

Kaveri Special GBM: 01/21/2024

Agenda: GBM approval for **Kaveri's association with RKS for AKKA convention**

1. Mohan started the meeting and started with the invocation song.
2. Mohan introduced Shailaja as the moderator for the GBM meeting.
3. Mohan also introduced the Exploratory committee and introduced Haridas and requested Haridas to start the presentation.
4. The GBM started with 50 total members present (this included members present and also members online)
5. Haridas started the presentation (presentation included with this meeting minutes).
6. The main reason as stated by Haridas is for the exploratory committee to present the pros and cons for conducting AKKA event with RKS.
7. Kaveri president Sudarshan thanked the exploratory for preparing the presentation and requested the members of the Exp Committee to come on stage to take any questions.
8. Jay question – Why is Kaveri working with RKS, and is Seattle Kannada koota is in the run to conduct the event? Haridas ans – Kaveri is better prepared to conduct this event. Seattle is yet to send in the proposal so only after we both send the proposal AKKA will decide. Meena Rao Ans – AKKA has reached Kaveri only because we are better prepared and we being the bigger organization we will be able to generate more \$\$ to conduct this event.
9. Savitha Rao question – is the current Kaveri president AKKA is going to impact the current KEC and their involvement. Sudarshan Ans – KEC will have their own events
10. Sanjay Rao – what is the overall budget for this event, If funds are not raised what is the back up plan ? Mythri ans – Kaveri does not have any financial obligation, BOT funds are not used. Overall budget is 850 k – 1 Million. Kaveri will raise approx. 250 K slides show how we will raise the funds. If Kaveri is not able to raise then AKKA will raise the remaining funds. Girish ans – all three entities AKKA, Kaveri and RKS will work towards the goal, we may be able to raise more as well. We have good support from RKS, Kaveri Govt of Karnataka etc. MOU will include these thing and we will move forward.
11. Sanjay Rao – Hosting organization – how will the hosting organization work toward property damage etc. Meena Rao – MOU will mostly answer these questions. Only reason we are here is to get an approval for AKKA approval. AKKA will be the signatory for contractual agreements.
12. Anoop Belur – is this sufficient timing for putting forth a proposal for the convention. Typically the decision to host is done by Jan 14th will sharavathi kannada balaga also be involved?
Haridas – RKS will work with Kaveri to conduct this event. We have more than enough experience to conduct this event. RKS will also bear the burden to conduct this event. We can successfully conduct this event.
Will rental agreement will be borne by AKKA – Yes.
13. Sudhakar – Do you have clarity on how 3 organization swill work together. Haridas – MOU will answer all the questions.
14. Jayashree – with 3 entities getting involved who will sign the contract. If there is a problem someone has to be responsible.

- Girish – AKKA is responsible and they will take care of all contractual obligations.
15. Subbu Karanth – when will AKKA take the final decision. Haridas – decision will be taken at the end of Jan 2024.
 16. Shailaja – will the exploratory committee continue or will KEC ask community to add new members. Ravi Dankaikote – Basically after the GBM the kaveri members will be able to join various committees to work for the event. Sudarshan – once the proposal is approved then we will involve KEC and BOT to form the committee.
 17. Girish – RKS need only 2 resources – man power and financial funding.
 18. Will there be any contractual signatory by Kaveri . Ravi Dankanikote – Kaveri will not have any financial responsibility and not signatory obligation. As we go further we should give equal voice and there will be MOU with both RKS and Kaveri after that AKKA will take care of all liability to sign contracts. If there are any loss incurred by the local organization AKKA will not ask additional funds to the local organizations.
 19. Mohan gowda – will other kannada sangha across US will have any role in AKKA sammelana or will they be only participants.
 20. Ananth Badrinath – Kaveri should not overshadow RKS event. Haridas – It will be equal responsibility by RKS and Kaveri.
 21. Shailaja – 1st resolution to take a vote to approve Kaveri and RKS to host AKKA 2024 – Majority voted Yay and approved in GBM
 22. KEC and BOT to approve Kaveri Steering Committee for AKKA – Rajashekar Dodanna – next step will be to come up with a guideline Haridas will take a lead working with Kaveri president and BOT chair to write MOU between Kaveri and RKS.
Ravi D – because speed is an issue this group is appointing Haridas to write MOU. After the MOU is approved bring this to Kaveri and BOT to form the committee. Unanimously approved
 23. Sanjay rao – will KEC President, BOT chair join Haridas in presenting to AKKA and further process? – Yes
 24. Savitha Rao – Once Haridas works on proposal and gets accepted by AKKA, who will work on MOU – Haridas, Kaveri president, BOT chair and Kaveri seniors will work together
 25. Madesh – BOT floor resolution - Every year there is a new Kaveri committee, BOT funds need to be transferred at the earliest, transition is challenging to transfer operating funds. Next year chairman replacement should be elected by Deepavali to help fund transfer of operating funds. Sanjay rao – this is a special GBM any resolution need to be sent 4 weeks ahead of time. Madesh – KEC can call GBM at anytime. Shailaja – since we have time can we allow the question? Mohan – BOT members election need to happen at GBM in December. Online members rejected the approval at this time since this is a special GBM.
 26. Sudarshan – Kaveri assets need to be disposed by Dec 31st of each year and this resolution was passed on Dec 10th . since this is a special GBM it will be discussed later.
 27. Mohan concluded the meeting by thanking all the members for attended the GBM

The resolutions passed are as follows:

- 1) Kaveri along with RKS to host the Akka convention.
- 2) Haridas Lahari, the Kaveri president and the BOT chair will work with RKS and Akka to prepare the MOU.
- 3) KEC and BOT will form the convention committees.

THANK YOU – GOD BLESS!!!!