

AKKA Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	May 24, 2007 (Thursday)		
Time:	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm		
Location:	Conference Call		
Attendees:	Mohan Cadaba Dayashankar Adappa Harish Hiremath	Vasanthi Gowda Suresh Ramachandran	Ramesh Gowda Shantharaju Kempaiah
Guests:	Mokshagundam Jayaram, Shivamurthy Keelara, & Surabhi Pandit		

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1. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit	9:00 - 9:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh updated the EC members regarding the AKKA Lawsuit. • He mentioned that a hearing has been scheduled for May 17th. • It was cancelled because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Renuka Ramappa and others have fired their attorney – I guess the attorney told them that there is no case or something – that’s only our speculation. ○ Then they hired new attorney for which AKKA objected because this new attorney once defended AKKA during earlier instance when Kumaraswamy and others were trying to form another AKKA. ○ Don’t know when the new hearing date ○ Ramesh mentioned that he booked the air tickets twice to attend the hearing. As the hearings were cancelled, the tickets will be reused paying required penalties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
2. Rasamanjari – Charity Fundraising Program	9:15 – 9:30	<p>Ramesh updated the EC with respect to the Rasamanjari program planned in Sept/Oct. of 2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the success of Manoranjani program in 2005 which raised nearly 70K before expenses, we want to conduct a variety program – Rasamanjari in 2007 • Have been talking to Gurukiran to put together a team of artists • Now that Nagashankar, the Chair of Cultural committee is in board, he Will be helping us out in coordinating this activity • There is also another event is happening on Sept 8th in KKNC – an all day event and they are brining some artists. KKNC representatives contacting other Kannada Kootas coordinate programs in their KKs using these artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh & Nagashankar to contact KKNC. • Ramesh to contact few key artists in Karnataka who will be willing to do

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2. Rasamanjari (continued)		<p>invited by KKNC so that the expenses in bringing these artists could be shared amongst Ks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh expressed concern that AKKA's Rasamanjari event may conflict with this KKNC's event as they will be in September/October time frame also. • Nagashnkar to contact KKNC to see how this can be handled without affecting the Rasamanjari event. • Ramesh requested EC to suggest any group that we can invite for this event. The group must be accessible and also crowd pullers • Manoranjani was held in 11 cities for one month and it was hard on the artists. So, this time we are planning to focus in major cities – may be 6 or 7 cities in USA & Canada. • Please e-mails me with your suggestion in 2 weeks as we have to approach them and arrange Visa , tickets , etc • EC members suggested that September or October will be the right time to host this event 	<p>such a program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Members to suggest artists.
3. AKKA WKC-2008 Update	9:30 – 9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The other 2 conveners of WKC 2008 - Sri. Mokshagundam Jayaram & Sri. Shivamurthy Kellara were introduced to the EC members and requested to speak briefly about the preparations of the next conference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
4. AKKA Youth Day-2007 Update	9:40 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Committee Chair – Surabhi Pandit was invited to the meeting to talk about AKKA Youth Day that she is planning. • Surabhi mentioned that many Kannadiga youth members across the country expressed interest in getting together over a weekend for volunteer work with one of the local non-profit organizations. • She said involving in such project will help in building bondages among youth members and also it can build a momentum into the AKKA WKC 2008. • Ramesh requested the 3 conveners to get their youth committee to get in touch with Surabhi and participate in the Youth Day so that the conference can attract large youth base for the WKC 2008. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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5. AKKA WKC 2010 Update	9:50 – 9:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramesh mentioned that the AKKA Conference Selection Committee in their final report, they recommended Toronto to host the 2010 WKC and it was communicated to Kannada Sangha of Toronto (KST) about it. Also in the report they mentioned that the KST should convey to the AKKA President that they are willing to host the AKKA WKC 2010 there by <u>May 31, 2007</u> Ramesh received an e-mail from the KST president Smt. Padma Jangamakote to extend the deadline until their General Body meeting some time in July. Ramesh requested the EC members to OK to extend the deadline and EC agreed to so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramesh to communicate this EC's decision to KST
6. AKKA Committees Update	9:55 – 10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the current Committee Chairs met earlier this week just to get know each other and understand their plans and vision for their committee All the chairs are really excited and want to get on with it fast Ramesh said he is developing a draft of roles & responsibilities for each committee and will be posted on the website soon. This will be sort of minimal expectations from each committee. From time to time we will invite Committee Chairs to update the EC and the Board on the progress of their committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
7. Miscellaneous	10:05 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKKA Calendar will be mailed out this weekend. Ramesh mentioned that there was a delay in printing the AKKA Calendars from Govt. of Karnataka as there were some personnel changes in the concerned department. Nevertheless, the 2007 AKKA Calendars have come out beautiful. AKKA Cloths, Toys & Books Collection drive: The drive is going really well and following Kannada Kootas have already started the drive in their areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abhimana Kannada Koota of Louisville, KY (Keerthi Pandit) Richmond Kannada Koota in Virginia – Srinath Balle Pampa Kannada Koota of Michigan (Dayashankar & Shantharaju) Colorado Kannada Koota (Dr. Prabhakara Rao) Mentorship – Harish to come out with a draft process 	Ramesh to explore online petition for E-TV Channel and also to contact E-TV Mgmt.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="751 212 1465 240">• Scholarships – Ramesh to come out with a draft process	