

Minutes from ‘9th FOJSS In UK’ Meeting dated 19.02.23

Virtual meeting on Zoom

Meeting Number 9

8.1.1 Present: Mr Sanjay Gupta (SG1-Secy), Dr Sunil Grover (SG2-Acting Chair), Dr Kapila Jain (KJ), Dr Seema Grover, Mr Rakesh Kapur (RK1), Dr Raman Kataria (RK2-JSS Bilaspur Rep)

8.1.2 Apologies: Mr Srinivas Iyer, Mr Kislaya Thakur, Dr Ashish Narula, Mr Rajesh Sofat, Mr Devesh Mishra, Mr Sanjay Sinha

	Agenda Item	Action	Status
8.1.3	SG2 welcomed the friends and listed the apologies. Special thanks for Dr Raman Kataria (RK2) who joined the meeting online from Bilaspur, India		Complete
8.2.1	Minutes from 30.1.22 and actions arising were reviewed and signed as a true record.		Complete
8.3.1	SG1 welcomed friends of JSS and presented Chairman’s report summarising all the activities of FOJSS since our last annual meeting. The events and activities for the FY 21-22 are now on record as ‘Annual Trustees Report’ appended to our website. He also talked about COVID pandemic and the challenges imposed on our charity’s work. SG1 also mentioned about successful FOJSS UK Diwali dinner in Nov 22 thereby raising significant funds for the organisation. SG2 thanked all the friends for their hard work.	The Trustee board members thanked friends, donors and volunteers who have contributed enormously for the last 12 months.	Complete
8.3.2	SG2 reiterated the need to expand the FOJSS beyond London region to midlands and elsewhere given the vast Indian medical diaspora with a view to establish a FOJSS Midlands chapter.		Ongoing
8.4.1	SG1 presented the treasurer’s report including income and expenses figures for the FY21-22. He also elaborated on the cost of delivering the FOJSS aid to JSS, which remains negligible (<1%) and financial risks to the charity. Concerns were raised regarding funding shortfall in view of Covid situation. Detailed annual accounts are now appended to the Charity website.	Need to expand the organisation & the funding streams	Ongoing

8.5.1	<p>RK2 who joined from Bilaspur, submitted a detailed account of various old and new projects at JSS Bilaspur. He confirmed the expansion of Nursing college and the start of BSc Nursing programme (GNM programme). Post-graduate training programmes in Family health (DNBE-2 Residents) and Surgery (DNBE-2 Residents)) are progressing well. Unfortunately, due to ongoing pandemic no member from FOJSS UK was able to visit JSS Bilaspur this year.</p> <p>RK2 confirmed that the Corona pandemic situation has improved significantly at JSS Bilaspur since the last AGM and the hospital and the primary health care program continue to work well. The JSS base Hospital at Bilaspur has now increased its bed strength to 110 and have now started regular full range of Ophthalmology services.</p> <p>Further to our previous demand from FOJSS UK, RK2 informed that JSS Executive Council Bilaspur (JSS apex body), has kindly agreed for a FOJSS UK board member to join their annual EC meeting and monthly hospital steering committee meetings at Bilaspur as an observer.</p> <p>RK2 updated on the 'Phulwari' project (Creches in 100 villages) which is currently Funded by FOJSS UK. He thanked our generous support of 15000£ so far and urged for the early release of remaining 10000£ as agreed for the FY 22-23. SG1 informed the current funding shortfall and our ongoing attempts to mobilise the UK donations and to release them shortly.</p> <p>RK2 confirmed the national award of 'Yash Raj Bharati Samaan' for JSS for their excellent work in healthcare.</p> <p>RK2 raised the need for JSS ICU support by Tele-consultations on complex ICU cases. SG2 who is an ICU consultant has volunteered to provide his expert services and will liaise with Dr Gajanan/Amit at JSS Bilaspur for the same.</p>	<p>Friends & Board members congratulated JSS for their hard work during these challenging times and expressed their whole hearted support to JSS.</p> <p>Board to reassure donors that there is no change to current priorities & health related programs at JSS Bilaspur.</p> <p>SG2 has kindly agreed to represent FOJSS UK and keep FOJSS board updated.</p> <p>RK1 & SG1 to appeal to donors for funding shortfall.</p> <p>Congratulations!</p> <p>RK2 and SG2 to liaise and work out the details of Critical care Group.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
8.6.1	<p>Fund raising proposals for the year FY 22-23 were discussed and it was agreed to redouble our efforts on regular direct debit donations.</p>	<p>RK1/SG2 to take lead</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>SG2 proposed a Fund raising, Picnic Day at Kew Gardens London this summer which was agreed. He advised members to apply for Blue light card for free entry to Kew Gardens London.</p> <p>SG2 also suggested a concessional tariff for his holiday lodge at Snowdonia for FOJSS friends and supporters. In return part of the profits will be donated to FOJSS UK</p>	SG2 to publicise	Ongoing
8.7.1	It was proposed and agreed to continue support to 'Phulwari project' for the FY 23-24. RK2 offered to provide FOJSS UK videos of 'Phulwari programme' for the necessary fund raising.	Trustees expressed their approval for the FY 23-24 funding proposal. SG to release funds accordingly.	Ongoing
8.8.2	Following the resignation of Dr Ashish Narula from the charity board last year, Mr Rakesh Kapur (RK1) from Nottingham has kindly agreed to join the FOJSS UK board and take on the responsibility for our Fund-raising efforts. This was unanimously accepted by the board. There was no other interest expressed for this responsibility over the last 12 months.	Congratulations to RK2. FOJSS UK looks forwards to a long and productive association.	Ongoing
7.9.1	Date and venue for the next AGM (FY 23-24) to be decided in due course subject to the state of Covid pandemic.	SG1 to update	
7.10.1	No other AOB was raised.	Nil	