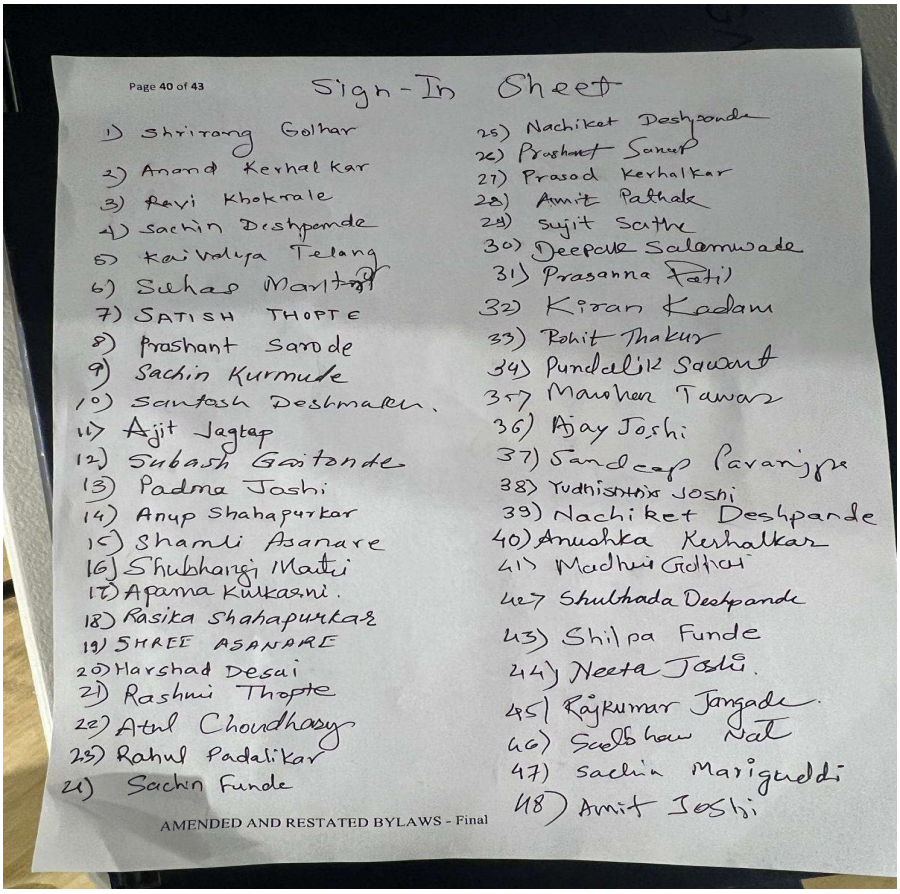
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Mid-Year General Body Meeting 2025-26– Minutes of Meeting
Venue: Richwoods Academy
9700, Wade Blvd, Frisco, TX 75035
Date and Time: Sunday, 14th Dec 2025, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Shrirang Golhar started the meeting at 3 PM. As a full quorum of 50 members was not present, the MYGBM meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes. The new start time of MYGBM is 3:15 PM.

Attendee List


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Sign-In Sheet

1) Shrirang Golhar
2) Anand Kerhalkar
3) Ravi Khokrale
4) Sachin Deshpande
5) Kaivalya Telang
6) Suhas Mantri
7) SATISH THOPTE
8) Prashant Sarode
9) Sachin Kurmude
10) Santosh Deshmukh.
11) Ajit Jagtap
12) Subash Gaitonde
13) Padma Joshi
14) Anup Shahapurkar
15) Shamli Asanare
16) Shubhangi Mauli
17) Aparna Kulkarni.
18) Rasika Shahapurkar
19) SHREE ASANARE
20) Harshad Desai
21) Rashmi Thopte
22) Atul Choudhary
23) Rahul Padalikar
24) Sachin Funde
25) Nachiket Deshpande
26) Prashant Sanap
27) Prasad Kerhalkar
28) Amit Pathak
29) Sujit Sathe
30) Deepak Salamwade
31) Prasanna Patil
32) Kiran Kadam
33) Rohit Thakur
34) Pundalik Sawant
35) Mahesh Tawar
36) Ajay Joshi
37) Sandeep Pavanje
38) Yudhishthir Joshi
39) Nachiket Deshpande
40) Anushka Kerhalkar
41) Madhuri Gothi
42) Shubhada Deshpande
43) Shilpa Funde
44) Neeta Joshi.
45) Rajkumar Jangade.
46) Sudhakar Nal
47) Sachin Marigudi
48) Amit Joshi

