my heart, and something that we need to do The EC has decided to ensure that this happens. We were to start Cricket for children and Ladies this summer, with the full backing of the English Cricket Board, who will provide coaching & kits. Unfortunately Covid19 stepped in and this has been delayed till next summer. Our Cricket pitch will be put in use and we will web blast in advance for registration for children and ladies of all ages, to get us started. The EC is adamant to spearhead the revival of Navant Youth and we will have two youngsters to talk about Navnat Youth Association. The EC wants the Youth to use our grounds and sports facilities and I request all parents and grand parents to encourage their children and the young ones to join in all activities. After all they are the future of Navnat. Currently we run Badminton, Table-Tennis and Bridge successfully and welcome any other ideas. We would love to hear from the youngsters, this is your house, you are the future, lets see you active with the community.

Thank you all, that ends my report.

**Sangeeta Bavisha**

**Questions and Answers from chat:-**

Nalin Kothari – Independent enquiry – will this be independent & published - **Yes on both counts when report is done**

DG -Loans & cashflow- was advise taken?–**DM-Yes cashflow will be reviewed independently and we are awaiting aadvice from our solicitors on the loans.**

Dhanvant -Tender quote - **Not yet received as they are being analysed, once finalised will go to our building Committee and then to EC and rest assured we will get you the best quote and the best extension.**

Chandrakant Mehta – Age of responses of the survey – **Age was not asked for or recorded**

Nalin Kothari – - two story foundations & several q's - **we will answer by e mail**

BT – when will construction start and finish ? **early next year and finish by Sept 21.**

Dr Ameet Bakhai -Can a medical health group team be formed? - **Yes and we are discussing this soon.**

L Mehta – can people speak in Gujarat – **Sangeeta did try and some speeches were in Gujarati**

## **7. Treasurer's Report- Ramesh Shah ( in Gujarati) -Greeted all**

**My second treasurer's report – I was only elected in October 19 so may or may not be able to answer all questions but will do my best. I worked from home during the lockdown.**

**First I would like to thank my assistant Pareh PD Mehta who has regularly helped me.**

**Secondly, I cannot thank Sunilbhai Sangani and his staff enough to assist us in preparing the accounts in the format that our Auditors wanted.**

**Thirdly I need to thank Ketanbhai Adani who has taken a lot of his valuable time to assist and liaise with the Auditors.**

**Not forgetting our in house Accountant Kanubhai Kotecha, for preparation of all the accounts and backups.**

**The final adjustments from the auditors were minor and are reflected in the final accounts.**

**The Management Accounts slide was shared on the screen and questions were invited.**

**Q- re How many employees on Furlough ?**

**A -We had average 12 staff and we have retained 4 staff on furlough and the rest are on zero contract.**

**Q – Business rates – Has anyone considered the increase in rates due to Dinning Hall extension.?**

**A- We are listed as a temple and do get rates relief.**

**Q- What are we doing to replace Amazon car park income ?**

**A -**

**Q -can you freeze the audit fee – seems very high?**

**A- We are not charged audit fee as it is donated back and therefore there is no cost.**

**There being no other questions, Proposal of adoption of accounts :-  
approved by Bhupendra Shah and Seconded by Natubhai Mehta**

## **8. Reports from representatives of affiliates.**

The appointed representatives of BoA, NVBS, NVM, NYA, NBC, NGC and Jalsa Group gave a synopsis of their activities during the year and events planned for in the ensuing year. In particular:

**a) BoA – Ketanbhai Mehta -Chair** -mentioned the Board comprising of himself and, Mehool Sanghrajka, Sunil Sangani, Bina Sanghavi and Amit Lathia. We normally hold four formal and further meetings at which President, Secretary and Treasurer of EC are invited. They assisted the EC in managing the investment bank deposits, attending EC meetings by rota and generally were on hand to give their advice and opinions, when called upon. I must comment on the fantastic events during these difficult times, presented by Navnat via Zoom team which must be thanked.

