

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 10TH, 1939, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, BARKLEY ARCADE, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernlé (in the chair), Mrs. H. Bergs, Mrs. W. Ernest, Mr. M. Jajbhay, Miss E. Katz, Mr. S.M. Nana, Mr. B.K. Patel, Mr. Tavarria, and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. E.L. Benjamin).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was received from Mrs. R. Singh.

1. FINANCE:

The Honorary Secretary reported that the balance in the bond stood at £114.19.2. including a donation of £50.0.0. from Messrs. Suliman, Ismail, and Mia, and various smaller donations. The money from the sale of tickets for the lecture by Sir Sarvepalli Rhadakrishnan had now been collected and had realised £55.4.6.

A reply had been received from the Protector of Indian Immigrants that the Trust controlled by him was for the use of Indians in Natal only. A similar reply had been received from Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee about the Khan and Rustomjee Trusts.

IT WAS DECIDED

to write to Sir Sarvepalli Rhadakrishnan informing him of the amount realised at his lecture.

2. AFFILIATION WITH CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

Mrs. Hoernlé read the amendments to the Consitution of the Child Welfare Committee as proposed by the Executive Committee to the draft accepted by the Executive Committee of the Children's Aid Society.

IT WAS DECIDED

(a) that the constitution as amended be adopted.

(b) that the Child Welfare Committee consist of the following: Mrs. Sidney Jones (Chairman), Mrs. H. Bergs, Mrs. W. Ernest, Mrs. A. Hoernlé, and Miss K. Patel

(c) that the Child Welfare Committee commence work at the beginning of August.

3. DEPUTATION TO PARKS AND ESTATES COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Hoernlé said that the deputation to the Parks and Estates Committee would take place that evening at 7.45 p.m. and it was hoped that the following would be present together with herself:- Mrs. W. Ernest, Mr. M. Jajbhay and Mr. S.M. Nana.

- IT WAS DECIDED -

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to ask Mr. Tavarria and Miss E.
Katz to join the deputation.

4. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

Miss Katz presented the following report:-

During the months of May and June I paid six hundred and ninety-six visits. On my rounds I found many cases of flu and bronchitis and a number of cases of pneumonia amongst babies. The latter is due to lack of fresh air. During the previous year six hundred and fifty-four new births amongst the Indians were notified at the Register Office.

RAND AID:

The Rand Aid dealt with fifty-one cases every week. Last month each household received a warm blanket.

PENSIONS:

I had considerable trouble with the paying of pensions. One man who had to receive back pay, reported to me that he could not get his money. I enquired at the Immigration Office in Pretoria, and was informed that the man had drawn his money in April. The lady from Pretoria came to Johannesburg, and we went together to the Magistrate, who was supposed to have paid out the money. Mrs. Durose promised to discuss the case with Mr. Kincaid. There were two other old people who had not received their monthly payments, and as their sheets were not signed, they were entitled to receive back pay. Mrs. Durose suggested that I should get a Power of Attorney to draw the pensions for the bed ridden and blind people, and the Magistrate agreed to this.

THE CHILDREN'S AID:

The Children's Aid are dealing with sixteen cases every month. The highest amount that the Department pays for grants is 15/- per month per child. Most of the mothers are only receiving 10/- per month per child.

SCHOOL:

The Indian Girls School closed with one hundred and seventy children on their roll. At the end of the term all the children were re-examined by our clinic doctor. The health of the children was excellent. Their weight had also improved, as during the winter months they receive cocoa, made with milk, and buns, daily. There were only two children who had not put on weight. Two children were taken to Hospital to have their broken arms X-rayed. Fifty-two children were taken to the University Dental Clinic for extractions, and three children were sent to a private dentist for fillings.

OUR OWN RESOURCES:

Through the generosity of our Indian and European friends we were able to distribute fifteen blankets, fifty-two jerseys, nine winter coats and fifteen dresses. Six old men received either trousers or jerseys. Fifteen mothers received woollies for their babies, and five old women, who are getting Old Age Pensions, received warm dresses, coats and shoes. With the money from the Indo-European Women's Association, I was able to supply old and sick people with better food, and in several instances I bought coal and wood for the very poor.

CLINIC:

In May we had fifty-six patients in five clinic days, and in June seventy-two in seven clinic days, and the fees amounted to £12.0.0. Four patients were sent to the Hospital for X-Ray. One patient was sent for a bladder operation to the Newlands Hospital. In one case, a patient with a tumour was sent to a private ward in the hospital for operation. Six blood tests were taken, only one positive, who is receiving treatment at our clinic.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS AND THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 6.00. P.M.

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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
July 3rd, 1939.

TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS
ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA
ASSURANCE COMPANY, 12 BARKLEY ARCADE, DIAGONAL STREET,
JOHANNESBURG, AT 5.00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JULY 10th, 1939.

Please make every effort to
attend.

