

Minutes from ‘FOJSS In UK’ Meeting dated 6.12.20

Virtual meeting on Zoom

Meeting Number 7

7.1.1 Present: Mr Kislay Thakur (KKT), Mr Sanjay Gupta (SG1), Dr Sunil Grover (SG2), Dr Asish Narula (AN), Mr Devesh Mishra (DM), Mr Ajay Sharma (AS), Mr Sanjay Sinha (SS), Dr Raman Kataria (RK)-JSS Representative, online from Bilaspur, India)

7.1.2 Apologies: Dr Kapila Jain

	Agenda Item	Action	Status
7.1.3	KKT welcomed the friends and listed the apologies. Special thanks for RK who joined the meeting from JSS Bilaspur, India despite unsocial hours.		Complete
7.2.1	Minutes from 9.6.19 and actions arising were reviewed and signed as a true record.		Complete
7.3.1	KKT 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 19-20 are now on record as ‘Annual Trustees Report’ appended to our website. He also talked about Corona pandemic and the challenges imposed on our charity’s work. KKT thanked all the friends for their hard work in raising awareness, volunteering & much needed funds for the organisation.	The Trustee board members thanked friends, donors and volunteers who have contributed enormously for the last 12 months.	Complete
7.3.2	SG1 reiterated the need to expand the FOJSS beyond London region to midland and elsewhere given the vast Indian medical diaspora with a view to establish a FOJSS midland chapter.	AS to arrange a social event in Liverpool once Covid-19 improves.	Suspended
7.4.1	SG1 presented the treasurer’s report including income and expenses figures for the FY19-20. 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
7.4.2	SG2 proposed for everyone including Friends of JSS in UK to donate one days of NHS Locum income to		Ongoing

	the charity which was well received		
7.4.3	SG1 re-confirmed FOJSS UK website is up to date with all the FOJSS activities including various meetings, meeting agendas, minutes, annual reports, annual accounts etc. and remains fully functional.	Friends are urged to visit our website to stay updated.	Complete
7.5.1	<p>RK from India discussed the ground realities at JSS Bilaspur in view of Covid pandemic. JSS is running a separate outpatient facility for Covid patients since March 20. The facility is supported by rapid antigen testing. He summarised the adverse impact of Covid on non-Covid health related programs at JSS.</p> <p>So far a total of 41 out of 650 health personnel have been infected with Covid at JSS. Two of these required intervention which was managed locally at the JSS base hospital. All JSS health care workers have recovered well so far.</p> <p>Steep fall in non-covid patient attendance has been noted due to severe restrictions on public and private transport facilities in Bilaspur. Community health programs in the 72 villages under the command areas continues as before. This is delivered by the 142 JSS health care workers. Arrangements are in place to provide all workers with pulse oxymeters.</p> <p>He also acknowledged FOJSS UK support for the DNBE training program in surgery especially the laparoscopic stack and salary support for the new consultant surgeon and resident doctors at JSS Bilaspur.</p> <p>RK also agreed to revisit us shortly to update the FOJSS board on various governance and transparency related matters concerning JSS.</p> <p>Overall the briefing was extremely helpful as no FOJSS trustee has been able to visit the JSS Bilaspur this year.</p>	<p>Friends & Board members congratulated JSS for their hard work during these challenging times and expressed their whole hearted support.</p> <p>SG2 to liaise with RK and FOJSS Trustees for a joint Zoom meeting.</p>	Complete
7.6.1	<p>Fund raising proposals for the year FY 20-21 were discussed.</p> <p>Given the current pandemic it is unlikely that any major funding charity event could be organised in the FY 20-21. It was therefore agreed to redouble our efforts on regular direct debit donations. AN emphasised the need for various JSS program flyers</p>	<p>SG2 to liaise with RK for any such publicity material.</p>	Ongoing

	<p>and short videos which he could email to potential donors to increase our reach.</p> <p>SG2 proposed running a memorial service at Lister hospital, Stevenage for Covid related Lister hospital mortalities under the banner of FOJSS to increase awareness in our hospital community. Board members supported the proposal.</p>	SG2 to take lead.	
7.7.1	<p>SG1 detailed the revised funding proposal for the FY 20-21 received from JSS Bilaspur recently. The proposal entails support for NCD's, the care for which has largely suffered during the pandemic. Given the limited availability of funds it was agreed to support the first part of the proposal only. This includes funding for consumables such as essential drugs, subsidy for lab investigations and funding for the community support groups.</p> <p>In line with the wishes of our donors SG2 & AN proposed to consider funding support for nutritional programs, funding for Crèches & educational support for tribal girls at JSS as our future projects. There seemed a general agreement for the suggestions.</p>	Trustees expressed their approval for the FY 20-21 funding proposal. SG to release funds accordingly.	Ongoing
7.7.2	<p>It was noted that the laparoscopic program at JSS has been held in abeyance due to infective risk from Covid. Members proposed support for aerosol extracting closed exhaust systems for safer laparoscopic surgery.</p>	SG to liaise with RK	Ongoing
7.8.1	<p>Trustees discussed the need for infusing fresh talent into the FOJSS Trustee board. The board needs new ideas and skills especially to enhance our fund raising capabilities and collaborative potential. SG1 also expressed his desire to remit from secretarial responsibility subject to suitable replacement.</p>	Friends and Trustees to spread the word and look out for suitable talent and replacement.	Ongoing
7.9.1	<p>The date and site for the next meeting could not be decided due to current uncertainty from Covid. Vote of thanks was delivered by the chair (KKT).</p>		complete