

*In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*  
**AL-Barakah Welfare Trust Australia**  
37 Douglas Road, Quakers Hill 2763

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016**

Date: Sunday 19 March 2017

Venue: Quakers Hill Masjid

Time: 3.00 pm

Attendees:

1	Mostafa Abdullah	32	Ashique Ibrahim
2	Sadeque Ahmed	33	Sayeda A Islam
3	Aftabuddin Ahmed	34	Mohammad Shariful Islam
4	Khaber Ahmed	35	M Rafiqul Islam
5	Sohel Ahmed	36	Rafiqul Islam
6	Syed Shahidul Ahsan	37	Sirajul Islam
7	Khurshid Alam	38	Ila Kamal
8	Nishat Alam	39	Muhammad M Khan
9	Ashrafal Alam	40	Shabbir Kharodia
10	Barkat Alam	41	Quazi Bushra Khatun
11	Ferdous Ashraf	42	Hasan Mamun
12	Fatema Aziza	43	Kamrul Hasan Mannan
13	Mohammad Azom	44	Sohana Nasrin
14	Tariqur Bhuyan	45	Parveen Nurullah
15	Faruk Choudhury	46	Fateh Rafi
16	Syeda Choudhury	47	Mohd Shafiqur Rahman
17	Alamgir Chowdhury	48	Kishwar Rahman
18	Abdullah Chowdhury	49	Mohammad Shahidur Rahman
19	Laila Haq	50	Ataur Rahman
20	Ashfaul Haq	51	Motiur Rahman
21	Nazmul Haque	52	Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman
22	Mohammed Shamsul Haque	53	Shafiur Rahman
23	Kazi Emranul Haque	54	Shaida Begum Ratna
24	Sajibul Haque	55	Sherin Rayhan
25	Rafiq Hasan	56	M A Razzak
26	Sabrina Hasan	57	Ahmed Saber
27	Monir Hossain	58	Nawshad Shah
28	M Ismail Hossain	59	Tanveer Shaheed
29	Mohammed Monower Hossain	60	Shafiq Ara Shirin
30	Masud Hossain	61	Abu Md Ahsan Ullah
31	Anisul Huq	62	Kamal Uzzaman

Apology:

1	Mohammad Abdullah	3	Mohammed Nurullah
2	Amin Mutasim		

Meeting proceeded to business on time as a quorum of 25 members were present.

At 3.15 pm meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Imam of Quakers Hill Masjid Sheikh Youssef Hassan.

Welcome note and Annual Report presented by the Chairman Dr Maruf Khan.

Secretary's report presented by the Secretary Mr Rafiq Hasan.

Financial report presented by the Treasurer Mr Nawshad Shah.

## Questions and Answers:

Mr Mostafa Abdullah asked several questions stating that AGM is his day and the rest of the year belongs to the Trustees. At one stage, other attendees requested him to give opportunity to others to ask questions. He first inquired about Development Application of the mosque. Mr Maruf Khan and Mr Rafiq Hasan answered. He specifically wanted to know whether the current application was the only application lodged since establishment of the mosque. Mr Hasan replied in affirmative.

Mr Mostafa Abdullah asked the Secretary why the number of active members has changed since last update sent to the members. Mr Hasan answered that some inactive members became active by paying his/her annual subscription and no new membership application was accepted since last update.

Mr Mostafa Abdullah wanted to question the Auditor of the Trust account Mr Ferdous Ashraf. Secretary Mr Hasan raised concern that Mr Ashraf was not invited as the Auditor and not given any notice to be questioned in the meeting, hence should not be questioned.

Mr Kamrul Hasan Mannan vigorously protested and raised from his seat. Imam of Quakers Hill Masjid Sheikh Youssef Hassan had to intervene to calm Mr Mannan down. Mr Mannan had to be restrained by other attendees to keep him in his seat.

Mr Mostafa Abdullah continued asking questions to the Auditor Mr Ashraf ignoring the objection raised. He asked if he asked for the meeting minutes before preparing his audit report. Mr Ashraf replied in negative.

Mr Abdullah Chowdhury raised a point that Auditor should not a member of the Trust to avoid any controversy. Trustees agreed to consider the concern raised by the member.

Mr Mostafa Abdullah then asked the Auditor Mr Ashraf the following questions:

1. Was there any decision of the meeting of the Trustees to transfer money to Islamic Cooperative Finance Australia Limited (ICFAL) and whether that decision was in the minute.
2. Whether he asked for the copy of the minutes before preparing his report.
3. Whether keeping funds with ICFAL was the best investment option for the Trust and if there was any conflict of interest in that decision.

Mr Ferdous Ashraf stated that he may have some shortcomings regarding asking for the minutes of the meeting however he had no doubts in his mind that there was any improper handling of the funds.

