

**Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Radio Islam held virtually and at Masjid us Saliheen Ext 13  
Lenasia, on Sunday the 03 September 2023, at 09h30**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome – Qiraat.
2. Reading the notice to convene the AGM meeting.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 16 October 2022.  
Matters arising from the above minutes.
4. Chairperson's address.  
To consider and if seen fit to approve the activities of Radio Islam.
5. Discussion of the Audited Financial Statements.  
Adoption of the Financial Statements.
6. Appointment of auditors.
7. General.
8. Elections.

**1. Qiraat & Welcome:**

**Welcome** – Ml. Heider Dhorat welcomed all to Radio Islam's 28<sup>th</sup> AGM. In terms of the constitution a 10% quorum is needed and Alhamdulillah, the 10% quorum requirement was met.

**Qiraat** – By Hafez Ismail Kholvadia

**Attendance:** As per Attendance Register

**Apologies:** Br Liaqat Laher, Br Ahmed Bham, Br Yusuf Bham, Br Riaz Surtee, Ml Bilaal Vaid, Mufti Zakariyya Pandor, Mufti Mohammed Haffejee, Sister Zunaida Wadiwala, Sister Fehmida Adam.

**2. Reading the notice to convene the 28th Annual General Meeting:**

The notice was sent via Email and WhatsApp. Posted timeously to 112 members and advertised in the media.

**3. The minutes were taken as read.**

**Adoption of the minutes:** Adopted by Attorney Sohail Manga, seconded by Br Anwar Dawood Suleman.

**Matters Arising** – None

**4. Chairman's Address was read by Br Abdul Hafiz.**

As the annual report was circulated, it was taken as read.

**Topics covered in the report were:**

**Scope of the Report**

It is a tradition at Radio Islam to present the annual report to its valued listeners and members, detailing its activities and achievements during the Islamic year Muharram 1444 - Dhul Hijjah 1444. The financial report is for the year 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023.

**Ramadhan Broadcast 1444/2023**

**Theme:** "Easy good deeds - Little effort, huge returns"

Radio Islam's on-air discussions began a few weeks before Ramadhan, focusing on adequately preparing for the blessed month. Three daily discussions, divided into segments, focusing on virtuous deeds, took place.

**Three Talk**

- Hosted this year by Ml. Waseem Adam, Hafidh Saad Jada and Ml. Ahmed Wajah.
- Topics focused on social matters and Islamic-related issues. This generated much discussion and feedback.

**Ramadhan Drama**

- Fietas - The Story of Money, revolved around two brothers growing up in the melting pot of Fietas during the 80s and leading lives that will change the course of their history.

## **Documentary**

- Once again, Ml. Ebrahim Moosa produced a stellar documentary enlightening listeners on the History of Muslim Civilisation in India.

## **Voice to the Homeless**

- Ml. Muhammed Kara, pre-recorded interviews with homeless men to understand what caused them to live on the streets. How they passed their days and what plans they had for the future. This was aired every Saturday evening.
- The series was well-received and much appreciated by listeners. Many listeners called offering to assist those interviewed.
- This program will be rebroadcast later in the year In Sha Allah.

## **ALL4One Competition**

- From spelling bee to speech contests, Radio Islam has produced groundbreaking campaigns in the past to play its part in shaping tomorrow's leaders. This Ramadhan, the effort continued with the All4One Quiz.
- As Ramadhan fell in the school holidays, we decided to take a different approach when organising the All4One Family Quiz.
- The families, made-up teams and were pitted against each other.
- The response was phenomenal. We had over ten teams taking part. The winners were declared on the night of Eid.

## **Ladies Programmes**

- This Ramadhan, our ladies' programmes were well balanced between spiritual, lifestyle and current affairs.
- Muallimah Shaakirah Hunter hosted the Iftar programme between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm during the week. She covered several topics with a wide range of guests, focusing on social, spiritual and lifestyle discussions.

