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The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of October 2024 to December 2025 of Tamil Union Herts held on Saturday, 4/1/2026 at 1.30pm at Nascot Wood School, Watford WD17 4YS.

Executive Committee Members present: Dr T Navaneethan (TN), Mrs Gowri Kanagasabai (GK), Mrs. Muriel Raymond (MR), Mr. S Yogendra (SY), Mr. Luxmanan (LS), Mrs Manohari Asokakumar (MA), Mr T Kandeeban (TK), Mr. T Sri Mohan (TSM), Mrs S Sutharsan, Ms Siva Kassipillai, Mr S Thirunathan, Mr K Sivasoruban.

Apologies from the EC Members: None

- 1) Members arrived by 1.30pm. An attendance record was maintained.
- 2) The President (TN) welcomed everyone and requested all to observe a few minutes of silence to respect those who had passed on in UK and back at home.

3) Agenda:

a) Noted that 18 TUH members were present at the meeting and a few apologies were received.

b) The President (TN) reported the following:

- An application was made to the Charity Commission in September 2025. There is a waiting list for decisions to be made and TN gets updates. An outcome is expected in approximately six months.
- TUH changed the bank account as the Lloyds bank was no longer able to support the type of account of early 1980's. In December 2025, a community account was opened with the Metro bank. All the members have been notified via emails from GK.
- A Newyear party was held on 4/1/2025. It was very successful involving the past Tamil school students and their families after many years.
- A Karaoke event was organized by MR and her family with a lot of support and a large profit.
- The Committee donated £6400, £800 each to 8 charities in October 2025 (refer Secretary's report).
- Planning a food festival during spring 2026 – for the new Committee to decide.
- TN expressed his gratitude to the Secretary Mrs. Gowri Kanagasabai and the Treasurer Mrs. Muriel Raymond for their commitment and hard work.

b) The Secretary (GK) reported the following:

- A Newsletter was circulated via email in December 2025 to highlight the events held in 2025, to notify about the AGM and brief details of the donations made in 2025.
- GK read out the eight names, areas, details of the organizations that TUH made donations to.
- In response to queries, GK explained that the Committee monitors receipts of transactions from UK to back home. Each Committee member who makes the nomination has to take the responsibility to provide acknowledgements from the charities on their letterheads and receipt books.

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c) The Treasurer (MR) reported the following:

- Statement of accounts for 2024/2025 were distributed by MR and explained briefly.
- Noted the donations of £3500 in 2024 and £6400 in 2025. It was mentioned that in future, nominations for donations should be approved for one per each member.
- Aiming to increase the funds by getting more membership – subscription of £5 per month.
- Parents of the past and present Tamil School children could be encouraged to join as members.
- Noted that the Head of Tamil School KT had mentioned the interest among parents to teach children about the history of our motherland.
- The current balance was noted as £2627 and the Members were satisfied with the accounts.

d) Election of the new Committee: TN invited members to elect the next Committee members.

SY proposed that due to a few ongoing matters that need to be followed up such as the changeover of banking details and the charity commission application, it would be better if the present Committee continues for the next year. It was seconded by a member Mr. J Jayarajah.

TN asked all the current members individually for their agreement to continue.

e) Any other matters relating to the TUH Committee of Oct 2024/2025:

- TSM stated that the requests for nominating donations should have been sent to all the TUH members as in the past year. TN and GK explained about the previous discussions at Committee meetings that there was no response from any members last year except for one family following much persuasion. The new Committee would consider this matter.
- Members discussed and agreed about supporting smaller charities back home which are in need of funds rather than larger organization which get international support from all over the world.
- KT asked if there is any limit on the number of EC members as he wanted to nominate Mr. Logan Rasiah. Members discussed and agreed that there are twelve members willing to continue and the importance of every member to attend meetings for the full duration of approximately an hour.
- TN reiterated that each member should attend the required number of meetings unless exceptionally unavoidable circumstances prevail. Meetings are generally once a month, depending on the needs/necessity and all the Committee members should make the commitment to attend.
- TN thanked Dr Isweren, for maintaining the TUH website. TN requested to add two of the ECMs and Dr Isweren agreed to do so and requested for more information for him to upload.

4) Close of meeting – TN thanked all the members for attending the meeting in the weather condition and expressed his appreciation of fellow EC members for their support throughout the year.

5) Refreshments – Short eats and tea/coffee were organized by SY and LS – members enjoyed mingling and the refreshments.

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