Yours faithfully,

E. L. Benjamin

HONORARY SECRETARY

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CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE
OF THE
JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

1. NAME: The name of the Standing Committee shall be "The Child Welfare Committee of the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association".
2. OBJECTS: The objects of the Committee shall be:-
 - (a) To protect the interests and promote the physical, mental and moral well-being of the Indian Children of Johannesburg.
 - (b) When necessary, to cause effect to be given to any legislation framed for the protection of children and the conservation of family life.
 - (c) To encourage and assist all efforts tending to social and educational improvements.
 - (d) To enquire into and deal with cases of destitute, neglected, maladjusted and delinquent children.
 - (e) To co-operate with other bodies or institutions whose aims are similar.
3. MEMBERS: The General Committee of the Indian Social Welfare Association shall have power to elect members to this Standing Committee from amongst the members of the Association annually. The Chairman of this Standing Committee shall be elected from among and by its members annually and shall be responsible for reporting on the work of the Committee at each meeting of the General Committee.

The Child Welfare Committee shall have power to co-opt members from amongst or from outside the membership of the Society with the approval of the General Committee.
4. FUNCTIONS: The Child Welfare Committee shall:-
 - (a) Supervise the administration of that section of the Association's activities under its charge.
 - (b) Incur only such expenditure as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Indian Social Welfare Association, either generally on estimates of annual requirements or by resolution.
 - (c) Draw up its own rules of procedure, which shall take effect only after confirmation thereof by the Executive Committee of the Indian Social Welfare Association
5. AFFILIATION:
 - (a) The Child Welfare Committee of the Indian Social

Welfare Association shall be an independent committee of the Childrens Aid Society in terms of paragraph 11 of the Constitution of the Childrens Aid Society and shall on matters of policy be subject to the directions of the Executive of the Childrens Aid Society (11a.i).

- (b) It shall administer its own revenue and expenditure and keep its own records and books of account (11a.ii).
- (c) It shall submit an annual report and audited financial statement for presentation to the Annual General Meeting of the Childrens Aid Society (11a.iii).
- (d) It shall submit annually to the Executive Committee of the Childrens Aid Society estimates of revenue and expenditure for scrutiny (11a.iv).
- (e) It shall draw up its own regulations which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution or the general policy of the Childrens Aid Society, and which before coming into effect shall be confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Childrens Aid Society (11a.v).
- (f) Two members of the Child Welfare Committee and one member of any sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive of the Childrens Aid Society (11a.vi).

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

That the Child Welfare Committee appoint a case committee to undertake all Welfare work for Indian children in Johannesburg and to supervise the work done by the Child Welfare Worker of the Association. This case committee to meet twice a month regularly, once before the monthly meeting of the Child Welfare Committee and once a fortnight later. Further, that a case register be kept and case records kept separately for each family. The record sheets to be purchased in the first instance from the National Council of Child Welfare. All decisions in regard to cases to be noted on the case sheets and signed by the chairman of the case committee. This Committee shall deal direct with the Court in all cases where such action may be necessary.

All correspondence in regard to the activities of the Child Welfare Committee shall show the fact of affiliation with the Childrens Aid Society as an independent committee.

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.15 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 1939, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW
INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 12 BARCLAY ARCADE, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. W. Hoernlé (in the chair), 12 members
and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. E. L. Benjamin).

APOLOGY: An apology for inability to attend was received
from one member.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on
December 15th, 1938, were confirmed with alterations as
noted in the Minute Book.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) Site for Indian Girls School. Deputation:

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that a deputation to
visit the Parks and Estates Committee had been arranged
for Monday 15th May, 1939, at 7.45 p.m. It would not
be possible for her to go herself but she proposed that
Miss Katz should take her place.

IT WAS DECIDED

(a) that the deputation as
elected meet the Parks
and Estates Committee
with Miss Katz in Mrs.
Hoernlé's place.

(b) that the deputation be
led by Mr. Nana.

(b) Bioscopes for Indian Women and Children:

Mr. Rollnick stated that Mr. Venables had the
matter in hand but that it would probably take two to
three months before the arrangements were completed.

Mr. Tavarria said that he had approached Mrs.
Hatch and she would let him know later whether the Good
Hope Bioscope would be available for shows.

IT WAS DECIDED

that the Secretary approach
Dr. R. Phillips and Mr. Venables
and attempt to expedite the
matter.

(c) Deputation to Provincial Administration re Hospital:

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that General Pienaar was very sympathetic and had himself asked Dr. Orenstein to meet a deputation on this matter. Together with Mr. Jajbhay and Mr. Nana she had interviewed Dr. Orenstein who had taken the view that at least £10,000 would be needed and that the Indian community should shoulder the burden.

There was, however, no hope of taking the matter up with the Indian community until the land tenure question was settled and the matter is therefore left in abeyance.