Necessity is the mother of all inventions – Our elders have learned to use the technology on line and I can assure you that whatever the problems are, if we pull together as Navnat we can resolve them. Its so heart warming and gives me pleasure. I can see happier times coming soon and with the new proposed extension, look forward to meeting you all in 2021 and hopefully it will be soon after easter as the vaccine is now imminent.

Finally to the community -Keep safe, look after each other. We thank you for your unwavering support and always here to answer any questions.

**b) NVBS President- Renuben Mehta (in Gujarati) -Greeted BOA and all presidents and those present., She mentioned**

that they held their regular programs, but this year it due to Covid19, it was mainly virtual on Zoom.

05/03/20 –held a grand event on Int. Women's Day, jointly with Life Global UK and NVBS and raised £80,000. only in 3 hours for the benefit of poor women in rural Gujarat.

Immediately after the above two programs, we shut down, but still had programs via zoom. They were, religious, Musical, Yatra, Health, Ladies Garba, comedy, Diwali programs, Women's Empowerment and Xmas children's party. All well attended and enjoyed v much. All programs are listed in the November issue of Darpan.

She further stated that they helped the main body in various functions and are also helping to raise funds for the Dining Hall extension NVBS has given a loan of £25,000 for Dining Hall extension.

Year 2020 was an unusual year for all of us as a result, our AGM has been delayed and we will let you know in due course when we will hold it.

c) **NVM's president, Nalinbhai Udani** (In Gujarati) Greeted all mentioned that they we all have to follow the government guidelines on Covid19. Vaccines are now around the corner and hopefully we will be back to normal. He then highlighted the Friday programs and since March our programs with the help of Hasmitaben and Zoom team have set a precedent and taken a lead. We have Yoga, Musical evenings, Religious programs, sari Competition, and a Gala International Fancy dress competition. A new program on Health drink will start on Friday at 2.30 Pm to 4.00PM Thank you to the Zoom team.

Currently we have 426 members, with 178 on the waiting list. We honour members' 85<sup>th</sup> birthdays and offer free membership to the over 90s..Thus year we started sending out Birthday cards to all our members.

Next year is our Golden Anniversary and hopefully we will celebrate in our new Dining Hall. Dilipbhai has urged people to donate generously, and Vadil Mandal is assisting in getting the funding. Navnat is part of our body.

I am pleased to announce that Vadil Mandal has given an interest free loan of £50,000 for the Dining Hall extension.

d) **NBC president Mahendra Kothary** –Greeted all and mentioned that we were very lucky to have NVA, Vadils, Jalsa and Bhagini, who have provided virtual programs throughout the lockdown. Thank you all and the Zoom team. Our membership is only £75.PA. and we play bridge twice weekly, with dinner or lunch once a month, plus ad hoc bridge events at the Centre with regular trophy tournaments. We hold our annual party which is very successful.

We have been very lucky to have Jayesh and Ameeta Shah who have made it possible to play bridge twice daily with over 200 members from Navnat and Banet bridge club plus others from Kenya, Canada, USA, and all over the world. Not Enough words to thank Jayesh and Ameeta.

Our members have also supported the Dining hall extension and I am pleased to announce that NBC has given a donation of £2001 for the Dining Hall extension.

Humble request to all to stay safe and take care- Bless you all.

e) **NGS Captain, Sunil Shah.**-Just to introduce Navnat golf Society, we are now in our 13<sup>th</sup> year. Our founder members and former captains continue to support us. We have grown since 2008 and we hold 6 events each year including annual trip away and an overseas trip. Plus we have an AGM which is attended by spouses.

The current committee is:-Myself Captain, Hitesh Shah-Vice Captain, Anil Shah- Secretary, Bina Sanghavi and Bharat Sheth as co Treasurers.

We now have 53 members with a number of low handicappers, and a ladies section as well. We pride ourselves in playing the best Golf courses and have won important competitions in three consecutive years.

We decided in March to cancel all our fixtures due to covid19 and may start in May next year giving time for the vaccine to be available and lock down easing.

Finance we started with £3000 and finished with almost the same amount. So we aim to break-even in 2021

We have changed our bank and now are with HSBC, which allows us to pay online.

The committee's term is normally 2 years, but we will stay for a further year due to cancellation this year.

