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Minutes of the 2017 INDIA AGM held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 5pm at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

The meeting was presided over by IFCR INDIA CHAIR RTN. KRP. SARATHY

Members Present: India Vice Chair Rtn. Chittranjan Choudhury
India Secretary Rtn. R. Neelakantan
Regional Representatives from Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Cochin, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Coimbatore and Kumbakonam

The meeting started off with the welcome address by IFCR INDIA Chair Rtn. KRP. Sarathy who acknowledged the entire gathering and thanked one and all for the support and cooperation given by all Indian IFCR Regions through his tenure. He highlighted the outstanding activities IFCR districts in India particularly those who have successfully hosted various IFCR events during his tenure 2014-17. The Chairman's report as circulated in the AGM is attached herewith for reference of all.

As the general Agenda of every AGM Chair Rtn. Sarathy after interacting all general opinions and issues threw open the floor for electing IFCR INDIA office bearers for the next tenure. Many of those present proposed the name of the current Vice Chair for the India chair post and were seconded by the floor. Vice Chair Rtn. Chittranjan Choudhury was elected unanimously as the IFCR INDIA Chair. As a normal formality the outgoing Chair Rtn. Sarathy handed over the proceedings to the elected Chair Rtn. Chittranjan Choudhury to conduct further affairs of the AGM.

The newly elected IFCR INDIA Chair Rtn. Chittranjan Choudhury addressed the gathering and thanked one and all for giving him the opportunity to lead this prestigious fellowship IFCR of INDIA. He also acknowledged the presence of outgoing World Chairman Rtn. Ravi Raman & outgoing World Vice-Chair Rtn. Vipul Patel. On behalf of all present, he also congratulated Rtn. KRP Sarathy on being appointed World IFCR Secretary. He also thanked the outgoing Board for the excellent job done by them during their tenure. Outgoing Chair Rtn. Sarathy was then accorded a standing oration for excellently handling the affairs of IFCR India.

Thereafter he took over the remaining proceedings in appointing his office bearers. The floor was thrown open to elect the next Vice Chair of the IFCR INDIA board. Majority of the members present proposed Rtn R.Neelakantan for the Vice Chair post and was seconded by many of the members present which was subsequently approved and Rtn. R. Neelakantan was appointed as the Vice Chair of IFCR INDIA.

Rtn. Reji Chako of Cochin IFCR was appointed as the IFCR INDIA Secretary followed by appointing Rtn. Milind Mohite of Mumbai IFCR as the IFCR INDIA Treasurer.

The floor was then open for other general discussions. Few members emphasized the importance of having bye laws for IFCR. After deliberations, it was concluded that all the guide lines for administering different Rotary fellowships is very much available in RI website. It is left to IFCR World/ IFCR-Country chapters/ IFCR district units to adopt what is suitable for cricket fellowships in their respective jurisdiction carefully taking into consideration the applicability of the same vis-a-vis the local bank/ legal limitations/ constraints.

After all usual thanking and acknowledging IFCR Chair Rtn. Chittranjan closed the AGM by around 5.30pm.

Regards

Rtn. R. Neelakantan
IFCR INDIA – SECRETARY (Outgoing)

Rtn. Reji Chako
IFCR INDIA – SECRETARY (Incoming)



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:::IFCR-INDIA(2014-17)::: PRESENTED IN AGM (25th Jan'17) AT CHR'CH NZ JAN 2017

Dear All,

At the outset I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation to each one of the members of IFCR in INDIA for their unstinting support and co-operation in all our activities right after the new country body took over the reins during the last WRCF at Nottingham in June 2014. Add to that the overwhelming backing given by each one of the IFCR district leaders and particularly my fellow office bearers (Chithranajan / Neelakantan/ Keshav of IFCR-INDIA plus the guidance given by IFCR WORLD chair Ravi Raman) made it a wonderful journey worth remembering my life time.

We have been updating the members of the enormous progress made by IFCR-INDIA including the activities in various districts for the last 2 1/2 years thru our regular quarterly News letters (totaling 8 during this tenure) and thought it fit only to submit a synopsis of the same at this meeting of general body of IFCR-INDIA. Incidentally I would like to place on record the dedicated and tremendous support given by our Vice-chair Chithranjan during the release of every issue of these news letters. But for him and his printing/publication team it would have not been possible to reach you all every quarter with all the updates in IFCR world.