(d) Grant from Trust Fund:

IT WAS DECIDED

that the Secretary enquire of Mr. Nana the name of the Trust controlled by the Protector of Immigrants and the addresses of the Kahn and Rustomjee Trusts and apply to them for financial assistance.

(e) Grant-in-aid of Clinic from Public Health Department:

IT WAS DECIDED

to write to the Department of Public Health requesting financial assistance in the running of the clinic.

3. WELFARE WORKERS REPORT:

December 1938 - March 1939:

During the last four months I paid 1,513 visits, being an average of 350 visits per month. Whilst visiting during the last two months, I found a number of cases of measles and several of diptheria. One lady died in hospital of meningitis. The house in which she lived is in a very neglected condition. The walls have fallen to pieces, and the place has not been cleaned for the last seventeen years. We reported this to the Health Department and asked them to proceed against the owner of the building.

The Rand Aid:

The Rand Aid dealt with forty-nine cases weekly.

Pensions:

There are eighty-three old people who receive Old Age Pensions. Last month two old ladies did not get their Pensions, as their money had been paid out to other people. I have given them all letters of introduction, but as several are unable to fetch their money, owing to ill health, they have to ask their friends to fetch it for

them. I have arranged with the Magistrate to be present at the next payment of Pensions to see that the money is paid out to the right people.

Children's Aid:

There are seventeen women, mostly widows, who receive grants for their minor children. We still have the same difficulty, namely that the cases are left over for ten months and longer until the grants are given. In the meantime these children are without any means of support. In two cases the Children's Aid sent minor children, whose Mothers had died, to a Home in Durban.

School:

I visit the Girls' School in 14th Street, Vrededorp, three times a week to attend to the health of the children. At the beginning of the term our clinic Doctor examined all the children at school and found them in good health. One school child with a broken arm and another with a fractured finger were taken to the Hospital to be X-Rayed and treated. Every month I take twenty-four to thirty children to the Dental Clinic for treatment. This year again we supplied the school with cod liver oil and malt out of our funds.

Clinic:

Two hundred and thirty-two patients were treated in our Clinic during the last four months, and the fees amounted to £20.10.0.

Fifteen blood tests were taken, eleven giving negative results. Two cases have been referred to Rietfontein for treatment. Three patients are receiving injections at our clinic.

Ten babies were vaccinated. One woman with cancer of the throat was sent to the Hospital for X-Ray treatment.

Twenty-seven school children were treated at our clinic, two with very bad burns, one with heart trouble, one with a dog bite, several with sore throats and impetigo and two with septic fingers. One child was sent to the Hospital.

One ten months old baby with tuberculosis of the spine was sent to Hospital, but died after a few days. I took twelve children with tonsillitis to the Nokuphilia Hospital in Newlands.

Junior Club:

There are two sections of the Club, one in Vrededorp and one in Ferreirastown. The membership is increasing rapidly. Unfortunately, the Club is unable to obtain its own premises and the meetings have to be held at various houses.

With reference to the house referred to above, Mrs. Hoernlé said that she had inspected it and was

horrified to see how bad it was. She had consulted the Chairman of the Public Health Committee of the City Council who said that it was one of 30 condemned buildings in the City. The residents could not be rejected as, until some decision was reached on the Feetham proposals, there was nowhere for them to go.

IT WAS DECIDED

to send a copy of a report on the building to the Mayor, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and the Medical Officer of Health.

4. FINANCIAL:

The Secretary stated that the Balance at the Bank at the end of April would be £149.15.10. This included repayment of a loan of £100. to Mr. M. Jajbhay, and a donation of £35. from Mr. Jajbhay.

It also included a sum of £47.2.0. collected from the sale of tickets at the meeting addressed by Sir Sarvepalli Rhadahrishnan. The account for this was as follows:-

Total receipts to date	£47.14. 6.
Disbursements.	
Printing of tickets	£1. 5. 0.
Poster	2. 6.
Tip to Doorman	2. 6.
	<u>£1.10. 0.</u>

The Secretary added that the Associations grant to the Rand Aid Association was now due.

IT WAS DECIDED

- (a) to pay £25 to the Indo-European Womens Association representing half the proceeds of the sale of tickets.
- (b) to pay £37.10.0. to the Rand Aid Association representing half the yearly donation of £75.

In response to an appeal by Miss Katz, Mr. Jajbhay generously offered to pay for 15 blankets. His offer was accepted with gratitude.

5. PROPOSED AFFILIATION TO CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

Mrs. Hoernlé outlined the proposed scheme for affiliation to the Children's Aid Society and the constitution of a Child Welfare Committee (copy attached). A committee of the Children's Aid Society had been appointed to discuss the matter and it was hoped to be able to arrange a meeting soon. A general meeting of the Association would be held in June to explain the completed scheme.

6. PERIOD OF MEETINGS:

Mrs. Hoernlé suggested that the first and third Thursdays in the month would be convenient days for the case committee on child welfare.