Dr Maruf Khan responded to this question in a length stating that the account was first opened with ICFAL in 1999 and the initial deposit to purchase the Masjid property was paid from the ICFAL account. He mentioned involvement of Ex-Treasurer Late Dr Abdul Haq (may Allah grant him Jannah) in opening and maintaining the account. Trust has earned more than A\$23,000 in dividend from this investment. He confirmed that the funds transferred to ICFAL was decided unanimously by the board and recorded in the minute. He declared that his involvement with the ICFAL as a Director was known to all the Trustees and there was no conflict of interest in keeping funds with ICFAL.

One of the Trustees, Mr Sirajul Islam confirmed again that the funds transferred to ICFAL was decided unanimously by the board and stated that investment decision with ICFAL was not based on profitability but compliance with Sariah.

Mr Rafiqul Islam stated that if any clarification is required by any of the members regarding operation of ICFAL, because of his involvement with the organization he can provide that information.

Mr Tariqur Bhuyan asked whether any progress made in purchasing the land behind the Masjid or is it just a dream. He also wanted to know whether the development work would commence before the month of Ramadan. Mr Rafiq Hasan answered the question outlining Blacktown City Council's current position on the land and how it may not be possible to obtain in the immediate future. Dr Maruf Khan stated that construction works would commence before Ramadan but may not finish completely.

Mr Khurshid Alam asked whether a contract has been signed with a builder. Mr Rafiq Hasan replied that the Board of Trustees has selected a builder, they are preparing a contract.

Mr Ashfaquul Haq Rana (son of late Dr Abdul Haq) requested everyone to refrain from referring to any action taken by his late father Dr Abdul Haq as he is not present to defend any of his actions.

Dr Motiur Rahman criticised the members who created unpleasant environment in the meeting and requested everyone to give constructive suggestions for improvement. He expressed his satisfaction that the construction work was going to commence soon. He was optimistic that the future would be better.

Mr Mohammad Azom expressed his dissatisfaction stating that although no campaign was allowed for the election of the Trustees, he was approached by some brothers to withdraw his nomination. In his opinion that approach is kind of a campaign and should not be allowed.

Mr Rafiqul Islam asked permission to give brief description of how ICFAL operates. Permission was granted by the attendees. He described how ICFAL operates and their willingness to support any Islamic project that requires funds. He requested all Muslim organizations to work together and support ICFAL so that they can support the Muslim community.

Mr Hasan Mamun suggested that while administrative decisions are taken by the Trustees, all religious decisions should be taken by religious scholars.

Mr Ashfaquul Haq Rana suggested that the Trustees of the Trust must be present at the masjid at least during Fajr and Isha prayers every day.

Mrs Shafiq Ara Shirin requested members to be respectful to each other when making any comment. She requested members to visit the masjid regularly to appreciate how it is run and how much effort is given by the dedicated volunteers to run it. She stated that it is easy just to attend the meeting only one day in the year and criticize the board but one should be mindful that the board members sacrifices their family time and work for this masjid throughout the year. Question and answer session concluded with her statement.

Secretary, Mr Rafiq Hasan advised the members that the positions of the following three trustees were vacant. Election will be held for three vacancies, two arising out of retirement

of two longest serving Trustees. Third position of the Trustee is vacated due to death of Dr Abdul Haq.

1. Dr Abdul Haq
2. Dr Maruf Khan
3. Rafiq Hasan

Secretary received valid nominations for the following six members for the positions of three Trustees.

1. Mr Khurshid Alam
2. Mr Mohammad Azom
3. Mr Kazi Emranul Haque
4. Mr Rafiq Hasan
5. Dr Maruf Khan
6. Mr Kamal Uzzaman

Ballot papers and meeting attendance register were handed to Election Commissioner Dr Ashrafuddin. He was assisted by Mr Masud Hossain. All candidates introduced themselves to the members. Election process commenced with all members participating in a secret ballot. At the end of the poll, all members were requested by the Election Commissioner to vacate the prayer hall for counting the ballot papers.

During the time of counting, Mrs Shaiq Ara Shirin was feeling unwell and an ambulance was called to attend her. She was later taken to hospital in the ambulance. Dr Maruf Khan, Chairman of the Trust had to leave the meeting to accompany his wife Mrs Shaiq Ara Shirin.

Election results were announced by the Commissioner with following members elected as the new Trustees:

1. Mr Mohammad Azom
2. Mr Kamal Uzzaman
3. Mr Rafiq Hasan

Almost all members present at the meeting left the premises upon hearing the election results and therefore the meeting could not be reconvened after the election.

Following two unfinished businesses were completed on 23 March 2017 during Meeting of the Trustees.

1. Adoption of the Financial Report: Mr Sirajul Islam proposed that the Financial Report for 2015-16 be adopted which was seconded by Mr Shafiqur Rahman.
2. Date of the next Annual General Meeting: Tentative date for the meeting was decided to be 29 October 2017.