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS - Final

Welcome and Agenda Walk-through: --

1. Shrirang Golhar re-initiated the meeting at 3:15 PM

2. An audio recording disclaimer was announced, and no objections were raised by the attendees.
3. Shrirang welcomed the attendees and walked them through the MYGBM agenda.
4. Shrirang asked the attendees whether they had any feedback on the Annual GBM 24-25 MOM.
    a. Ajit Jagtap was not present at the Annual GBM 2024-25, but he shared suggestions based on the MOM about the operational method
        i. **We are now a big organization and need to be more refined in processes**
        ii. The President shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of the President, the following order of precedence shall be followed to select the member to preside over the meeting: Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Co-Treasurer, BOT Chair, 2nd Ranking BOT member and 3rd Ranking BOT member."
        iii. In the last meeting minutes had wording of “tabled a proposal,” which is ambiguous per Ajit J. If the proposal is not discussed, then it is to be explicitly mentioned in those words. British English and American English interpretation was brought up.
        iv. Shrirang confirmed that an amendment adding Subsection (g) to Article III, Section 4 of the bylaws was approved during GBM 2024–25, and the necessary updates have been completed.
    b. Atul Chaudhari seconded Ajit Jagtap’s point of view that we have grown into a big organization, and we need to keep on reviewing our constitution as well as execution processes to make sure we stay within the expected framework and serve the community in the best possible ways.

5. Ajit mentioned full text of every proposal submitted to MYGBM and GBM should be shared with the community before the meeting.
6. Ajit mentioned that Mandal should send MYGBM and GBM meeting reminders to WhatsApp and other channels.
7. Shrirang Golhar introduced the 2025-26 CAL with a PowerPoint slide.

BMM Rep Updates

1. Shrirang Golhar announced that Anup Shahapurkar has been selected as BMM representative from DFWMM and invited him on to the stage to provide the BMM updates.

    Anup shared the latest updates from BMM:

i. The venue for the BMM Convention 2026 has been finalized. Ticket sales are expected to open by the end of this month or early next month.
ii. From a program perspective, ShivMahanatya is currently at the top of the list and has a very high likelihood of selection. An official update is expected soon.
iii. During Anup's term as President (2023–24), Anup and the Executive Committee submitted a proposal on BMM election reforms, specifically addressing voting rights aligned with mandal size, which was accepted by the then-President, Sandeep Dixit.
iv. Subsequently, the newly elected President Prasad Panwalkar formed a review committee comprising representatives from mandals of varying sizes. Based on the committee's findings, he and his EC have accepted the proposal.
v. The proposal is scheduled to be presented at the AGM in February 2026. Upon approval, voting rights will be realigned in accordance with mandal size and will take effect immediately. Anup concluded by reaffirming his commitment to continue representing and promoting DFWMM's work at the BMM level.

Programs and Initiatives

1. Sachin Deshpande speaker
    a. DFWMM is heading toward 1000 active members for 2025-26.
    b. At the MYGBM, we stand financially in almost a neutral position.
    c. Marathi Shala enrollment is 420 students.
    d. 2 Marathi movies screening.
    e. Food drive and BMM food relief fund contribution.
    f. A personal Diwali gift was given to each 2025–26 active member family who attended the Diwali event.
    g. Two Katta events were successfully executed, with plans to organize more in the future.
    h. As part of our health and community-building initiative, we have a daily walking club with around 200 members, and we encourage everyone to join.
    i. Ashadhi Ekadashi was joyfully celebrated by over 1,000 attendees, and the community generously contributed more than $10,000 to support the DFW Hindu Temple.