IT WAS DECIDED

- (a) that the Executive Committee should meet on the third Thursday of each month.
- (b) that there should be a general meeting of the Association on the third Thursday in every other month.

7. APOLOGY FROM "THE STAR":

An apology from "The Star" for printing a photograph of Indian women receiving cookery lessons was noted.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS AND
THE MEETING TERMINATED AT 6.30. P.M.

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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 15th, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA
ASSURANCE COMPANY, 12 BARCLY ARCADE, DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG

PRESENT: Mrs. A.W. Hoernlé (in the chair), seven members,
and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. J. Rollnick)

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Association's meeting held on October 13th, 1938, having been previously circulated, were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

(a) Site for Indian Girls' School.

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that a further complication had arisen, in that the Provincial Council were not willing to erect a building on the Car Park under the terms offered by the Municipality. It was essential, therefore, to attempt to have these terms altered.

IT WAS AGREED

that a deputation consisting of

Mrs. Hoernlé

Mr. Jajbhay

Mr. Nana

Mr. Sigamoney

Mrs. Earnest

discuss the matter with the Parks and Estates Committee of the City Council.

(b) Bioscopes for Indian Women and Children.

IT WAS AGREED

that attempts be made to have one afternoon show during January, 1939, at the Star Bioscope.

(c) Deputation to Hospital Board.

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that a deputation had waited upon the Special Purposes Committee of the Johannesburg Hospital Board, and had discussed the position. The Board was not able to provide any assistance, though the assurance was given that urgent cases would always be dealt with as usual. The Board further advised the Association to approach the Provincial Administration in the matter.

IT WAS AGREED

that the Administrator of the Transvaal be requested to receive a deputation for the purpose of discussing the urgently needed hospital services.

(d) Grant from Trust Fund.

IT WAS DECIDED
that Mr. Kincaid be approached
again.

(e) Grant in Aid of Clinic.

IT WAS DECIDED
(i) that the Public Health
Department and the Public Health
Committee of the City Council be
approached, for financial assistance
for the Clinic.

(ii) that the grant to the School
Clinic offered by the Provincial
Administration be accepted, under the
conditions laid down by the Administration.

3. PROPOSED AFFILIATION TO THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

IT WAS DECIDED
that this be discussed at the next
meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

During November I paid 319 visits. The health conditions were satisfactory. The boy with Elephantiasis has been in the Boksburg hospital for treatment for the last six weeks. I was able to place one boy as a free patient in the private ward in the Non-European hospital. One of our school girls a very urgent case with tonsils, was treated as a free case in the private ward, as there were no other beds available. The sister told me that this girl was the worst case of tonsils that they had ever seen. The Rand Aid dealt with 44 cases each week during November.

Children's Aid: 19 families with 59 children are receiving grants and I have visited them monthly. I reported one case of 8 children in one family who were neglected, and I asked for their committal to a home, and another case of a boy who is out of control. This month we sent three more applications for Old Age Pensions to the Immigration Office.

The school closed with 161 pupils. During my visits I found one girl crying with pain in her neck and joints. I took her at once to the hospital. She was first admitted with meningitis and after two days they found an abscess on her neck, and they operated on her. The child is doing well. The day before the holidays the girls school went to Mr. Mia's Farm for a picnic. Through the generosity of Mr. Mia and Mr. Jajbhay we were able to hire two municipal buses to take them out. The children had a nice time.

Clinic: During November we had 58 patients at our Clinic, and the fees amounted to £4.15.0. In 7 cases we took blood tests, and sent them to the Medical Research Institute; in 6 cases we got a negative result. The one case was treated at our clinic, and I also took a patient to the Medical Research Institute for a B.M.R. examination. They refused to do this examination, as their apparatus is for Europeans only, and I had to take my patient home. Mrs. Hoernlé intends raising this matter. 18 school children have been attended to in our clinic, one with a very bad burn, two with scabies, these two latter were kept from school as scabies is very infectious. The others suffered from impetigo. One family whose child attends the school in Sophiatown was reported to the Health Department with venereal disease. I took the whole family to hospital for examination, but this child was the only one in the family suffering from this disease. 14 children have been taken to the Dental Clinic for treatment.

5. FINANCE:

- (a) Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments.
The Secretary reported that Mr. H.L. Collins had been requested to act as Honorary Auditor to the Association, an office which he had very kindly accepted. Mr. Collins had also become a member of the Association.

- (b) Salary of Welfare Worker.

IT WAS DECIDED
that the salary of the Welfare Worker be raised £2 as from the beginning of her year.

- (c) Honoraria.

IT WAS DECIDED
that the Association's honorary doctors be presented with an honorarium of £25 each, in recognition of their valuable and much appreciated services.

- (d) Typewriter.

IT WAS DECIDED
that a portable typewriter be purchased, for the use of the Welfare Worker.

- (e) Signing of Cheques.

