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MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LUTHULI CULTURAL AND WELFARE SERVICES  
HELD ON THE 9TH OCTOBER, 1984 AT 7 SOUTHBOURNE CRESCENT LONDON NW4 2LB.

PRESENT:

Bishop Hugh Montefiore	(Chairman.)
Thomas Titus Nkobi	(Council Member.)
Alfred Nzo	(Council Member.)
Thabo Mbeki	(Council Member.)
Dr Gabriel Setiloane	(Council Member.)
M. Seretse Choabi	(Director)

1. The Chairman the Rt Rev. Hugh Montefiore opened the meeting at 5.15pm. He welcomed Dr Setiloane who was attending the meeting for the first time. The chairman further expressed appreciation that Dr Setiloane, who presently lives in South Africa, had been able to attend the meeting. The chairman further reminded the meeting that prof. Michael Dummett had resigned from the Management Council of the Luthuli Services and that it was therefore essential that a suitable replacement on the Management Council be appointed.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The chairman next invited the Annual General Meeting to consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26th September, 1983 and to determine whether these represented a correct record of the deliberations of the Annual General Meeting held on that day. The minutes were accepted as a correct record and were duly signed by the chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

The chairman invited the meeting to raise any matters arising from the minutes. No matters arising were raised. The consensus of the meeting was that as the Director had submitted a written comprehensive report covering all aspects of the work of the Luthuli Cultural and Welfare Services it would save time and be more businesslike and expeditious if the meeting dealt directly with the Director's report and thus avoid duplicating discussions on the same matters.

4. AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The consideration and discussion of the Annual Audited Accounts was hampered by the absence of the Treasurer from the meeting. The meeting, in the circumstances, requested the Director to introduce the Accounts and to guide the meeting in its discussion of the Accounts. After detailed discussions of the Accounts these were adopted by the meeting. The following points were, however, stressed:

- (a) In future, preparations for the Annual General Meeting must ensure that the Treasurer is present at Annual General Meetings and that he handles the task of presenting the Audited Accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) It is essential for the Director to liaise and consult closely with the Treasurer on the financial affairs of the Association. The Treasurer has to be fully informed at all times about the state of the financial affairs of the Association.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

(A) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME.

A detailed and comprehensive report was tabled by the Director covering all the activities of the Luthuli Services. The Director stressed that the main thrust of the activities of the Association was in the area of fundraising. The meeting was informed that as at 30th September, 1984 the total funds of the Luthuli Services stood at £50,816. These funds were made up as follows:

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FUNDS	£35,496
ADMINISTRATION FUNDS	£14,640
TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS	<u>£50,816</u>



The Director further reported to the meeting that a total of 11 students had been sponsored by the Luthuli Services. Of these students 6 were at the University of Lesotho, 3 at the University of Zambia, 1 at the Tanzania school of Social Work and 1 at the Africa Literature Centre in Kitwe, Zambia. The last student at the Africa Literature Centre was enrolled for a one year course and no further costs were to be incurred for this student as all the fees and maintenance funds had been paid for the year. The Luthuli Services was therefore, effectively, as at 9th September, 1984 sponsoring 10 students.

The Director also reported to the meeting that a Belgian organisation based in Brussels called BRUEDERLIJK DELEN had voted a total of £13,270 towards a vocational training programme and that 1 student had as at 9th September, 1984 been granted a scholarship for a 3 year Social Work study course the total cost of which would be £7,041. It was thus necessary to make further scholarship awards to fully utilise the funds provided for this vocational training programme. The meeting approved a scholarship grant for Antonio Maqawe admitted for a one year Diplomacy diploma course in Tanzania.

(B) BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.

The meeting considered the Director's recommendation that the Luthuli Services find an alternative bank for its funds. It was unanimously agreed by the meeting that the funds of the Association be transferred from the Co-Operative Bank to the National Westminster Bank.

(C) TITLE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The meeting noted the Director's report that the omission of the expression 'LTD' from the title of the Association had now been officially effected by the Registrar of Societies.

(D) SIDA/ANC CONSULTATIONS.

The meeting noted the Director's report that the ANC/SIDA consultations were continuing regarding possible funding of the Luthuli Services by the Swedish Government.