## **Live Taraweeh Broadcast**

The Taraweeh broadcast this year rotated between three venues:

- Masjid us Salaam in Durban.
- West Street Masjid in Houghton.
- Nurul Islam Masjid in Lenasia.

## **Tafsir**

- Mufti Sulaiman Moola covered the Tafsir of Surah Qasas.
- The Tafsir programme was aired after the Taraweeh Salaah. This was followed by Mufti Menk's Ramadhan series later in the evening.

## **Hajj Broadcast 1444/2023**

### **Theme: "At the heart of Hajj"**

The most awaited announcement by Muslims worldwide this season, was the lifting of restrictions imposed three years ago, to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The excitement of Hajj was heightened as soon as the Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, announced the overall quota for this year's Hajj. Potential Hujjaj were notified of their acceptance to embark on their epic journey. The South African Hajj and Umrah Council also announced that the original quota for South African pilgrims was restored. This added to the already celebratory mood.

## **Qurbani**

Qurbani-related discussions were aired the day before Eid. A special Q & A programme was held before the days of Qurbani. SANHA (South African National Halal Authority) recorded several videos that were Qurbani related for our social media.

## **Hajj Desk**

- The Hajj Desk is our on-air Hajj portal. This runs throughout the Hajj broadcast half-hourly, providing the listeners with cutting-edge information on the latest Hajj news.
- The news team worked with great enthusiasm to ensure listeners are regularly updated with the latest Hajj-related news, facts, statistics, and feel-good stories.

## Hajj Vlog

Moulana Ebrahim Bham contributed several videos on landmarks around Masjid un Nabawi and Masjid ul Haram. These were well-received on social media platforms.

## Interviews with Hujjaj

- Interviews and crossovers with Hujjaj were conducted at regular intervals throughout the broadcast.

## Hajj Documentary

- During the Hajj 1444 broadcast, Radio Islam's featured documentary: "Makkah to Madinah - The Hijrah Story", relived the amazing story of a five-person team from the United Kingdom who in January 2023 followed in the blessed footsteps of Rasulullah ﷺ, by walking 547 kilometres. They walked through the desert sands from Makkah to Madinah on the original Hijrah route.
- The production brought to life the spirit of their epic 16-day journey. It concurrently recounted the spirit of the actual Hijrah with all its decisive encounters, lessons, fears and joys.
- Moulana Ebrahim Moosa once again produced the Hajj documentary.

## Website

- Banners for all main features were designed and strategically placed on the website's home page.
- Many Hajj-related content was loaded onto the website during the Hajj broadcast.
- News articles, podcasts, opinions and analysis were included.

## Hajj Drama

Titled "The Forgotten Haaji", this year's Hajj drama focused on a story occurring at the turn of the century in the early 1900s, before commercial flights became the order of the day. A party of 6 Indian emigrants to SA embarked on their first and only hajj journey. Two brothers, their sister, and their spouses travelled by ship from the port of Durban to Jeddah. The journey was long and arduous. They reach the Saudi port, except for one person from their group, who had contracted the scurvy disease whilst on the ship and passed away. They are awestruck by the Kingdom. They first go to Madinah and then to Makkah. A series of events teach them the true meaning of Hajj.

## Social Media

- The social media campaign focused on Hajj-related content for two weeks on all five social media platforms.

The content was broken up into three categories:

- The Hajj theme/on-air discussions.
- Pictures and videos received from Hajjis.
- Qurbani-related content.
- Social media content reached approximately 750 000 users across 43 countries during the two weeks of Haj.

## 5-Day Broadcast

- Our special Hajj broadcast began on Sunday evening, 25th June 2023 This corresponded to the eve of the beginning of Hajj in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- A variety of presenters presented programs to amplify the spirit of Hajj on the airwaves. This was much appreciated by many of our listeners.
- Live on-air programming began at 5:00 am and ended at 10:00 pm.