The Secretary reported that, as Mr. Saffery was about to depart for Europe, it would be necessary to revise the arrangements for signing cheques. Accordingly,

IT WAS AGREED
that the Association's cheques be signed by any two of the following:

The Chariman: Mrs. A.W. Hoernlé
The Honorary Treasurers: (Mr. I.M. Coovadia
(Senator J.D.
Rheinallt Jones
and in addition: Mr. J. Rollnick
Mr. E.L. Benjamin

with the proviso that the signatures of Mr. Rollnick or Mr. Benjamin be not valid without either that of the Chairman or one of the Honorary Treasurers, but that any one signature be sufficient for the endorsement of cheques.

6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

IT WAS DECIDED
that the Executive Committee consist
of the following:

The Chairman
The Vice Chairmen
The Honorary Treasurers
The Honorary Secretary
Mr. B.K. Patel
Mr. Z.V. Parekh
Mr. W. Earnest
Mr. S.M. Nana

Sister Katz reported that Mrs. Hafajee had indicated that she was not willing to serve as a Vice Chairman.

IT WAS ACCORDINGLY UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED THAT
Mr. A.M. Jajbhay be elected as
Vice Chairman.

IT WAS DECIDED IN ADDITION
that the Honorary Doctors, Mrs. Stanley
Jones, and Miss S. Patel be elected to
the General Committee.

7. GENERAL:

The Secretary reported that due to a misunderstanding Mr. Jajbhay's donation of £50 to the Association's funds had not been noted in the Annual Report. The matter would, however, be rectified.

NOTED

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED:

(1) that the gratitude of the Association be conveyed to Mrs. W. Earnest for her staunch support, and her regular attendance at meetings.

(2) that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Mr. K. Naransamy, expressing the Association's deep sympathy and regrets at the loss of so valuable a member.

(3) that the sum spent on flowers at the Annual General Meeting be approved.

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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Telephone: 44.3326

P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG,
April 19th, 1939.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT NEW INDIA
ASSURANCE COMPANY, 12 BARCLY ARCADE, DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG,
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1939, at 5.15. P.M.

E.L. BENJAMIN

HONORARY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:-
 - (a) Site for Indian Girls' School
 - (b) Bioscopes for Indian Women and Children
 - (c) Deputation to Hospital Board
 - (d) Grant from Trust Fund
 - (e) Grant-in-aid of Clinic
3. Proposed Affiliation to the Children's Aid Society
4. Welfare Worker's Report
5. Finance:-
 - (a) Grant to Rand Aid Association
 - (b) Signing of cheques
6. Period of Meetings
7. General

JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HELD ON MARCH 16th, 1939, AT THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. W. Hoernlé (in the chair), Senator J. D. Rheinallt Jones, Mr. P. Patel, Mr. S. M. Nana and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Rollnick; also by special invitation, Miss Troughton, Miss MacKenzie and Mr. E. L. Benjamin.

1. PROPOSED AFFILIATION TO THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

Mrs. Hoernlé explained that Miss MacKenzie and Miss Troughton had been invited to attend this meeting in order to gain their advice on the subject of the proposed affiliation to the Children's Aid Society. For the benefit of the visitors, the situation was briefly reviewed.

The Honorary Secretary then read that Section of the regulation of the Children's Aid Society referring to the control of independent committees by the parent body.

Mrs. Hoernlé emphasized that one of the main objects of the affiliation was to enable the Association's Welfare Worker both to carry out the necessary case investigation, and, also, to report to the Juvenile Court in person.

Senator Rheinallt Jones pointed out that the work, as it was being done at present, by the Non-European Case Committee of the Children's Aid Society, was really only touching one branch of Social Welfare work needed by Indians. The Indian Welfare Association, which dealt with all aspects of Social Welfare work, was in a far better position to carry out the child welfare work among Indians, and, in this case, the Welfare Worker could report directly to a Standing Committee on Child Welfare of the Indian Welfare Association.

Miss Troughton (in expressing her personal opinion) agreed that the work of the Children's Aid Society Committee among Indians was wholly inadequate, and that, as this type of work required special knowledge, the Indian Welfare Association would be more fitted for it. In practice, however, it appeared that the work would be accomplished by the Indian Welfare Association, and that the Children's Aid Society, although having no control, would have to bear the responsibility.

Miss MacKenzie pointed out that this was the position with other Committees of the Children's Aid Society of the same type, as, for example, the Adoption Committee, whose recommendations went straight to the Court. It seemed that the best policy was for a general line of approach to be mutually decided upon, so that all normal cases could be dealt with as a matter of routine, while exceptional cases could be discussed with the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. S. M. Nana suggested that the Reports of the Welfare Worker could be made in triplicate, and that one copy could automatically be sent to the Children's Aid Society.

Miss MacKenzie pointed out that the Association's Constitution would have to be amended so as to include a clause specifically mentioning the Association's responsibility for Child Welfare work among Indians,

IT WAS ACCORDINGLY DECIDED

(a) that a Committee on Child Welfare be appointed, consisting of three members;

(b) that these members be:

Mrs. A. W. Hoernlé
Sister E. Katz
Mr. S. M. Nana.

