

OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

General Meeting Minutes

Date: JULY 11TH 2010
Venue: Mr. & Mrs. JOHN AKARUME
70 HAWTHORNE AVE APT 616 YONKERS NY 10701

ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr. Etametite, Peters
- (2) Mr. Abamwa, Lucky
- (3) Miss Ovuokeraye Abamwa
- (4) Miss Rukevwe Abamwa
- (5) Master Tobore Abamwa
- (6) Mr. Etanomare Osio
- (7) Mr. Idogho Emmanuel
- (8) Mr. Martin Gbeneku
- (9) Mr. John Akarume
- (10) Mr. Jude Onakpoma
- (11) Mr. Godwin Okifo
- (12) Mr. Michael Abamwa
- (13) Mrs. Ufuoma Abamwa
- (14) Miss Tejiri Abamwa
- (15) Mr. Lucky Emadu

The meeting started with the reading of the provisional agenda of the day's business at about 1700 hours. Mr. Osio was asked by the president to pray the opening prayers before discussing the meeting agenda. On the approval of the agenda, Mr. Osio suggested we take the reading of last meeting minutes before discussing financial issues but Mr. President is of the view that finance should come first before other business. Mr. Lucky Abamwa moved the motion to approve the agenda and he was seconded by Mr. Osio.

The absence of the financial secretary and the treasurer during meetings is seen as hindering dues collection. The president however said members can pay their dues to the secretary who will take records. A total due of \$140.00 plus \$25.25 for kolanut support (One Hundred and Sixty Five .25 US Dollar) was collected at the occasion.

Under finance matter, Mr. Jude Onakpoma ask a question if ODIA have bank account and if there is, who are the signatory, how much is in the account, as well as 501C for tax contribution?

The president answer the questions that ODIA have bank account and Lucky supported the president by saying that the bank statements still come to him. The president quickly said that the signatories need to be changed. According to the president, the requirements of the bank to change signatories include but not limited to the followings:- minutes of a meeting containing such decision, a letter to effect the change in ODIA letter headed paper, care taker

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committee report before the election of new officers and dissolution of old executives. There were suggestion to close the account because of the difficult conditions to change signatures but the president said banking history is very important and suggest we leave the account. The vice president, suggest we put together all information and materials relevant to the activation of the account by month end [July] and was noted.

The minutes of last meeting was read and corrected with minor corrections/ amendments. The corrections are the omission of today meeting and the venue the welcome suggestion of using Urhobo language during our meeting but not as an official means of communication during deliberation was not well stated as suggested. Mr. Lucky Abamwa calls for the adoption of the minutes and he was supported by Mr. Osio Austin.

Mr. Martins Gbeneku handed over the documents in his possession as the outgoing financial secretary/treasurer with some verbal financial statements which the house precluded. He was asked by the house to prepare a detail financial statement of ODIA showing its assets and liabilities.

The documents handed over to the house during the meeting includes

- [1] Checks from Crosland savings
- [2] Checks from Republic National Bank
- [3] Checks from HSBC Bank
- [4] Financial Recording Book
- [5] Bank Statements for the months of February and March 2002. These items were handed over without stating their numbers and were accepted like that.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As mentioned extensively in this minutes, the financial secretary and the treasurer has not been very punctual in all meetings and preventing this portion of the house activities.

Dues:

During the business of the day, the following are the revenue realized by the association as collected by the general secretary.

LIST OF REVENUE AND DUES PAYMENT

[1]	Mr. Lucky Abamwa	\$40:00
[2]	Mr. Gbeneku Martins	\$20:00
[3]	Mr. Okifo Godwin	\$40:00
[4]	Mr. Osio Austin	\$20:00
[5]	Mr. John Akarume	\$20:00
[6]	Kola Nut	<u>\$25:25</u>

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Total \$165.25

MATTERS ARISING:

Most of the issues were already handled within the permissible time as earlier recorded in the minutes of this meeting. Some of the unfinished businesses are as follows:

The president observed that there had not been any response from anyone concerning the draft constitution he sent out to members. Mr. Lucky Abamwa, said he still reading it while no other members have done so or doing so. Mr. Jude & Mr. Osio therefore suggest that since members have not read it the deliberation should be put forward allow members have more time to read through it.

Mr. Lucky Emadu brought the ODIA secretariat documents Mr. Ben Emareyo dropped with him when he BEN resigned as secretary and stopped coming to meetings. There was no handing over note/list. However the documents were accepted from him by the president. Issues of summer and end of year programs were discussed but not concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business brought to the house at this meeting and all were encouraged to reach out for any opportunities.

CLOSING AND REMARKS

The next general meeting is to be hosted by our brother the vice president Mr. Godwin Okifo on September 5th 2010 at his residence in Connecticut.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mr. Jude and was supported by Mr. Lucky Abamwa.

The president gave thanks to all members present and especially to our hosts John Akarume family for their kind gestures and hospitalities.

The closing prayer was said by the president at about 20:50 pm but winning and dinning continued.

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General Secretary

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