

## Minutes of the Second General Body Meeting of Asha Zurich

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2003**  
**Venue: ETH Zentrum, Zurich**

**Participants:** Arvind Rajendran, Sathya Krishnamurthy, Ravikiran Chiktamarla, Priyanka Belawat, Saikumar Chalasani, Santosh Ansumali, Pramod Prashanth, Chidambaram Narayanan, Vishweshwara Herle, Shyam Nyati, Vikram Krishna, Prakash Dayal, Sushma Bharati, Anantha , Pasha Pavel Godban, N V Venkataraman, Sandeep Chavan, Gaurav Dubey, Vikas Mittal, Pijus Kanti Roy.

1. Sathya started the meeting with a note of welcome and declaring the agenda of the meeting. After showing a short movie clip, Sathya briefly introduced the goals of Asha Zurich.
2. The General Secretary reporting about all the activities undertaken by Asha Zurich since the first GBM in 2002, gave a short presentation.
3. The Treasurer, Santosh Ansumali, presented a detailed financial report for the income and expenses incurred by Asha Zurich till March, 2003. The financial report was previously audited and verified by Anantha, a member of Asha Zurich. Many suggestions and questions were posed and there was a brief discussion as to how to raise and utilize funds efficiently. Financial report can be downloaded from Asha Zurich's web site (<http://www.ashanet.org/zurich>)
4. The Coordinator for Vivekananda Ashram project, Saikumar Chalasani gave detailed update on the progress of Asha Zurich's first project and also answered many queries regarding the project.
5. Vishweshwara Herle, in his presentation, described the new candidate projects, which Asha Zurich is considering for funding in the future. Pros and cons of each project were discussed briefly and the decision on the next project was left open for further Asha meetings.
6. Chidambaram Narayanan announced names of the nominees for Asha Zurich committee and a hand-raising vote was done. The following members were elected

- **President- Sathya Krishnamurthy**
- **General Secretary- Priyanka Belawat-**
- **Treasurer- Pramod Prasanth**
- **Coordinators- Saikumar Chalasani and Vishweshwara Herle.**
- **Editor-** this position has been decided to be left open and an Editor can be appointed by the committee as and when need is there.

7. During the discussion following the meeting several suggestions were made and discussed. Broadly outlining, the topics of discussion are :

- About fundraising
  - Focus on CAYH program- include more and more people under this program
  - Organizing events- small, big, entertaining events, concerts, dinners, novel ideas
- Reaching out and informing people/donors
  - spread Asha Zurich's name in the Swiss community

- reaching out and informing people/donors about the ongoing activities regularly
- Asha Zurich fliers, quarterly/monthly news letter
- Foreign money- always welcome, further discussion with donors
- About projects
  - Maintenance projects-one time investment or constant funding

Asha Zurich will continue to bring hope and happiness on the millions of less fortunate children in India.

Priyanka Belawat  
General Secretary,  
Asha Zurich.