(c) that this sub-committee ask to meet a sub-committee of the Children's Aid Society to work out the details of an affiliation to the Children's Aid Society.

Senator Rheinallt Jones suggested that, as the policy of the Department of Social Welfare was to assist only those bodies organized on a national basis, it might be possible to obtain financial assistance for the Social Welfare work of the Indian Welfare Association, through the South African Institute of Race Relations, to which the Indian Welfare Association could become affiliated, and which was a national body.

Miss MacKenzie, in replying to a question by Mr. S. M. Nana, said that Child Welfare Organizations, affiliated to the National Council for Child Welfare, existed in various parts of the country, and that Non-Europeans might well make application to these organizations for the assistance of their own child welfare work.

Mrs. Hoernlé then thanked Miss MacKenzie and Miss Troughton for having attended the meeting and participated in the discussions after which these ladies withdrew.

Mrs. Hoernlé then announced that the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Rollnick, had resigned from the Secretaryship, so as to enable himself to devote more time to his studies; and that Mr. E. L. Benjamin, of the staff of the South African Institute of Race Relations, had very kindly agreed to succeed him.

Mr. S. M. Nana expressed the Association's appreciation of Mr. Rollnick's services.

IT WAS ACCORDINGLY DECIDED

- (a) that Mr. Rollnick's resignation be accepted;
- (b) that Mr. E. L. Benjamin be appointed Honorary Secretary.

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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. W. Hoernlé (in the chair), Mr. A. L. Saffery, Miss E. Katz, Miss J. H. Granger, Miss S. Alexander, Mrs. W. Ernest, Mrs. E. Frank, Mrs. R. Singh, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. P. K. Naidoo, Mrs. M. M. Williams, Rev. B. L. Sigamoney, Mr. W. Ernest, Mr. K. J. Tavarria, Mr. E. L. Benjamin, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mr. B. K. Patel, Mr. M. Jajbhay, Senator J. D. R. Jones, and the Honorary Secretary Mr. Rollnick.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Association's meeting held on July 14th, 1938, having been previously circulated, were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

(a) Site for Indian Girls' School:

Mrs. Hoernlé said that this matter had now come to a head owing to the agreement on the part of the Tamil Institute to rent its hall to the Transvaal Education Department. Mr. Strasheim had now given his assurance that a structure would be put up in the Car Park ground so that the two buildings would have accommodation for about 300 children.

NOTED

(b) Bioscopes for Indian Women and Children:

Mrs. Hoernlé said that permission had been granted from no fewer than three different halls to show the films. Certain Health films had been viewed, but were found to be out of date and entirely inappropriate. Probably, therefore, only the Municipal (Commercial) Films could be used.

It was agreed that the most suitable time for the showing of the films would be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Ernest suggested that the Good Hope Bioscope in Doornfontein would be more suitable; and that a good way to advertise the show would be to have a slide shown in the Star Bioscope.

Mr. Tavarria offered to assist in the matter.

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(c) Deputation to Hospital Board:

Mr. Rollnick announced that the deputation to the Hospital Board would be received on Thursday, October 20th.

It was agreed that the deputation should include Mrs. P. K. Naidoo and Mr. Sigamoney, so that the deputation now consisted of:

Mrs. Hoernlé
Mr. Tavaría
Mr. Jajbhay
Mr. Nana
Miss Katz
Mrs. P. K. Naidoo
Mr. Sigamoney

Mrs. Hoernlé suggested that Mr. Gardee be approached so that the deputation could be quite certain about his plans before discussing the position with the Hospital Board.

Mr. Sigamoney said that the deputation should also take up the matter of diet given to Indian patients at the Hospital.

(d) Grant from Trust Fund:

Mr. Rollnick reported that the matter was to have been followed up by Mr. Nana, but as he was not present, it was not known what had been done.

Mrs. E. B. Jones thought that the Trust might apply to Natal Indians alone.

IT WAS DECIDED

that further investigation into the existence of the Trust Fund be made

(e) Grants-in-Aid for Clinic:

Mrs. Hoernlé suggested that deputations be sent to both the Public Health Committee of the Municipality (after the Municipal Elections) and the Transvaal Education Department.

IT WAS ACCORDINGLY AGREED

(1) that representations be made to the Municipality and to the Transvaal Education Department to receive a deputation from the Association, for the purpose of applying for a grant-in-aid for the Clinic

(2) that the deputation consist of:

Mrs. Hoernlé ✓
Mr. Jajbhay ✓
Mr. Nana ✓
Mr. Sigamoney
Miss Katz ✓
Mrs. Ernest
Mr. Rollnick

3. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

Sister Katz reported as follows for the period June — September, 1938:—

"During the last four months, I paid an average of 322 visits per month. In the cold weather health conditions amongst the families were not too good. In September I did not find so many cases of pneumonia as usual. During my visits I found a boy of 21 years suffering with Elephantiasis. As his mother is a widow and very poor and unable to get help from any Association, he is begging to make enough for them to live on. I would like to know if there is any Society in the Indian Community who would help this boy and thus stop him from begging.

