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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting of YOKE Society, held on 4 June 2006

| Date and Time of   | 4 June 2006, 4 PM   |
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| meeting            |   |
| Venue              | Residence of Sri R Venkataraman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Seaward Road, Valmiki Nagar, |
|                    | Chennai   |
| Present at meeting | Sri K V Sampath, Smt Padma Sampath (President, YOKE)                          |
|                    | Sri Rangarajan, Smt Vedavalli Rangarajan (Treasurer, YOKE)                    |
|                    | Sri Ajay Kumar (Secretary)  |
|                    | Sri Rangamani and Smt Vasumathi (Committee Members)                           |
|                    | Sri Totadri   |
|                    | Smt Lakshmi Kannan  |
|                    | Sri R Vasudevan, Smt Chitra Vasudevan (Committee Member)                      |
|                    | Sri Venkataraman, Smt Hema and Smt Ranganayaki                                |
|                    | Smt Ranganayaki (Chithi)  |
| Agenda             | 1. Accounts of previous year to be submitted                                  |
|                    | 2. Resolutions (if any)   |
|                    | 3. Report on Summer Camp  |
|                    | 4. Unfinished agenda  |
|                    | 5. Future projects  |
|                    | 6. Any other matter   |

- Smt Vedavalli presented the accounts for the previous year. This was circulated among all. It was mentioned that clearance under Sec 80G would be applied for. Smt Vedavalli mentioned she will co-ordinate with Sri Parthasarathy on this matter, and will also get the accounts for the last year audited as per requirements.
- Smt Chitra suggested that the subscription of Rs. 100 which was meant to be annual, be made one-time subscription as logistics of collection is becoming a major problem. Since the meeting last year, no further subscriptions have been mobilized and collecting it every year is a problem as members are highly dispersed.

A resolution was passed unanimously that this clause in the Memorandum of Association be amended to make the subscription one-time.

 The Summer camp activities were reported at length and all the photos taken were shown in a slide show. It was mentioned that the participation was good and the camp proved to be rather useful as feedback suggested.



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Smt Chitra Vasudevan said that she met with the Collector of Tirunelveli, Shri Atul Anand, and briefed him about YOKE, and invited him to preside over the Valedictory of the Summer Camp. As the Collector was on transfer, he was not in a position to attend any function officially, and apologized for his inability. However, Shri Anand was pleased with YOKE's efforts and wished us to keep in touch with him wherever his posting might be.

The members were briefed about the camp next. It was mentioned that it went as planned – over five days, with Dr. Sreenivasan (formerly Director – HR & Admin in Dalmiya Cement and currently Faculty in several Management Institutes in Madurai) giving sessions on Goal-setting and Attitude through simple role-play methods; a little project on the village; some Spoken English sessions; music, picnic and a friendly cricket match. Smt Padma helped all through the camp and Sri Venkataraman was present on the last two days, and gave a little talk on the Singapore Success story too.

The participants would let us know how the next camp should be organized – what activities, and how long, and when.

- 4. It was mentioned that the sapling-planting in nandavanam could not happen because the saplings from Kutralam nursery did not arrive on time. They were organized by Sri Oppili, free of cost through his good offices. However, Smt Padma was planning to go back to Kodaganallur the following week and said she would ensure the saplings are planted by the children in one of the temples.
- 5. It was mentioned that during the camp Smt Padma and Smt Chitra met with the school Head Master and discussed requirements at the school. Special coaching classes for students of Classes X and XII, providing of scholarships for meritorious students unable to continue studies because of economic reasons, were suggested. Sri Totadri, Professor of Physics in St. Joseph's Palayankottai was requested give some contacts of colleagues who might be willing to help us in this, for an honororium.

AS another project, planting coconut saplings in the Perumal Kovil nandavanam was put forth.

6. Smt Chitra updated members that the water hyacinth and morning glory clearance at the village had got underway, and finally the banks were being cleared. Some of the camp photos showed the children also being briefed about the endeavour. It was mentioned that this would be pursued with by lobbying with government at center or state to take up the clearance across the entire river stretch.

Meeting came to an end with snacks being served courtesy Smt Hema Venkataraman.

## Minuted by Mr. Ajay Kumar

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