



Executive team 2021-23 First meeting PPG UK Reading

10th Jan 2021, Reading (Zoom-online):

The first meeting by the new Executive committee 2021-23 of Pasa Phucha Guthi UK, Reading was conducted successfully on 10th Jan 2021. The meeting took place via an online platform zoom with participants of over 20 people. The meeting agenda was as follows along with discussion and decision made.

This report reads mainly in two sections; Discussion and Decision. While the discussion section (Highlighted with yellow) contains a summary of views shared by different members, the decision section (highlighted with green) contains the decision made by the team or outcome of the meeting.

1. Welcome

The re-assigned president Miss Janaki Kayastha congratulated and welcome everyone for another 2-year tenure of PPG UK Reading and wished to have a successful year ahead. Along with that, advisors of the community shared their encouraging words and greeted the team. As most members of the team were from the previous tenure, she thanked all of them for a successful journey having achieved various milestones despite the COVID-19 restrictions.

2. Planning of Annual Programme

Discussion:

- Yadav Shrestha:
 - Have a schedule for a regular programme like Guthi puja, Kuchi bhoye, mha puja & Yomari programme (Fix dates in the calendar) should be made
 - Have plans for additional programmes through zoom for culture, promotion, a member interaction program
- Lalita Shrestha:
 - Teach each other through zoom like roti and other food recipes & importance of Newari food ~ Similar to BOT's request
- Bikram Shrestha:
 - Once a week programme about a health issue, share things about work for mental health benefit,
 - Have plan A & B during the lockdown.
- Sudhanshu Malla
 - Thanked for the opportunity to be Joint Secretary and shared opinion of having online seminars/ workshops regarding Newari food, culture, Newari language in addition to other fields like Technology, and each other's field of expertise.
- Sudarshan Shrestha:
 - Use of clear words rather than Jargon (words only people in a specific field would understand) during the online training sessions.

- Supported promoting Newari food through zoom and technical/ Software workshop idea presented before
- Involve youngster gather through zoom and expand the connection
- Rajani Shrestha
 - Supported and shared the idea of online seminars for youngsters and promoting/ encouraging the young generation to be involved in Guthi presented before.
 - Wishing to spearhead the webinars involving youngster regarding various topics and requested members to encourage their children to attend the webinars.
- Ramesh Shrestha
 - Have a charity programme about refurbishing unused computer from each other's home and let a school distribute it to needy ones
 - Involve the young generation to attend the webinars
- Santosh Pradhan
 - Share qualification of members/ how each member could contribute/ help others
 - How one person's skill becomes beneficial to the whole community? Eg. Dr Santosh was happy to provide health-related advice or to refer/ share connection if applicable.

Decision:

- ◇ **Create a plan/ timeline for regular events organised by the guthi**
- ◇ **Have an additional plan to do in case the current pandemic situation continues restricting everyone for a mass gathering**
- ◇ **Create a plan for an online webinar series involving Newari food/ recipe lessons, workshop related to technology/ software**
- ◇ **Have dedicated online webinar sessions for the youngster to encourage them and expand the connections**
- ◇ **Create a form which includes how each member could benefit/ contribute toward the community based on their skill set. Eg. Health, Accounts, Finance, Law, Technology etc.**

3. The nomination of BOT Reps

After careful observation and encouragement from all executive members following individuals were appointed to act as a representative of PPG UK Reading in BOT for the tenure.

- Janaki Kayastha
- Rajani Shrestha
- Sudhanshu Malla
- Bikram Shrestha

4. Collaboration with BOT

Required support and help will be provided for various webinars planned by the BOT. Further discussion about this will be made as the details follow from BOT.

5. AOB

a. AGM Report life membership

Discussion:

Many individuals presented their view regarding how life membership should be displayed and counted. Discussion of household life membership or individual life membership was made. Renewing of membership of youth above 18 years of age was revisited and it was found that only a few of the youth had registered up.

Decision:

It was decided to list the names of all of the life members individually in the official website of PPGUK Reading along with couple photograph and names as the present. Likewise, it was decided youth above the age of 18 in a household of PPG UK Reading members to register or renew their membership by paying £10 for two years. *This topic was decided in previous tenures but will go mainstream/ apply strictly under this presidency.*

b. Increase communication and outreach

Discussion:

It was realised that the Guthi could improve on its outreach and communication posted in platforms like Viber, Facebook and the website. A comparison of various platforms was made and opinions from advisors were shared. Key quotes were:

"As Viber is basic and registration is phone number based, members would easily create an account if they have a mobile phone which everyone has without exception."

- Yadav Shrestha

"As many people are already present on Facebook and having better integration of links and post, messenger group could a considerable option. Additionally, people might ignore important messages, as well as there, are numerous messages shared in a group chat in Viber."

- Sudarshan Shrestha

"While Viber is mainly used for phone calls and text, we could consider a messenger or Facebook group for our communication platform with a fresh start. However, doing so immediately might raise two issues; 1. BOT and other chapters are still using Viber. So any inter-chapter communication will be difficult and missed. 2. If people begin to share and treat the platform unprofessionally, it will be no different than other Viber groups. The platforms like Slack and MS Team are more suitable for collaboration but it comes with a steep learning curve especially for anyone without a technical background."

- Sudhanshu Malla

"Viber being based on phone number, it is easy to find the number and call someone if needed."

- Dr Santosh Pradhan

Decision:

Based on the interaction and advice from various members and advisors, we have decided to carry on with Viber as a platform now. Additionally, the messenger is considered to be a platform which can be used parallelly. If a new group is created in messenger, all executive members will receive an invitation and both groups will run in parallel.

c. Candidacy fee

Few advisors including Ramesh Shrestha, Yadav Shrestha and member Hina Shrestha (~ Bikram Shrestha) had commented to carry on with previous year's rate for candidacy fee.

d. Charity of baby

Being an extremely sensitive situation and critical issue, the topic was put forward by the president. She has presented the committee to discuss the opinion of PPGUK Reading to help the child with some funds.

It was decided that while everyone could, and some have already contributed financially towards this noble cause PPGUK Reading as a community will not be moving forward for the donation.

Finally, the meeting ended with these above decisions and wishing everyone and each other for yet another successful tenure and with a hope to achieve even more under this presidency team. The list of attendees are:

1. Janaki Kayastha
2. Díbya Maharjan
3. Rajani Shrestha
4. Sudhanshu Malla
5. Rajendra Shrestha
6. Sudharsan Shrestha
7. Apsara Shrestha
8. Yadav Shrestha
9. Neelam Shrestha
10. Ramesh Shrestha
11. Babi Shrestha
12. Lalita Shrestha
13. Navin Shrestha
14. Shivaji Shrestha
15. Dilli Shrestha
16. Sangita Shrestha
17. Bikram Shrestha
18. Rosie Shrestha
19. Santosh Pradhan
20. Sushma Pradhan
21. Deepesh Shrestha
22. Sazna Nakarmi
23. Laxman Shrestha
24. Ramesh Shrestha
25. Triratna Tuladhar

Janaki Kayastha
President, PPG UK Reading