RAND AID:

"The Rand Aid deals with 59 cases every week. Children under ten years receive half rations weekly and children over ten years full rations. I investigate all cases that are getting support once a month, together with the Secretary of the Rand Aid. They never stop the rations without asking my opinion.

CHILDREN'S AID:

"I visit all the families who receive Government grants. In several cases the reports of the Children's Aid were entirely different from our investigations and I had to go to the Juvenile Court to hand in my report.

OLD AGE PENSIONS:

"In several cases I have had difficulty in getting pensions for old people. In one case an old man (single), very frail, who is, according to his permit, 66 years old, could not get his pension as the Immigration authorities state that he is only 64 years. I obtained a Medical certificate but have not yet received a reply. Another case is that of a woman, aged 57 years, who is totally blind, and who was rejected as she is under age.

OUR RESOURCES:

"Through the generosity of Mr. Jajbhay, we were able to distribute 6 blankets to old people, 24 jerseys to women and children and 18 khaki shirts to schoolboys. With the help of our European friends we were able to give warm coats, childrens dresses and babies' woollies to the poor. Five suits and 7 pairs of shoes were given to old men.

THE CLINIC:

"An average of 68 patients per month attended our Clinic during the last four months. The fees taken amounted to £21. 10. 0. One child was taken to the Hospital with a broken arm, two children with abscesses, four to the eye specialist for glasses, and seven for removal of tonsils. Three children and two adults were treated at the Clinic for blood diseases. 48 children were taken to the Dental Clinic for extractions.

SOCIAL:

"We have opened a Junior Club for Girls. After a social meeting they are taught knitting and fancy-work. Later on the European ladies intend training them in conducting a meeting and how to write up the minutes. The girls are still playing Tennis."

Mr. Ernest offered to look into the case of the boy suffering from Elephantiasis.

Mrs. E. B. Jones suggested,

AND IT WAS AGREED

that the Department of Social Welfare be informed of the boy's position, and asked for advice and assistance.

4. FINANCE:

The Secretary reported that the Credit Balance in the bank stood at £19 - 2 - 9.

Mrs. Hoernlé appealed to those members present to assist in the raising of funds.

5. PROPOSED AFFILIATION TO THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY:

Mrs. Hoernlé, in reviewing the position to date, said that originally Mr. Forsyth, Under Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare, had been approached in order to find out whether it was possible for the Association to have its own Child Welfare section backed by the Department. Mr. Forsyth had pointed out, however, that only bodies organised on a national or a provincial scale were being registered as "approved Societies" under the Children's Act. In order, therefore, to receive state recognition and assistance, it would be necessary for the Association to affiliate with a nationally organised Child Welfare organisation. The most convenient would be the Children's Aid Society, Johannesburg.

The Association is collaborating with the Children's Aid Society, and is represented on the Non-European Case Committee of this Society. About 23 Indian Mothers' Pensions are being administered, as well as about 90 other Non-European cases. As the majority of the members on this Non-European Case Committee had had but little experience in dealing with Indians, the recommendations of the Indian Social Welfare Association members on the Case Committee were usually followed; and the magistrate had frequently consulted Sister Katz, independently of the Children's Aid Society, in allowing or refusing the grants. This naturally led to a rather difficult situation.

Certain members of the Children's Aid Society were agreed that the best solution would be the formation of a special Child Welfare section of the Indian Social Welfare Association, affiliated directly to the Children's Aid Society. Mrs. Hoernlé considered that the affiliation should take place.

Mr. Sigamoney agreed that the Case Committee of the Children's Aid Society was not working efficiently, but felt that it should be improved rather than abolished. More Indians, and particularly Indian women, should come on to the committee, so that their knowledge of their own people would compensate for the lack of understanding of Indians on the part of the European welfare workers.

Furthermore, it would be a pity to break away from the experienced European welfare workers of the Children's Aid Society; who were continually giving helpful advice to the members of the Case Committee.

Miss Katz maintained that Indian women always accompanied her on investigations of this type, so that their opinion and knowledge was always considered.

Mr. Rollnick pointed out that it was possible to reconcile both points of view, i.e.

- (1) to improve the efficiency of the work by bringing it under Indian Social Welfare Association control.
- (2) to maintain the experienced advice of the European welfare workers.

Mrs. Hoernlé pointed out that members of Children's Aid Society would be on the Indian Social Welfare Association Case Committee as representatives of the Children's Aid Society.

Mr. Jajbhay was sure that no Indian woman would be able to take any responsibility in a case investigation, and considered that the proposed affiliation should take place.

