

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of Radio Islam held virtually on
Wednesday the 7 October 2020, at 20H00**

Agenda

- 1) Welcome / Qiraat
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Reading and confirming the minutes of the 24th AGM (21 July 2019 / 18 Thul Qa'ada 1440)
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Chairman's address
- 6) To read and discuss the audited financial statements
- 7) Appointment of auditors
- 8) General

1) Welcome & Qiraat:

MI Sulaimaan Ravat opened the meeting at 20H00 and welcomed all to Radio Islam's 25th Annual General virtual meeting. He thanked all for registering online and introduced the panel that presented the station Br Abdul Hafiz Mahomed (Chairman), Qari Basheer Ahmed Patel (Vice Chairman), Br Mohammed Mia (Treasurer), MI Heider A E Dhorat (Station Manager), Br Muhammed Dadabhay (Integri-fin) and MI Sulaimaan Ravat (Programmes Manager).

Qiraat: was rendered by MI Naeem Docrat.

MI Sulaimaan Ravat went through a presentation on how the virtual meeting was to progress and unfold.

2) Attendance : 122 members were registered online to participate

Apology – Br Azhar Rajah

3) Reading the notice to convene the 25th Annual General Meeting:

The notice was posted timeously to 600 members and advertised in the media.

The minutes were taken as read.

Adoption of the minutes: by MI Heider A. E Dhorat and seconded by MI Habib Bobat.

4) Matters Arising – None

5) Chairman's Address comprised of a brief summary of the Annual report.

The topics covered were:

Masjid Awards
Durban Activities
Hajj Broadcast
Lockdown Programming
Ramadhaan Broadcast
Programming Initiatives and Themes
News and Current Affairs
Social Media
Outside Broadcasts
Website
Staff Development, Listener's Association
Financials
Conclusion

Br Mohsin Motala – Complimented everyone and thanked Allah Ta'ala on all the achievements and milestones reached within the last year.

Br Faizel Patel - commented: Jazakallah, to our listeners for supporting us during this difficult year.

Adoption of the Chairman's Address: Br Muhammed Dadabhay moved for adoption and Seconded by Qari Basheer Ahmed Patel.

6) The Audited Financial Statements

Were read and displayed via Microsoft Teams to all online participants by Br Muhammed Mia, it covered all aspects of Radio Islam's finances interalia: Auditors report, income and expenditure statement, profit and loss and balance sheet.

Adoption: Qari Basheer Patel moved for the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements, seconded by Br Muhammed Dadabhay.

7) Appointment of Auditors:

MI Heider A E Dhorat moved for appointment of the same Auditors Karolia and Jeena Inc and MI Habib Bobat seconded it.

8) General:

MI Habib Bobat: We have had complaints from a number of listeners that the sound clarity on the Satellite feed was not great and there was a screeching crackling sound. Has this been resolved?

MI Heider responded: Yes, for the past month there was a screeching/crackling sound, intermittent drop in broadcast. We brought it to the notice of our service provider, SENTECH. They attended to the matter. They came out and told us that the problem is at the radio station. When they inspected our equipment, they said everything is in perfect condition. They then inspected at the Brixton tower. Not finding the problem there, they said the problem could be at the Honeydew Tower. After they inspected the Honeydew Tower, they could not pick up any problem. They decided to change the old equipment (STL Link) for brand-new equipment at the radio station. But the problem was not resolved. They went back to Brixton Tower, Honeydew Tower, the Satellite up linking station; but the problem was still not identified. They then matched the technical specification they use when they have an STL Link: studio to transmitter link. Only then did they identify the problem and resolved the problem. However, two weeks later, the problem reoccurred. SENTECH came out. They attended to the problem. They changed some equipment again. We were very upset with SENTECH. We wrote a letter to the Chief Operating Officer that this has caused us loss of listenership and also loss in terms of revenue. Therefore, they must reimburse us. We are awaiting their response. Unfortunately, there is no other satellite service provider we can go to. Yes, we are also on the DSTV Platform. Alhamdulillah, we do not have any problem with DSTV. A suggestion was made that we have a Fibre Optic line from the radio station to SENTECH's Brixton/Honeydew Towers as a plan B. We are prepared to invest in that. Alhamdulillah, just a week ago we went live with the Fibre Optic line. Currently there is no problem and we hope that it does not happen again.

Br Mohsin Motala: Has there been any more attempts to look at the FM frequency, that can increase our listenership in Gauteng?

MI Heider responded: There are no FM Frequencies available in the Gauteng region. Therefore, in the near future acquiring an FM frequency is looking very bleak.

Vote of Thanks: MI Suliamaan Ravat

Closing Dua by: Qari Bahseer Patel

Chairman
Abdul Hafiz Mahomed