

FIA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Location/Time	ICC, 7.30 PM-9.30 PM	Date	December 16, 2010
Agenda	Discuss and plan the 'Republic Day India' event		
Attendees	Mr. Manish Kharod, Mr. Mahesh Modha, Mrs. Chand Batra, Mrs. Gopa Rautray, Mrs. Bela Sharma, Dr. Madhavi Sekharam, Mr. Ravi Subramanian, Dr. Swarna Lokesh, Mr. Deepak Parekh, Mrs. Rashmi Jakhotia		
Minutes recorded by	Mr. Ravi Subramanian (FIA VP)		

Event Planned: FIA Tampa Bay Republic Day 2011	
Date	January 30 2011, Sunday
Time	11am – 7pm
Location	ICC
Schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 11am – 1pm – Sports Activities (Indian games like kabbadi, kho-kho etc. followed by recognition of participants and winners) 2. 11 am onwards – Carnival (face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, ring-toss, bounce house etc.) 3. 1.30 pm – Flag hoisting, Parade of organizations, distribution of sweets 4. 2 pm – 6 pm – Cultural Activities

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Information/Topic	Comments
1	Budget for event is \$5000	
2	Event Chairs-Mr. Deepak Parekh, Mrs. Gopa Rautray	
3	Checks received – UP Association (Mrs. Bela Sharma) FLO - Oriya (Dr. Mohapatra) SASTA (Mr. Satyaprakash)	
4	Carnival for kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cotton candy, Popcorn, Clown, Face painting, Ring toss and Ball toss Not sure if the tent will be around or not Price \$1 per item Coupons to be sold exclusively by Dr. Kotha Sekharam and Dr. Avinash Sharma Mrs. Batra working on pricing supplies (raw material, cups, etc.) Profit margin will determine items offered Emphasis is on balancing cost

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5	Cultural Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only patriotic, regional or classical items allowed • Duration around 6 minutes • Only group items with 4 or more people (exceptions by invitation only) • Preference to items with more people • Song items by invitation only • No repeats • Coordinators have to provide item description when they register • 1 item per coordinator is guaranteed • More items from same coordinator will be accepted on a standby basis • Cultural program will be broken into halves, with fancy dress event in between • Have received 6 entries so far, expect 20 - 25 (Mrs. Rautray)
6	Fancy Dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme shall be national, mythological or folk • Other guidelines need to be set (competition or not, age group etc.) • Person in charge Dr. Swarna
7	National Anthems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US - to be sung by Natasha Bhuyan • Indian - TBD, Person in charge - Dr. Madhavi
8	Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyer was designed by Bela, Gopa and the help of Gopa's daughter and presented by Gopa and Bela. • Change orientation of flag or that of text • Change title to "Republic Day of India" • Ronika was contacted for printing of posters / flyers • 25 posters for \$1.50 each, 500 flyers for \$0.20 each • Consider printing postcard size, with content on both sides
9	Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Dhol players for \$300 - not approved due to cost • King High School band - not approved due to liability • Malayali association still being considered • Mr. Modha will check on alternatives
10	Digital advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 per ad, vendors get for additional \$50 over booth cost • Mrs. Batra volunteered to put together slideshow
11	Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age groups 6-8, 9-12, 13-16 • Events Coloring (6-8 only), 3 legged race, lemon-spoon race, running race • Add 4-5 age group for coloring • 15 minutes per event • Dr. Madhavi Sekharam to check with temple for permission to use front area for Kabbadi, Kho-Kho and possibly other events

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12	Certificates and plaques	Persons in charge - Dr. Madhavi Sekharam and Mrs. Bela Sharma
13	Event insurance	Need to include sports event
14	Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Swarna's e-mail needs to be updated - swalok12@gmail.com • All important e-mails need to be sent after approval by President / President-Elect of the Executive committee • Mr. Deepak Parekh to start yahoo group exclusively for the Republic day event

Next Meeting	
Date	January 10, 2011
Time	7.30 PM
Location	ICC
	Will use bridge calls in between, if needed