Mrs. Hoernlé said that if it was desirable to train Indian women to undertake case investigation work, this training could best be given by the Committee of the Indian Social Welfare Association.

Mrs. E. B. Jones pointed out that there were actually three different methods of carrying out the child welfare work:

- (1) the present way — a Non-European case committee of the Children's Aid Society.
- (2) the proposed way — a Child Welfare committee of the Indian Social Welfare Association.
- (3) the splitting of the Non-European case committee of the Children's Aid Society into a special Indian case committee of the same Society.

It was possible that the third method would be best, for it was always a pity entirely to break the continuity of work that had started well, and was simply in want of certain obvious improvements.

Mrs. Hoernlé suggested that Miss Mackenzie, and Mr. Britten, both of the National Council for Child Welfare, be invited to attend the next meeting, when the discussion could be resumed.

AGREED

6. GENERAL:

(a) Annual General Meeting:

IT WAS DECIDED

- (1) that the Annual General Meeting be held at the end of November
- (2) that the Agent General be requested to speak at meeting

Mr. Patel announced that the Patidar Hall would be available for this meeting.

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(b) Grant from Kahn Trust:

Mr. Sigamoney suggested that the Kahn Trust be approached with a view to obtaining financial assistance for the Association.

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JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION

October 7th, 1938.

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AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:
 - (a) Site for Indian Girls' School.
 - (b) Bioscopes for Indian Women and Children.
 - (c) Deputation to Hospital Board.
 - (d) Grant from Trust Fund.
 - (e) Application to Municipality for Grant in Aid of Clinic.
3. Proposed affiliation to the Children's Aid Society.
4. Welfare Worker's Report.
5. Finance.
6. General.

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PRESENT: Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernlé (in the chair), Miss E. Katz, Mr. B.K. Patel, Mr. M. Jajbhay, Mr. Tavarria, Mr. E.L. Benjamin, Mr. S.M. Nana, Mr. Bodhavia, and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. Rollnick.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of a meeting of the Association on May 2nd, 1938, having been previously circulated, were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

(a) Site for Indian Girls' School

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that the site offered by the Municipality had been rejected by the Education Department because it was not big enough. Furthermore they were only prepared to erect a temporary structure, not made out of brick, until the law with respect to Asiatic Land Tenure was more definite and stabilised. Next to the Car Park, is a site of equal size belonging partly to the Rangers Tennis Club and partly to the Hindu Tamil Institute. If this site could be used it, together with the car park, would be adequate for the school building. The Rangers Tennis Club had been approached and had agreed to allow their area to be used, in return for another area in a different position. The Hindu Tamil Institute, however, desired to erect a Memorial Hall upon their area and were, therefore, not prepared to exchange it. They were willing, though, to allow their building to be used for the purposes of the school, and in this case the temporary structure would have to be linked with the Memorial Hall, and the two together could be used for the School. The situation could not progress further until the return of Mr. Naransamy and of Mr. Strasheim. A report would be made at the next meeting.

NOTED

(b) Inspection of Halls for Bioscopes

Mrs. Hoernlé had visited two halls, but had now found that the Patidar Hall was available.

Mr. Jajbhay pointed out that the Star Bioscope was better equipped and more convenient, and Mr. Pather might agree to permit the use of the hall for the purpose of showing Municipal films. It would, therefore, be better to use this hall rather than the Patidar.

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Mr. Nana supported Mr. Jajbhay.

Mrs. Hoernlé also suggested that educational and health films be borrowed from the National Bureau of Educational and Social Research.

IT WAS ACCORDINGLY DECIDED

- (1) that Mr. Pather of the Star Bioscope be written to in order to find out the size and adaptability of his projector, and when the hall could be used.
- (2) that the National Bureau of Educational and Social Research be approached in order to find out all the details regarding the loan of their films.
- (3) that the Municipality be written to to obtain their sanction for the showing of their films in the Star Bioscope.

(c) Maternity Hospital for Indian Women

Mrs. Hoernlé, in reviewing the situation, said that the Bridgman Maternity Hospital had not agreed to allow a ward for the use of Indian women. The Seventh Day Adventist Hospital took no maternity cases at present, but were prepared to run a maternity ward for Indian women if assistance were given in the provision of the necessary accommodation. It was felt, however, by those Indian philanthropists who were interested in the matter, that the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital was too far away, and that such a hospital should be located in Vrededorp or in Burghersdorp.

The General Hospital Board had never been approached, and it was possible that some arrangement could be made with them for the erection of an Indian ward in connection with the Queen Victoria Hospital for Women.

Mr. Jajbhay was not certain that the site was favourable, but agreed that this line should be investigated, and promised his support in the event of a satisfactory outcome.

IT WAS EVENTUALLY DECIDED

- (1) that the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital be informed of the Association's decision against assisting in the erection of a ward for Indian women.
- (2) that the Hospital Board be requested to receive a deputation from the Association.

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