2021 season will be confirmed shortly and we hope to see you soon, subject to the end of the Pandemic.

f) **Navnat Jalsa Group- Hasmitaben Doshi (in Gujarati)**- Greeted all presidents and all attendees. The EC has nominated for this group and a coordinator of the group, as well as the Hall secretary of NVA.

It was at an AGM of the NVM in June 2015 that this group was started and with the help of 6 members (2 from Bhagini, two from NVM and two from the EC) formed a committee.

Meets on Tuesdays to alleviate depression and entertain members with various religious, musical, line dancing, picnics and are always celebrating something or the other. We have grown with out any financial support from NVA we have had a very successful Boat trip on river Thames and also visited Anoopam Mission with our President and EC and Vadil members which was a historic event where our President said that we have formed a bridge between the two organisations. Ladies cook food in house, and provide Tea & Nasto in morning, and delicious Lunch plus tea in the afternoon. We started off with 15 members and have grown to just under a manageable hundred.

Over the last 4 and a half years we have a decent reserve fund, and I am pleased to announce that we have given an interest free loan of £20,000 for the Dining Hall Extension.

Jai Jinendra and Stay safe

**g) NYA –Meera Shah & Dharmin Gandhi- A new era for Navnat Youth.**

Reported on the last social event Meet & Greet, which was held in central London with over 100 youths and was successful. No events since then.

We would like to do a lot more than just Socials with the youth -like Yoga, Zumba, variety of workshops Cricket which was due to be launched this summer has been delayed due to Covid19.

We are blessed to have Navnat centre and I strongly feel that we should encourage our Youth, our children, and our grand children to take active part and use the facilities provided by NVA. As a youngster I was encouraged by my parents to learn Gujarati at Navnat, and this boosted my confidence and enabled me to make new friends and enjoy with our community. This is our house. Please use it, come forward with ideas, Growth of the future community is in your hands.

Dharmin- We would like to restart and use the Navnat Centre, by forming a new NYA committee, and take this forward utilising all sports facilities like Badminton, Table Tennis, Golf, Bridge and cricket from the Summer 21 etc. Please encourage your children to join us.

Hope all will stay safe and healthy.

**Gen.Secretary** -responded that – the EC will back the NYA 100%

**h) Navnat Badminton Club-Neil**

The club is going for around 10 years with around 40 members- we play regularly 3 evenings a week.

Its a good way for fitness and we have various age groups playing. We are also a social club with a closed knit family atmosphere. We have a covid officer and take extra care by following the government rules, during the Pandemic.

We welcome new players of any standard – pls contact us.

**9. Bhupendrabhai Shah – Greeted all -**

Our president Dilipbhai Mithani has highlighted all the relevant information of the Dining Hall extension at our home- Navnat Centre. I have always been saying that “**Nat Na Nashib bahuji mota che**” In the last 24 hours we have received 13 new pledges for our project, proving that our members are working hard and there is a tremendous community spirit. He read out the various pledges which will be published. He declared that to date we have a figure of £411,000. for pledges and donations. We still have a long way to go, it is our sincere request to you all to give good wishes and full financial support for the success of this project. Once again a big thank you to one and all for their pledges and generosity. Think positive, be happy, donate with a smile, and let us progress as a big family.

**10. Any Other Business, recommendations and Questions and Answers from the Floor**

Please see attached spreadsheet with questions and answers, listed as received.

Chat questions

KA -answered questions on the car park income

KB – answered questions on Membership nos by ages.

Nitin M- answered car park questions -re no of clients, etc

Our president thanked all the volunteers for their efforts in the running of the Association and went on to mention

**11. Re-appointment of Honorary Auditors and Solicitors**

PSJ Alexander as Auditors and Mrs Mamta Parekh as honorary solicitor were thanked for their services during a very difficult year and both were re elected.

12. Dilipbhai announced that next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have already started preparations and hopefully our new dining hall will be ready by then and we can celebrate. He also welcomed both Meera and Dharmin on board of the new NYA committee and thanked them for their help.

There being no other business , the meeting was closed at 5.30 pm.

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Dilip Mithani

President

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Jaswantrai Doshi

General Secretary