## Hajj Competition

- The Haj competition brought families together as we looked to unite Haaji "Bhais" and Haaji "Bhens" together in teams to compete against each other for the grand prize.
- The grand prize was a two-night stay at the much sought-after Zaariah Country Estate.

## The Sweetest Loss

- Moulana Muhammed Kara interviewed the families of Marhoomeen, who were fortunate to have passed away in the blessed lands of Makkatul Mukarramah or Madinatul Munawwarah.
- These interviews were collated and aired daily for a week, each focusing on a different Marhoom/ah.

## **Collaboration with other Stations**

IFM and Radio Al Ansaar carried our Hajj broadcast from 8-10 am for the duration of the broadcast.

**Radio Islam Outreach:** The following areas were covered: Bosmont, Laudium, Auckland Park, Fietas, Nancefield / Bushkoppies, Witbank, Roshnee, Ermelo, Polokwane, Swaziland, ANC National Conference, Nurul Islam, KZN Musgrave, Cape Town, Turkiye, Syria, Port Shepstone, Phoenix, North Beach, Verulam.

## **News & Current Affairs**

### **SONA Broadcast Report:**

Radio Islam extensively covered the State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2023 in South Africa. The station's presenters and guests discussed diverse topics, including the President's economic plan, social welfare policies, and his stance on national security.

Radio Islam's coverage of SONA 2023 was a valuable resource for listeners who wanted to learn more about the key issues facing the people of South Africa. The station's presenters and guests offered a variety of perspectives on these issues, and they engaged in thoughtful and respectful debate, making it an informative and engaging listening experience.

### **ANC National Conference 2023**

Radio Islam provided extensive coverage of the ANC Conference 2023. The station interviewed political analysts, party leaders, and ordinary South Africans about the conference and conducted live broadcasting from the conference venue.

### **Radio Islam International's coverage focused on the following key issues:**

- The ANC presidency battle between incumbent Cyril Ramaphosa and challenger Zweli Mkhize.
- The ongoing corruption scandal engulfing the ANC and the party's efforts to reform itself.
- The ANC's relationship with the Muslim community in South Africa.

Radio Islam's coverage of the ANC Conference 2023 was informative, insightful and provided a valuable platform for South Africans to discuss the future of their country's largest political party. These programs featured in-depth analysis of the key issues facing the ANC and provided a forum for South Africans to share their thoughts on the party's future. Radio Islam's coverage of the ANC Conference 2023 contributed to the public discourse on the future of the ANC and South Africa.

## **Social Media**

Our daily graphic and video content is produced and uploaded on five of the most popular social media platforms, reaching people in 123 countries worldwide. These platforms are Face book, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok and You Tube.

### **Content:**

- Weekly videos on various social topics – Ml. Sulaimaan Ravat and Ml. Habib Bobat.
- Guest Ulama videos – Ml. Ebrahim Bham, Ml. Yusuf Ravat, Ml. Akoo, Ml. Ragee.
- Masaail videos - Mufti Yusuf Moosagie.
- Lecture extracts from scholars around the world.
- Daily Duas.
- Motivational Quotes.
- Instagram Competitions - Ramadan and Hajj.
- Instagram Quiz competition.
- Recipes for Stories.
- On-air content adapted to video.

## **Radio Islam APP**

The Radio Islam App, launched in 2021, is available on Android and IOS.

The app lets you listen to Radio Islam clearly and effortlessly via the Internet or Wi-Fi.

It is especially convenient for those on the road, travelling abroad, or residing in an area where MW or satellite signal is unavailable.

## **DOWNLOADS**

iOS: 3 300

Android: 10 800

### **Android Users in the top 4 countries:**

- South Africa (9088)
- United Kingdom (126)
- India (74)
- Zambia (67)

IOS Users in the top 4 countries:

- South Africa (2 426)
- United Kingdom (231)
- United States (227)
- Australia (49)
- Users in 123 different countries

## **Website**

The Radio Islam team consists of journalists who write stories covering local and world news, sharing valuable information, educating and entertaining our listeners. The website had 44 000 new visitors in the last 3 months, increasing its popularity whilst serving as a reference point for the on-air content. The site currently has more than 38 472 pages. Regular newsletters carry website articles and other relevant information and are sent out via email – [newsletter@radioislam.co.za](mailto:newsletter@radioislam.co.za) and WhatsApp +27 79 500 0901.

## **General Programming**

### **Panel Discussions**

- We have produced discussions on-air that covered contemporary and youth-focused issues.
- There is diversity in the sound of the panel discussions, with several ladies hosting the panels.
- These were uploaded to the SoundCloud site.

### **Boot Camp**

- It was attended by 20 young Muslims from Johannesburg and surrounding areas.
- The participants of the boot camps of both the areas of Durban and Johannesburg learnt the same skills and knowledge. The participants of Johannesburg also had the opportunity to visit Radio Islam's headquarters in Lenasia and to meet with some of the station's staff.

### **Simulcast with Radio Al - Ansaar**

Radio Al-Ansaar continues to broadcast Radio Islam's programmes from 8am-10 am weekdays. There has been positive feedback regarding the broadcasts, especially from the KZN region.

### **Listeners Association**

- Meetings were held on the 27 October 2022 and on the 07 December 2022.

### **Membership**

Radio Islam's Membership has reached 650. Unfortunately, more than 80 percent of its members neither attend AGMs nor pay the membership fees. The new constitution adopted states:

1. Membership fees are R50 annually.
2. Any member who does not attend more than 3 AGMs, ceases to remain a member.

Attendance at AGMs is important. Therefore, a new membership drive has been initiated. A total of 118 Members has re-registered to remain members. Announcements are made daily with regards to the importance of listeners becoming members of Radio Islam as well as to attend the AGM's. Only listeners in the MW coverage area (Greater Johannesburg metropolitan area) are eligible to register as members.

### **MW transmitter & technical**

- Alhamdulillah, Radio Islam's transmitter was upgraded by a professional external company. The company replaced the old earth mat with a new one. They commissioned a new transmitter and installed extensive lightning protection.
- Radio Islam built a new fuel room and a transformer room and erected a 3 x 450 metre wall.
- The total cost of the transmitter upgrade was R1,9 million rands.

- This has improved the MW signal significantly.

### **Durban Studio:**

The Durban studio is in its seventh year of operations. It has been increasing its footprint within the province by creating a platform for businesses to help and promote advertising and sponsorships. The station has promoted more than 50 KZN-based businesses, ranging from start-ups to corporates, who have benefited from the increased listenership. The 2 hours of broadcasting on the Radio Al-Ansaar airwaves has allowed for further access resulting in an expanding listenership. Broadcasting continues from the Durban studios. News bulletins are produced, presented and shows being hosted by local presenters. The team provides regular news features via audio, social media and articles for social media and the website.

### **Rescue 786 Ambulance Service-established 2009**

Radio Islam and Jamiatul Ulama South Africa (JUSA) jointly operates an ambulance service; Rescue 786 in the greater Johannesburg region. It offers an intermediate life support service based on "cost recovery, financial sustainability and not for personal gain." It is open to all members of the public without discriminating against anyone based on gender, race, culture, religion or ethnicity. The number of callouts for a 12-month period and patients attended to by Rescue786 in the greater Johannesburg area are as follows:

- 1603 No. of calls received:
- 1531 No. of patients attended to:

Since inception in 2009, the fleet has grown from 1 to 5 ambulances and a response vehicle.

### **Mobile Clinic**

Radio Islam runs a mobile clinic initiative with the Jamiatul Ulama SA (JUSA) and The Islamic Association of Roshnee. The clinic is a basic medical clinic staffed by a qualified nurse and provides patients with primary healthcare and access to pro-active diagnosis. The clinic runs five days a week, servicing the following areas: Lawley Station, Lawley 2, Kapok, Finetown, Eikenhof, Weillers Farm, and Protea South.

In the last year, 12 223 patients were treated. The cost per patient was R35,93

**To consider and if seen fit to approve the activities of Radio Islam:** Muhammed Dadabhai moved for the adoption and seconded by Br Anwar Dawood Suleman.

## **5. The Audited Financial Statements**

Were read and displayed via Microsoft Teams to all online participants as well as displayed for all those physically present by Br Abdul Hafiz. Br Abdul Hafiz appealed to those present to donate generously.

**Adoption of the Financial Statements:** Br Khalid Munshi moved for the adoption and Br Ahmed Takolia seconded it.

## **6. Appointment of Auditors:** Br Khalid Munshi moved for appointment of the same Auditors, Karolia and Jeena Inc and Br Muhammed Dadabhay seconded it.

## **7. General**

Br Abdul Hafiz Mahomed thanked the staff, the Board of directors and the community for all the support.

MI. Heider Dhorat, thanked Br Abdul Hafiz for his commitment and dedication as the Chairman of Radio Islam and wished him well. MI Heider explained, that previously Radio Islam had a Board comprising of 15 members. Two years ago, a decision was made that a Board of 15 members was huge, which makes it difficult for members to meet as there are documents that need to be signed and to make decisions etc. Thus, Radio Islam reduced its Board members to 7. The changes to the constitution were adopted at the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM in 2021.

## **8. Elections:**

The Electoral officer Attorney Yazeed Mia took the house through the electoral process.

Attorney Yazeed Mia explained that everyone was aware that there were seven positions available for the appointment of new directors at Radio Islam. The following procedure was followed by Radio Islam leading up

to the AGM. In terms of Radio Islam's Constitution, at least 21 days' notice must be given to all members of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM sent out to its members.

Attorney Yazeed Mia confirmed that notice was given 21 days prior to the AGM. The notice was given electronically as a personal invitation. It was also placed in the local Rising Sun Newspaper on the 8 August and on the 29 August 2023 and was placed as a Notice in many Masjids.

Thereafter, Radio Islam was open for members to put forward their nominations for elections in a ballot box. The ballot box was placed at Radio Islam. Nominations were closed on Monday the 18 August 2023. Thereafter, the ballot box was sealed and kept by Radio Islam's secretary, Sister Zunaida Wadiwala. Only Sister Zunaida Wadiwala had access to the ballot box. Upon opening the ballot box, the list of seven nominees found were as below.

**The list of nominees is:**

No	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
1	Anwar Dawood Suleman	Ziyaad Moodley	Faeeza Bloem
2	Muhsin Motala	Heider Ally Ebrahim Dhorat	Ebrahim Sha
3	Basheer A S Patel	Heider Ally Ebrahim Dhorat	Ibrahim M. Daya
4	Naseema Abdul Razak Karolia	Heider Ally Ebrahim Dhorat	Ahmed Ismail Wajah
5	Fehmida Adam	Heider Ally Ebrahim Dhorat	Ibrahim M. Daya
6	Sohail Manga	Heider Ally Ebrahim Dhorat	Ahmed Ismail Wajah
7	Muhammad Yahya Mia	Ibrahim M. Daya	Ebrahim Sha

Attorney Yazeed Mia confirmed that the above seven nominees are paid members of Radio Islam as well as the proposer and seconder. Therefore, all the names mentioned are eligible. Since there are seven nominations and seven positions available, therefore a formal election is not necessary where voting takes place. Election and voting happen when there are more than seven nominees. Attorney Yazeed Mia hereby requested, that all members in the house raise their hands to confirm that all seven nominees may be appointed as new directors of Radio Islam and to serve on Radio Islam's Board for the next five years.

The house agreed on appointing the seven nominees as the new directors of Radio Islam.

Qari Basheer rendered the closing Dua.

With no further business to transact, the AGM ended at 11h00.

**Chairman**

**Abdul Hafiz Mahomed**