2. Sachin D. provided a walkthrough of upcoming events as per the roadmap, and Kaiwalya Telang, the camping lead, shared confirmation of the camping park booking with the attendees.

3. Atul Chaudhari speaker
    a. Atul suggested hosting/facilitating an event with IANT collaboration.
        i. Shrirang confirmed that those discussions are in progress already like other collaborations that we did this year with RKT, DFW Hindu temple as well as Gujrati Samaj.
4. Suhas Mantri, speaker:
    a. It was suggested that if the planned Natak is not going to happen, then we should look forward to hosting some Ekankika and giving local talent an opportunity to show their performances.

Community/ Shala Updates

1. Shamli Asanare provided Miboli shala updates per the presentation slides.
2. Rashmi Thopte provided Plano Shala updates per the presentation slides.

BOT Updates

1. Satish Thopte Speaker
    a. GBM 24-25 action item: BOT to review the proposal to increase DFWMM membership fees factoring inflation, and do a data driven analysis against the increase in cost of living and come back with findings to the community:
        i. Some people just take DFWMM membership for enrolling their kids in Marathi shala.
        ii. After detailed analysis BOT has suggested not to increase the membership fee for next 2 years
        iii. We should reconsider the number of free programs as a suggestion.
        iv. No objection from attendees about this decision.
    b. Scholarship money, which we award, is getting cashed and utilized
        i. Per BOT, 75 % people have utilized the scholarship for the year 2024-25.
        ii. Year before, 80-90% awarded scholarship was utilized.
        iii. Need to get feedback from the community about why some students are not utilizing scholarships – Padma Joshi.
        iv. Anup S. suggested we should see an alternative way to appreciate the students than scholarship. This was one suggestion from the community he shared with the attendees.

v. Subash Gaitonde suggested that this scholarship money should be taken as a recognition given by the Marathi community to the parents and the student.
vi. Satish Thopte seconded the current plan of providing scholarship funds, noting that the money is vital during the application process, and suggested that parents who do not require the funds could consider donating them back to the Mandal.
vii. Padma Joshi asked to add an option in the scholarship form to donate the money back to mandal.
viii. Manohar Taware said that the Mandal scholarship is an honor and suggested adding 3 months' validity to utilize the scholarship money.
ix. Rahul Padalikar suggested taking this item to the scholarship action committee or group for further discussion.

2. Atul Chaudhari speaker
    a. Vastu project
        i. BOT explored multiple options and discussed with the Houston mandal to learn from their findings.
        ii. Real estate investment is not that easy. The summary is that there are bigger operational liabilities for such an investment.
        iii. Overall, Vastu investment is not a viable option as of today.
        iv. Satish Thopte: Suggested to find a place and rent a place which can be a multipurpose venue.
        v. Sujit Sathe: suggested an action item to at least have a plan on paper with a financial summary, along with pros and cons summary, before we take a final call.
        vi. Atul Chaudhari made a call to action for community members to share their expertise and join the subcommittee for the Vastu discussions.
        vii. This was to be concluded as an action item on BOT for annual year GBM 25-26

Financial Summary

Sachin Funde was invited to present the financial summary

1. 9 programs have been executed to date.
2. 4 free programs
    a. Ashadhi Ekadashi.
    b. Katta – PremRang with Pradeep Velankar.
    c. BMM Movie: Abhang Tukaram.

d. Katta with Lt Col Somdatta Mhaskar.

