



**Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**held at the Foundation's office at 80/14 Moo 3, Kamala, Phuket 83150,**  
**On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00.**

**In The Chair:** Dr Sriyada Palimapan

**Agenda Item 1: Attendance and adoption of the minutes of the Board meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup>  
January 2009**

**Present:** Dr. Sriyada Palimapun (Chairperson), Peter Hamilton (Vice-Chair), Michael Chugg, Kathy Davies

**Attending By Proxy:** Netipong Wichitwechkarn, Fleur Birch-Atkinson, Arnaud Verstraete

**Excused:** Suthas Worasri

**Guests:** Norman Dawkins, Michael Weinstein, Tom Doherty, Tina Hall

Signed forms were presented from Netipong Wichitwechkarn and Arnaud Verstraete appointing Peter Hamilton as their proxy, and from Fleur Birch-Atkinson, appointing Kathy Davies as her proxy.

Michael Chugg proposed the minutes from the January meeting be adopted. Kathy Davies seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

**Agenda Item 2: Discussion and vote on new Board members**

Peter Hamilton proposed that the Board replace Khun Suthas Worasri with Khun Pensri Thuanthong.

K. Suthas is no longer the Director of the Kalim school and has no connection to the Foundation. K.

Pensri is the widow of the Foundation's founder, Thomas McNamara, and is interested in being a

member. The proposal was seconded by Kathy Davies. All voted unanimously to replace Khun Suthas

Worasri with Khun Pensri Thuanthong.



Dr. Sriyada expressed thanks for being asked by Tom McNamara to be the Chair the Foundation. She regrets that she has not had more time to participate because of her work in other areas. She has more time now but would be happy to have a new Thai person who can be of more assistance replace her at some point in the future. The Board resolved to consider new Thai candidates to assume the role of Chair of the Board. The chosen candidate will be invited to the next Board meeting.

### **Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the 2008 Audit**

The Foundation's accounts for 2008 were prepared by NAT accounting in Phuket Town. Full details of all expenses and income prepared by NAT were sent to the members of the Board. The official auditors, KM, CPA, then completed the audit in March, 2009. The audit was given to the Phuket Revenue Department at that time. Upon adoption of the Audit by this Board, a copy of the audit will be turned into the Government Registrar in Kathu. Peter Hamilton proposed the audit be adopted. The proposal was seconded by Kathy Davies. All voted unanimously to adopt the audit.

### **Agenda Item 4: Assignment of new signatories for the Foundation's bank account**

The Foundation's bank account at Siam Commercial Bank requires two signatories for all checks. Current people appointed to be signatories are Dr. Sriyada, Tom Doherty, Fleur Birch-Atkinson and Alfredo Fernandini. Dr. Sriyada is often away from Phuket, Tom Doherty is leaving, Fleur Birch-Atkinson is usually away and Alfredo Fernandini has little connection to the Foundation. Peter Hamilton proposed that he be added as a signatory as well as Tina Hall, Pensri Tuanthong, Michael Weinstein and Norman Dawkins. Tom Doherty and Alfredo Fernandini should be removed. Kathy Davies seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to remove two signatories and add the new five names listed above.

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### **Agenda Item 5: Resolution regarding scheduling of debt repayment**

The Board was presented options for the repayment of a personal loan and delayed salary to Thomas Doherty totaling 300,000 baht. Peter Hamilton proposed that 100,000 baht be paid immediately and that the remaining 200,000 be paid in installments of 50,000 baht at the end of the next four months. The entire debt of 300,000 should be repaid by September 30, 2009. Michael Chugg seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to repay the debt to Thomas Doherty according to the schedule listed above.

### **6. Agreement on plan for future fundraising efforts**

Peter Hamilton and Tom Doherty explained the budget numbers presented at the meeting, which illustrate increases in funds raised in the past six months as well as the significant pledges received through at least April, 2010. The Foundation still needs to raise approximately one million baht in order to meet its costs for the 2009-10 academic year. The Board subsequently discussed a range of options and approaches to raising the money. Several events were proposed for the next tourist high season and preparations will begin immediately. Additionally, more modest measures to raise fund will be continued and expanded in the immediate future. The Board is confident the money can be obtained in the next few months and that a reserve fund for subsequent years can be started thereafter.

### **Agenda Item 7: Any other business**

Tom Doherty announced that the Foundation has successfully completed incorporation of branch of the organization in California, USA. The Board agreed to seek a lawyer free of charge, to assist in the process of applying for non-profit status in the US so that American donors could get make tax exempt

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contributions. The Board also expressed its intention to continue efforts to do the same in the United Kingdom.

Peter Hamilton announced that with Tom Doherty leaving Phuket, Tina Hall will begin as a paid staff person as Director of Operations, overseeing the daily administration of the Foundation. Carl Osmar has been hired to replace Laura Gray in overseeing the education side of the Foundation. Applications for work permits for Tina Hall and Carl Osmar are being filed with the Department of Labor. Other new staff include paid teacher Lena Graff and volunteer fellow Lynn Crevling. Both have work permit applications pending.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Date and time of upcoming next meeting**

The Board will have its next meeting at some time in late August, 2009. Tina Hall will arrange the scheduling of the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 11:15am.

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