

Minutes of MC meeting held on 26/11/07

Members present:

M.Srivas, Vijay Sambrani, S.Ramachandra, Pooja Jain, Sabari Jayanthan, Beena Manivannan, Divya Gopi, Shrividya Sudhakaran, Shobha Krishnan.

Proceedings:

Policy on permitting Privately arranged Cultural/other events:

Regarding holding cultural/other events within Atrium MC took the following decisions.

1. No private events cultural or otherwise would be allowed in the sports complex as it would then be impossible to control the number of requests to use the facility for various things. Previous MCs too had taken this stand. (We discussed permitting cultural events open to ONLY Atrium residents with MC permission provided a cap put on the number of events per year. But deferred this decision as it may require a vote by an SGM/AGM.)
2. We discussed allowing cultural events restricted to Atrium residents to be held in the outdoor stage by the swimming pool after taking MC's permission on a case-by-case basis. Members are requested to give their take on this before making it official.
3. Policy on charging registration fees for TAOA-sponsored events
It was decided that we would generally not charge registration fee (especially for Children's events) except for New Year and Diwali parties, for which dinner was being served and have been traditionally been charged. For events where there is no charge, solicitation of contributions from residents would be strictly on a voluntary basis.

Budgets:

Regarding amount allocated for each activity in the budget it was decided that the budget should be viewed as a guide line rather than an absolute limit. In cases where justifiable budgets could be exceeded.

It would also be useful to determine, for moneys spent up to date, how much under each head was a one time expense and how much was recurring expenditure, in order to estimate future requirement. Each portfolio members expected to give list projected expenses for the year to help Treasurer to plan a working budget.

Pump sets and generators:

Mr.Ram informed the MC that a large number of pump sets were wearing out giving rise to a potentially dangerous situation of many pumps breaking down simultaneously. Mr.Ram indicated that 5 pump sets need to be replaced, three of them urgently, maybe involving some unplanned capital expenditure. Bore well pumps being heavy duty pumps were subjected to more wear and tear than others. Floats on sewage pumps did not

function effectively, neither was there any gauge to indicate whether the pump was running, resulting in situations where the pumps were on but not working, hence motors burning out.

An added problem was that there were no records to determine the age of appliances and predict their life.

Mr.Ram was in the process of doing a detailed study.

Fixing M-Block Generator Exhaust leaking into the building

This was recognized as a serious problem, but had to evaluate option as it required breaking of wall. Shobha Krishnan (with Vijayan's help) to follow up on coverage offered by the AMC in this matter and also to get an estimate on the civil work required.

Dish Net:

Requests from residents to go in for individual dish nets were not to be encouraged as it would mean uncontrolled cluttering of the terrace. Divya Gopi pointed out that it was precisely for this reason that the last MC decided to invite Tata Sky in.