3. Through careful planning, we enhanced community offerings while reducing the financial burden of these events.

4. Shikayala Gelo Ek (SGE) Natak was a profitable event.
    a. Rahul Padalikar suggested the Natak ticket could have been optimized to reduce the profit and share it back to the community.
    b. Sachin F. explained EC had referred Austin, Houston mandal SGE pricing structure and due diligence was done before deciding the pricing.
    c. Rahul Padalikar emphasized that ticket prices should be optimized to avoid generating profit, as we are a non-profit organization, and that any benefits should always be passed back to the members.
    d. Ajit J and some community members pointed out that since the event was sold out in record time, it shows that the community doesn't feel tickets were overpriced and looks forward to such quality events.
    e. Sachin F. responded that the budget shown in the subsequent slide accounts for any profit and also noted that some events operate at a loss.
    f. Suhas Mantri asked if we considered 2 shows for the SGE Natak.
        i. SGE crew scheduled was decided by BMM and was full. Only one date was allocated to DFWMM, and that was Friday, where there was no opportunity to do two shows.
5. Refer to the balance sheet and slides for number details and projections.
6. Anup S. appreciated the performance of the current committee from a financial standpoint and encouraged them to maintain the same level of performance in the future.
7. Sachin Funde provided a summary of investments and bank accounts based on last year's and current year's data.

Proposals Discussion

Anand Kerhalkar was called to discuss the proposals.

Proposal # 1: Establishment of Family Emergency Funds (FEF)

1. Anand gave an overview of the proposal and requested that Padma Joshi speak more about it.
2. She explained the need from a Mandal standpoint, highlighting that this fund is intended to support community members facing financial difficulties, and shared some historical examples.

3. Padma J. went over more granular details of the proposal.
4. Sujit Sathe speaker
    a. The revenue generated by membership funds should not be utilized for this cause. The $5,000 should not come out of the existing funds.
    b. This initiative can follow independent fund accumulation starting for $0, similar to scholarship funds.
5. Rasika S. raised concern of an operational challenge, prioritizing and sequencing the disbursement for more than one candidate.
6. Anup S. suggested that Mandal should not get involved financially in this.
7. Atul Chaudari seconded Anup's approach and explained the need to thorough vetting from a mandal standpoint before we do anything.
8. Subhash Gaitonde: Suggested GoFundMe is the right way to implement this noble cause than mandal pooling fund and taking ownership of it. He also suggested mandal to have some committee which can help with GoFundMe word spreading.
9. Suhas Mantri: seconded Subhash Gaitonde suggestion explained with his personal experience
10. As there wasn't an agreement on how this proposal should move forward, Padma Joshi was asked if she wanted to take back the proposal and revise it. Padma J suggested BOT can take the call and based on agreement this was tabled for voting.

This proposal was voted NO; Yes Votes: 1, No Votes: 47, Abstain: 0

Proposal # 2: BOT should approve any event organized by DFWMM that is outside the listed criteria in the proposal

- Dilip Rane was not present for MYGBM
- Atul Chaudhari briefed the attendees on the need for this proposal: New event must be vetted out
- The proposal had 5 criteria's which Dilip Rane is suggesting
- Rahul Padalikar brought up there should be some new events which EC can execute without approval which fit the existing criteria. The entire new event might need vetting by BOT
- Anup S. emphasized the operational decision making should be left for EC to introduce any new event.
- Sadbhaw N. expressed disagreement with the criteria specified in the proposal.
- Sachin D. emphasized the need for flexibility for the EC to execute any newly formatted events.

- Shree A. suggested a need to this proposal for extreme criteria; he suggested a need to have a consensus on this right now as we cannot wait for some event to occur in the future which does not follow mandal ethics (example: Vegas trip)
- Satish Thopte: suggested that a need for constitution amendment is based on this proposal.
    a. Satish cited the need for this proposal based on the “Cruise” event.
    b. Anup mentioned if there is a proposal that doesn't fit or suit the organization's charter, then there can always be a special GBM called to discuss and get community inputs.
    c. Explained that extra money for the special GBM would be an overhead and burden on the mandal.
    d. If there is an event added outside the initial roadmap that does not fit, the proposed criteria should be submitted to the BOT for approval.
- Anup S. suggested this need not be an amendment to the constitution, but this can be a guideline for EC for the future.
- Sujit S. suggested need to have it in the bylaws, but he does not agree with approval from BOT for new event implementation.
- There was no outcome of the discussion based on the multiple perspectives from the attendees hence this proposal was taken to vote

This proposal was rejected and voted NO; Yes Votes: 11, No Votes: 35, and Abstain: 0

Proposal # 3: Proposed that all decision-making positions with the responsibility in DFWMM have representation from only one family member