The journey began in right earnest in June 2014 itself by finalizing the calendar of events for the next two years, with IFCR 3230 taking the lead and conducting a well organised tournament in Chennai in end Feb 2015 thanks to Ravi and Neel. In the intervening summer months a thorough survey was conducted to explore the possibility of taking IFCR to smaller towns which has been the main agenda of INDIA body so that IFCR is sure to take deep and well established roots in the country.

The result has been amazing with the induction of IFCR Coimbatore unit in RI 3201 (June 2015) IFCR 3030 Nashik (July 2015) IFCR 2981 Kumbakonam (August 2015) IFCR 3181 Hassan (Sept 2015) and IFCR 2982 Salem/Namakkal (Sept 2015) IFCR Trivandrum (Feb 2016) and IFCR Trichy/Madurai (March 2016). It has been greatly satisfying to guide, travel, be present and interact personally with local IFCRians during all these launch events with good support from Secretary Neelakantan who accompanied me in those whirlwind tours to different places. I also thank World Chair Ravi Raman to spare his time to be present at launch events of Coimbatore and Trichy.

It has been heart warming that we have found very reliable and able leadership in every one of these new units and the confidence vested in them has been vindicated by their active participation in all subsequent all India IFCR tournaments and the tremendous growth within their district. The icing on the cake has been the conduct of a high class South Zone pocket tournament by IFCR 2981 Hassan in Oct 2016 which was on par with any of the All India tournaments conducted by major cities. A great job by Chairman Harish and Secretary DR Mohan.



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In the meanwhile IFCR 3190 Bengaluru took Rotary cricket in India by storm by organizing a world class tournament when their turn came in Oct 2015 by attracting registration of 18 teams from all over India plus international teams from IFCR Srilanka and Bangladesh . The accommodation and the playing fields provided were fantastic.It was amazing to see around 220 IFCRians from India getting together at Bengaluru to enjoy a wonderful event well etched in their memory. Kudos to Rajagopal and his organizing team!!

Not to be overawed IFCR 3201 Kochi came up with an another outstanding tournament in FEB 2016 at Kochi which was their maiden venture. The organizing committee led by veteran Rtn.Reji Chacko left no stone unturned and worked in great co-ordination to dish out an exemplary event. What stood out in this event (with due thanks to Kochi organsing team) was for the first time IFCR-INDIA experimented with 45 plus festival games alongside the main competitive tournament with great success. Apart from the teams from India, we had international teams from IFCR Srilanka and Bangladesh participating in this event. Richard Groom, Max Morrel from IFCR Australia and Norman Brown from IFCR GB& I , traveled all the way Kochi to be part of this tournament cum festival.

In a nut shell IFCR in India has grown during the last 2 1/2 years of our tenure by 100 % from 7 districts to 14 IFCR units now and the total membership from 450 to around 900 now all over India. We still have membership aspirations from Rotary districts in Calicut (RI 3202),Bhopal (RI 3040) along with Rajasthan and Odhisa in the pipeline to be tapped and nurtured. IFCR-INDIA is immensely proud of this achievement and wish the next committee equally grand success in taking IFCR forward.

I conclude this report by extending our profound thanks to Vice-Chair Chithranajan for sponsoring the cricket pullovers , World Chair Ravi Raman for the cricket hats/badges for all the participants in this festival and last but not the least Maruti/IFCR Coimbatore team for volunteering to design the India team banners and bring them all the way from Coimbatore along with our national flags. I warmly recognize the participation of members from new IFCR units of Coimbatore/ Kumbakonam in their maiden World festival.

I once again thank profusely each one of you to have made my tenure as Chairman in IFCR-INDIA board a truly memorable one and continue to look forward to your kind co-operation as always in all my my future endeavors in IFCR.

With warm greetings and best wishes for wonderful years ahead.

Sincerely yours forever in Rotary/ IFCR,

KRP Sarathy,
Chairman, IFCR-INDIA,
Webmaster/Executive Board Member IFCR-WORLD