

SCAO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING

March 26, 2006

Attendance:

1. Nahid
2. Mohamed Khalifa
3. Mohamed Bashier
4. Salma
5. Hamid

Absent:

Galal (In a trip to Sudan)  
Hafiz (Working) Hamid Ayoub (Working)

Before discussing the agenda the meeting discussed the possibility of holding these meetings in one of the Ottawa community centre offices. **Mohamed Bashier will follow up this task.**

The meeting reviewed and made minor corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting before approving it. The changes are as follows:

- In the voting process, decision to be accepted on 50% + 1. If in some issues the members think we need more time for discussion before voting, such issues could be carried to the following meetings.
- The meeting agreed that the communication between members could be facilitated by using the emails and phones, while the agenda items should be discussed on the meetings and not via emails.

**The Agenda:**

1- Work Plan for Youth Activities

Hafiz contacted Nahid and Hamid; he is in the process of getting the youth together, regardless of the fact that some of the youth have their concern about the community. Members of the board mentioned that it is a good idea if we divide the youth into two groups. One youth group who knows and grow up in Sudan and the other group from the kids who grow up in Canada. The idea behind dividing them, they have different interest.

2- Social Committee

Suppose to have a meeting before the board meeting, but the time contradicts with the board meeting time.

### 3- Sudan Independence Celebration and the Partnership with the Southern

After comprehensive discussion the meeting agreed to have the celebration of the independence separate from any other functions. In the oppose of the other suggestion to combine the independence celebration day with the anniversary of one year of signing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and this would allow the southerners to attend the independence celebration .

The meeting agreed to invite the southerners in the event of the independence. All board members agreed on the above subject except one member disagreed with the idea of celebrating the independence separately from CPA.

Nahid briefed the meeting about the Independence Day Celebration that took place in Toronto and she attended. Mainly it was consist of:

- Photo Exhibition about Sudan
- National Songs
- Documentary Video about the independence
- Shirts, mugs with the picture of Sudan, Sudanese flags

The meeting discussed some suggestions to fill the gaps in Toronto event, like sending the invitation to dignitaries, translation the titles of the posters, etc..and not to limit the event for only Sudanese people. These suggestions and others raised by a board member had been taken into consideration by the social committee members. Social committee members will get back to the board members with a suggested date, and agenda for the event.

**This task Mohamed Khalifa and Salma will follow it.**

### 4- Fund Raising

The meeting read what Galal sent regarding the meeting which had been held between him and a representative from HRDC. The meeting came to a conclusion that, it looks like it is accessible through major NGO's to get some fund from the Federal Government, but there are opportunities to get funds from the City of Ottawa. City of Ottawa would help the community if we successful submit a project.

**Mohammed Bashier will inform the meeting about the proposals** (Which ones could get funds, How to write them, and When to submit the proposal).

As well the meeting discussed the importance of updating the donation list which we have. **Hamid Ayoub**

### 5- Seminar on Health Issues

The meeting approved the suggestion of having an information session about one of these subjects in April:

- Diabetics
- CPRA
- Nutrition

**Nahid and Salma will follow this task**

**Mohamed Bashier will arrange a meeting between RCMP and our community members to help recruit from the community.**

Please send your comments, missed points before the coming meeting so as I can update this minutes.

Thanks

Hamid Bushra

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