1. Barin Kulkarni was not present hence Aparna Barin Kulkarni explained the need for the proposal to give more opportunities for community members.
2. Sujit S. supported the need but pointed out a vagueness in wording for the family definition
3. Ajit Jagtap noted that the constitution includes language regarding the BOT, while Satish T. pointed out that no such criterion exists for the EC.
4. The proposal was clarified by Aparna Kulkarni that the intent is to extend proposed criteria to CAL members as well.
5. Neeta J. summarized the understanding of the proposed language: For a given Mandal year, not more than one family member can be in BOT, EC, CAL.
6. The proposal needs rewording as the family definition in the proposal is wide which conflicts with mandal family membership definition this item was brought up by Ajit Jagtap.
7. Shrirang asked Aparna Barin Kulkarni whether she wishes to withdraw this proposal at MYGBM 2025

8. Aparna Barin Kulkarni agreed this proposal needs rewording, and they will bring it back after discussion at a later date.

This proposal# 3 was withdrawn by Aparna and wasn't voted in MYGBM 2025

Proposal # 4: Proposal for Amendment Article XIV: Amendments -Point(d)

A proposal was submitted to the MYGBM stating that any legitimate proposal, including, but not limited to, suggested amendments to or repeal of the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation, received from the community within the stipulated review period shall be processed and presented to the General Body (Annual, Special, or Mid-Year).

1. Per current language or understanding of the bylaws; BOT can unilaterally decide to NOT discuss or bring a proposal to the GBM for voting and reject the proposal with 30 days review.
2. Ajit Jagtap explained the need for this proposal. This is not about any specific proposal, but this proposal is to refine the process of proposal approval going forward. He clarified the spirit of the constitution versus the language (example: AGBM 24-25, BOT did not open a proposal for discussion and voting)
3. He emphasized that GBM is the ultimate authority so even if the proposal is rejected during the review process, it should be explained why it was not brought to discussion in GBM.
4. Padma Joshi: She agreed and suggested that the proposal should be vetted and validated before it comes to GBM
5. Atul Chaudhari suggested BOT and EC need to have a discussion process on a potential proposal, which will be brought to GBM. This will make sure the proposal has merit before it comes to GBM. He seconded Padma J. point of view
6. Neeta J. added a suggestion that we need to define how many times the proposal can be allowed to be resubmitted
7. Rahul Padalikar suggested to improve the details of execution and language of the proposal
8. Anup S. emphasized that current proposal, covers all the points in detail and should be put for voting
9. Sujit S. asked for clarification whether this proposal has come for voting after vetting by EC and BOT
10. Satish T. summarized that the EC and BOT met 4 times for the validation of all these proposals. This specific proposal was reviewed twice by BOT and EC and was concluded that they will set up a committee for review and later it can be amended in the constitution.

11. Shrirang G. and Satish T. asked Sadbhaw N. if he needed to revise any language. Sadbhaw N. confirmed he does not see a need for any revision. And hence, Shrirang Golhar asked the GBM for permission to put the vote. After receiving confirmation, the proposal was put up for the vote of GBM.
12. After the proposal was approved by GBM, Shamli Asnare mentioned this proposal was discussed with BoT and EC multiple times, and it was decided NOT to put for voting until the language is reviewed.
13. Sadbhaw explained that this is the core issue, and the reason behind his proposal is that the fate of a proposal can currently be decided by individuals instead of being put before the MYGBM or GBM for collective decision-making.

This proposal was voted Yes, Yes Votes:24, No Votes:10 and Abstain:2

Action Item

Executive Committee: -

- Full text of proposals to be shared with the community before the meeting.
- GBM meeting reminders should go on WhatsApp and other channels.
- Update the constitution based on GBM discussion.

BoT: -

- Prepare and present an option for owning a facility with a financial analysis.

Scholarship Committee: -

- Scholarship committee to continue further reviewing the suggestion/discussion on scholarship money or different ways of how the participants can be appreciated.

Community: -

- Community members to share their expertise and join the subcommittee for the Vastu discussions

Closing Remarks

1. Shrirang thanked the attendees for their participation in the mid-year GBM 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM