2015-16 GBM Minutes

(Meeting held on June 25th 2016)

1. Meeting was opened by opening words by President Atul Chaudhary. Atul presented bullet points of Mandal 2015-16 year. It was a successful year all in all. Mandal brought quality programs for its members. For the first time Shiv-Jayanti was celebrated which was a huge success. We also have been very much attached to our soil back home. Mandal has pledged a donation of Rs 200,000 towards Naam foundation to help drought-riddled Maharashtra farmers. Mandal posted a strong balance carrying forward into next year. The year saw changes in people's perception of Mandal. With member becoming outward facing, we saw influx of new members, volunteers and overall perception of Mandal has improved tremendously.

2. Senior member Milind Pandit praised Mandal's initiatives, programs executed and overall leadership of the team in the community. He suggested that Mandal should bring more movies/programs to its members

3. Treasurer Sujit Sathe and Co-Treasurer Amit Arkatkar presented yearly balance sheet. He underlined few points – Mandal makes an effort to give back to its community. Mandal gave many programs free to its members in 2015-16. We did incur losses in couple of programs. However such losses are due to unforeseen increase in venue cost. As venue cost becomes prime factor governing loss-profit equation, it has become necessary to scout for new venues that work relatively cheaper. Overall a good year, the books are going into 2016 with surplus.

Jaya Date suggested that some cities give grants to non-profit organizations, Mandal should explore such opportunities.

Rahul Karnik updated that BMM membership is due. Now we have passed 250+ membership count, DFWMM falls under "Large" Mandal category.
Rahul Karnik has brought to committee's notice that dfwmm.org domain ownership is still with him. We need to find a solution (as apart of handover process) to pass the ownership to next committee.

A point was raised where managing accounts, expenses is a tedious process, often leading to omissions and errors. Sanjay Date suggested that there are soft solutions available, that Mandal should explore.

4. Decision was made by EC not to increase membership price

5. Atul Chaudhary formally proposed Mandar Wadekar as President DFWMM for 2016-17. Mandar Wadekar is declared elected by unanimous decision

6. BMM 2019 – Formal question was put forward – Are we interested in contesting? Decision was YES – 35 Yes, 2 neutral, 1 – No

7. Formal question was put forward – To explore our readiness to contest BMM 2019 –

A committee to explore –

a. Do we have sufficient member support to contest?

b. Do we have sufficient financial support to contest?

c. Do we have sufficient volunteer pool that has committed to work ?

8. Mandar Wadekar proposed that Atul Chaudhary to lead the exploration. Exploration findings will be submitted to EC for further action. Mandal EC will form a steering committee which will start working towards preparing the proposal for submission. Mandal EC will also oversee the process of choosing the conveners.

With no objections, Atul Chaudhary has been selected as exploratory lead. Report of exploration to be submitted to EC.

9. Mandar Wadekar proposed that DFWMM should have an Advisory committee which spans across years and committees. Such Advisory committee shall serve as a think tank, looking years in the future and proposing programs, policies. Executive committee and/or President can leverage Advisory committee to seek guidance, opinions on matters that are not covered by by-laws. At a times such Advisory committee can simply play a role of liaison between committee and non DFWMM entities.

This proposal is ONLY to take vote on – Do we want such committee? – Decision was YES by majority

Ajit Jagtap voted against such committee on the grounds that such committee will hamper the working of executive committee making it ineffective. It was explained to members that Advisory committee will not have any decision making power, it will be strictly advisory. Detailed draft and proposal outlining working of advisory committee will be presented in 2017 GBM. Today's proposal is just to get YES/NO on "necessity of such committee and work on the proposal of committee". 2016-17 Executive committee will work on such draft and present it in 2017 GBM.

Any member who wishes to participate in providing any input towards forming this draft is welcome. 2016-17 Executive Committee will consider all suggestions while preparing the draft that will be presented in 2017 Annual GBM.

10. Atul Chaudhary thanked 2015-16 committee members for their dedication and tireless work.

11. Mandar Wadekar presented his 2016-17 committee –

Executive Committee –

President - Mandar Wadekar
Secretary – Amit Joshi
Treasurer – Ajit Jagtap
Co-Treasurer – Harish Nehate
Web Master – Swati Amrute

Members at large

Sujit Sathe
Vinayak Agashe
Bhushan Gokhale
Sushil Dravekar
Vishal Khapre
Purnima Nabar
Shamli Asnare
Rajshri Waranashiwar
Dhanada Kulkarni
Devaki Pande-Bam
Vishakha Bhedasgaonkar
Nikhil Potbhare
Vaidehi Choudhary
Shashank Jana
Yogesh Phatak
Omkar Pote
Ajinkya Pawar
Anup Shahapurkar
Harshad Oak