



**Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation:
Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors- Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2008, at Samsara Villa 9, Phuket 83150, at 14:00.

Agenda Item 1: Attendance

Present: Fleur Birch-Atkinson, Netipong Wichitwechkarn, Kathy Davies, Arnaud Verstraete, Michael Chugg, Peter Hamilton

Apologies: Suthat Vorasri, Dr. Sriyada Palimapun

Guests: Michael Weinstein, Norman Dawkins, Pensri Tuanthong, Casey McNamara, Tom Doherty

The Board recognized that the Chair, Dr. Sriyada Palimapun, was not present and the Vice-Chair, Tom McNamara has recently passed away. Thus, as Secretary of the Foundation, the meeting should be chaired by Fleur Birch-Atkinson. Ms. Birch-Atkinson turned over the duties of chairing the meeting to the recently appointed Managing Director, Tom Doherty.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 17th March 2008

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 17th March 2008 were endorsed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Proposed by Tom Doherty, seconded by Kathy Davies.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

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Agenda Item 4: New Board of Managers and Managing Directors

It was proposed that a Board of Managers be officially created. The Board of Managers will be a small, active group of local residents who will work directly with the paid staff and other volunteers to implement the wishes of the Board of Directors. Board of Managers members will include Peter Hamilton, Fleur Birch-Atkinson, Tom Doherty, Michael Weinstein, and Norman Dawkins. It was also proposed that Tom Doherty be formally adopted as Managing Director of the Foundation. Both measures passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5: Report of the Managing Director on Recent Events and Financial Status

The Board considered the report of the Managing Director, which described the activities of the Foundation between March 2007- December 2008. The Managing Director noted that the Foundation is currently out of funds. A debt of approximately 170,000 baht is owed to Tom Doherty, which includes two months salary and assorted expenses. There are two immediate bills to be paid totaling roughly 50,000 baht. Payroll on December 31 will be 370,000 baht. Payroll for 2009 is estimated at approximately 395,000 per month totaling approximately 4.5 million for the year. This is a liberal estimate and assumes that two teachers will be replaced in May, salary levels will remain stable, teachers will receive annual merit increases, and the hiring of a Thai assistant. Other expenses are estimated at approximately 1.4 million for 2009. The Total budget for 2009 is estimated at 5.9 million baht. (Expenses already grant funded by Rotary are not included).

Staff reshuffling has been completed and a teacher grade level and employee merit raise system was instituted. The Foundation has moved to a new low-rent office and is fully operational. The website has been thoroughly updated, including information on volunteering and in-kind donations. A Thai version of the website was launched. There has been an increase in volunteers and more are expected as high season kicks in. The Foundation has revised its volunteer program to be more efficient and better coordinated. Papers have been filed with the US government, to establish the American arm of the Foundation. We are currently awaiting information on when we can expect to move forward on US bank account and tax-exempt/credit card donations. The Foundation is in the process of starting the paperwork for the UK arm of the Foundation. The planned office opening party was cancelled because

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of Tom McNamara's passing. The final version of the Strategic Plan will be presented at the Annual Meeting in March 2009.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion of Financial Strategies in Immediate and Long Term Future

Board members resolved to assist the Foundation in fundraising. In November, Peter Hamilton sent out appeal letters asking donors for \$100 a year. Following Tom McNamara's passing, there were articles in local papers and appeals at the funeral services. The Foundation would like to get a sense of whether we can expect the long discussed and very large donation from Charles Feeney/ Atlantic Philanthropies. An abbreviated version of the Strategic Plan would be presented to Atlantic Philanthropies if necessary. The Foundation would like to hold a large fundraiser to raise money and promote awareness, which also helps recruit volunteers and secure in-kind donations. Early in 2009, Michael Chugg is having an art event with the Foundation as the beneficiary. There are several ideas for future fundraisers: an event at Hung Fat's with music, regular wine dinners on a rotating basis at BRP group restaurants, special nights at BRP where a percentage of the proceeds go to the Foundation, an annual fundraiser around Thanksgiving, anniversary of Tom McNamara's passing. The Foundation would like to sell a small memento, like a key ring with the name/website of the Foundation. It was resolved to further discuss fundraising efforts at regular annual Board meeting in January.

Agenda Item 7: Proposal to consider naming new Board Members, Chair and Vice-Chair

Tom Doherty proposed that the Board name two new members to replace K. Suthat and Dr. Sriyada, with two Thai nationals. K. Suthat is no longer the schoolmaster at the Kalim school and Dr. Sriyada is too busy with political matters to be involved. Board members also proposed naming of new Vice-Chair to replace Tom McNamara. Netipong will create a short list of possible new Board members. It was resolved that Board Members will discuss changes at the January Board meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Change of Foundation's Registered Office

The Board approved and recognized moving the Foundation's office has moved from 6/8 Nakatani Village in Kamala, to 8/14, Moo 3 in Kamala

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Agenda Item 9. Change of the Foundation's lifespan

The Board approved extending the Foundation's lifespan an additional three years, through the end of 2001.

Agenda Item 10. Any Other Business

Fleur Birch-Atkinson will email attendees of Tom McNamara's wake to remind them to donate to the Foundation. The Foundation will spread awareness by placing fliers at tourist sites/ airport in Phuket and reaching out to local newspapers. The Foundation will continue to recruit volunteers and explore the idea of having global/regional advocates of the program to advocate for donations and increase awareness. The Foundation will explore the idea of offering partially subsidized fellowships to students. It was resolved that Board Members would assist the Foundation in these efforts.

Agenda Item 11. Date and Time of Upcoming Annual Meeting

To be announced for January, 2009

The meeting closed at 3:45 pm.

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