- (E) The meeting considered ways to increase funds for the Association and recommended that the Director undertake trips to the United States, New Zealand and Australia. Mr Nkobi strongly recommended, and the meeting agreed, that an approach also be made to the EEC for funding, especially for the Vocational Training programme. Mr Nzo proposed that Canada be included in the list of countries to be visited by the Director for fundraising purposes. This recommendation was approved by the meeting.

(F) THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Arising out of the resignation of prof. Michael Dummett from the Council of Management the meeting decided that the Treasurer, Mr Cosmas Desmond be invited to serve as chairman of the Scholarship Awards Committee as it is essential that this committee be chaired by a member of the Management Committee of the Luthuli Services.

(G) ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The meeting considered the Director's proposal that the following persons be added onto the Council of Management:

1. B.M. Birnberg (Solicitor)
2. Prof. Terance Ranger
3. Prof. David Birmingham
4. Prof. Richard Grey.

After discussion it was resolved by the meeting that the Director should prepare detailed reports on these nominees as they were not known to the members of Council. This was desirable before decisions could be taken regarding their addition to the Council of Management. The Chairman was, however, authorised to approach prof. Terance Ranger who was known to him, to request him to join the Luthuli Services Management Council. The chairman was further authorised to approach the Bishop of Stephney also requesting him to join the Management Council. The chairman proposed that the Bishop of Stephney be



considered as a possible replacement for him as chairman as he was getting on in years and it was his considered judgement that it was desirable for the Association to have a younger man. The meeting approved the chairman's recommendation but expressed regret that it may be possible to lose the invaluable service of our present chairman.

(6) OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE MEETING.

(A) FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The meeting decided that it was no longer urgent to discuss the issue of the future of the Association as more funds had been raised and the Association, for the meantime, was under no immediate danger of running into financial difficulties as it had been believed at the time when the Agenda for the meeting was prepared. There was, therefore, no discussion on this agenda item.

(B) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE.

The chairman reported that he had had a meeting with the British Minister of State Mr Rifkind and discussed possible support for the Luthuli Services. The Minister, however, did not make any definite undertaking to provide any assistance.

(C) LUTHULI SERVICES GOING PUBLIC.

Mr Thabo Mbeki suggested that it may be appropriate for the Management Committee to consider the issue of the Luthuli Services going public. This would entail, if agreed to, the holding of a public and press conference to announce to the public at large and make known the services provided by the Luthuli Services. This suggestion was approved by the meeting and the Director was instructed to prepare a draft press statement to be released at the appropriate time. A final decision on this matter would then be taken at the next meeting of the Council of Management.

(D) LUTHULI SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Dr Gabriel Setiloane inquired from the meeting as to how service by the Luthuli Services was to be provided in South Africa. Dr Setiloane specifically wanted to know whether the Luthuli Services would be prepared to assist students at both the so-called open Universities in South Africa as well as the tribal or ethnic Universities. The meeting resolved that students would be assisted wherever they were if they deserved assistance.

The meeting next discussed how communication with Dr Setiloane was to be conducted. It was agreed that all communication to Dr Setiloane should be open and above board. There is nothing secret about the work of the Luthuli Services. This organisation is a public Charity registered under British Law. Dr Setiloane agreed with this approach. The Director was, however, instructed to arrange the printing of special letter-headed paper with name of the Chairman appearing on it for communication with Dr Setiloane.

(E) SPONSORS.

The Director informed the meeting that Mr Sjollem had agreed to become a sponsor of the Luthuli Services. This was noted with appreciation by the meeting.

(F) AUDITORS.

The meeting discussed the matter of the official Auditors of the Association. Mason and Partners were approved for a further year as Auditors of the Association.

(G) ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The present members of the Council of Management were unanimously re-elected for a further period of a year. These are the following:

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| 1. The Rt. Rev. Hugh Montefiore (Chairman) | 5. Mr Thabo Mbeki                    |
| 2. Mr Cosmas Desmond                       | (Treasurer) 6. Mr Nathaniel Masemola |
| 3. Mr Thomas Titus Nkobi                   | 7. Dr Gabriel Setiloane.             |
| 4. Mr Alfred Nzo                           |                                      |



DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The meeting resolved that the next meeting be provisionally convened to be held on the 28th April, 1985.

*Hugh Montefiore*

HUGH MONTEFIORE (Chairman).