



DISCOVERING YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Association no. 17002

c/o Auhammad Arshad – Ali, Royal Road, Camp Diable

ANNUAL RETURN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**DISCOVERING YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

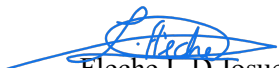
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A: c/o Auhammad Arshad – Ali,
Royal Road, Camp Diable.T: 5906 7296
E: secretary@disyouth.org**STATEMENT OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2024**

(This statement is for the year in respect of which this return is being made. The list of officers for the year following that in respect of which this return is made is produced on a separate sheet)

POST	NAME	ADDRESS	TEL. NO.
President	AUHAMMAD Arshad – Ali	Royal Road, Camp Diable	5701 6521
Vice-President	OOZEERALLY Bibi Sakinah	Gobin Lane, Engrais Martial, Eau Coulée, Curepipe	5822 9840
Vice-President	SOOGUND Jannine Mehari Emilie	Aucuba Lane, Bonne Terre, Vacoas	5786 3323
Secretary	FLÈCHE Louis Desiré Josué	Morcellement Coombes, Les Casernes, Curepipe	5906 7296
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Date: 1 February 2025


Fleche L D Josue
Secretary**RETURN OF MEMBERSHIP AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Total Number of Members on Roll: 269

Total Number of Paid-up Members: 156

Date: 1 February 2025


Fleche L D Josue
Secretary**CONSOLIDATED COPY OF RULES**

The last amendment brought to the rules of the association was registered by the Registrar of Associations in the year 2024 pertaining to the change of name of the Association.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Date: 1 February 2025

Venue: Rose Belle Youth Hub

Time: 08:30

Agenda:

1. Reading and approval of minutes of last AGM (2024)
2. Matters arising from AGM (2024)
3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Vice President – Finance's Report
7. Auditor's Report
8. Approval of Financial Statements 2024
9. Approval of Budget Estimates 2025
10. Approval of by-laws
11. Change of Rules icw membership fees
12. A.O.B

Number of members on roll: 158

Total number of compliant members: 156

Total number of compliant members present: 52 (36 in person and 16 proxy)

Number of members voting by proxy: 16

Quorum required: 47 (30% of 156)

Thereby being a quorum present, the Chairperson of the day, Mr AUHAMMAD Arshad – Ali opened the meeting by welcoming the members and explaining the purpose of the meeting.

1 Reading and approval of minutes of last AGM (2024)

The minutes of proceedings of last AGM (2024) were read and unanimously approved by all members with no amendments.

2 Matters arising from AGM (2024)

The President informed the members that the change of rules requested concerning the changing of name of the Association from Adventurous Dragons to Discovering Youth Association has been approved by the ROA during the course of 2024.

The President also reminded the members that Award Centres were rebranded to Discovering Youth Association – Grand Port, Discovering Youth Association – Savanne and Discovering Youth Association – Flacq last year. So as to reduce confusion and paperwork, the Association had decided to merge all these Award Centres to 'Discovering Youth Association' with Operating Partner Grand Port. The President informed members that despite this merging was approved by the Award Office, it was unable to be completed by the ORB team so far. Hence, any newcomers for the year 2025 would be registered to Discovering Youth Association – Grand Port. He equally stated that he is following up with the Award Office to find a permanent solution to complete the merging within the coming weeks.

3 President's Report

The President started his report by highlighting the success of our first abroad Adventurous Journey, which took place in Rodrigues Island despite a few minor issues. He also mentioned the organisation of a Gold Residential Project after two years, which consisted of the renovation of Southern Handicapped Association School at Plaine Magnien.



The President announced that about 60 people who are now awaiting a Gold Assessment Panel which will be held during the 3rd or 4th week of April on those weeks' Saturday morning. The venue will most likely be the Rose Belle Youth Hub. Moreover, the President reminded the members present that all participants regardless of their level, were all subjected to take part to panels monitored by the Ministry itself.

The President, then shared to those present the success of the Award Ceremony of the year 2024, which was held at the "Hotel de Ville" of Curepipe, where over 150 participants were awarded. He stated that for this year's Award Ceremony, the venue was still being sort out, but potential venues proposed were Holiday Inn Hotel and Serge Constantin Theatre.

The President stated that 2024 marked the first time the Association had two Vice Presidents, each one overseeing distinct areas: Administration and Finance. However, on the 10th January 2025, the Managing Committee decided to put forward a motion during AGM to revoke Emilie Soogund from the Managing Committee. This decision was based on the following reasons:

- Her role required her to assist and oversee the work of the Treasurer, as well as manage access to the Association's bank account. However, these duties ultimately had to be taken over by the President himself. As a Vice – President, she did not even bother to go the bank once during the whole year to gain access to the Bank Account.
- Additionally, she attempted to overturn the disqualification of a participant—a decision that falls under the sole authority of the Office of the Lead Award Coordinator, not the Managing Committee.
- She laid unfounded accusations on the committee and was creating lots of discussions and fights.

Emilie was informed of this decision by the Secretary on the 11th January 2025 and she resigned by email on the 12th January 2025. As such, during the meeting held on the 12th January 2025, Cheshni Tillousing was appointed as the new Vice President (Finance).

4 Secretary's report

The register of members as at the end of December 2024 comprised 269 members.

Number of compliant members: 156

Number of non-compliant members removed in January 2025: 111

The Secretary informed members of the change in office of Rahul Rughoonauth as Treasurer to a Managing Committee member. Due to his demanding work schedule at the time and personal commitments, Rahul was unable to fulfil his duties effectively. Acknowledging this, he requested to step down as Treasurer but expressed his desire to continue serving within the Managing Committee simply as a Managing Committee member. This was unanimously approved by the Managing Committee.

The Managing Committee equally approved a change in office such that Ayush Koomar Neeroo was appointed Treasurer and Vibhav Ramyeed, Assistant Treasurer.

The Secretary summarised the following changes in the structure of the Managing Committee that occurred on 10th January 2025.

Name	Details
NEEROO Ayush Koomar	Appointed as Treasurer
RAMYEAD Vibhav	Appointed as Assistant Treasurer
RUGHOONAUTH Luvlesh Rahul Vickchit	Appointed as Member

On the 12th January 2025, the following changes occurred:

SOOGUND Jannine Mehari Emilie	Resigned
TILLOUSING Cheshni	Appointed as Vice – President (Finance)
GHOORA Ryan	Appointed as Co-Opted member

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Also, Somera Laqksayu and Joseph Laksh Chris Emmanuel were co-opted to the Managing Committee at the AGM for year 2024. Having served his duties, Somera Laqksayu was later dismissed and Ghoora Ryan was then co-opted as member of the Managing Committee.

The Secretary also explained that 111 members who were non-compliant and last paid in 2023 were removed on 10 January 2025. He also explained that due to operational difficulties, we were unable to admit members in 2024 but assured that same will be done during the upcoming Normal Managing Committee meeting before the end of the first quarter of 2025.

The Secretary went through the list of Officers/Auditor for the year 2025.

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5 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Statement Of Receipts And Payments For The Year Ended 31 December 2024 and the Statement Of Assets And Liabilities As At 31 December 2024.

He explained the following items:

For the Financial year ended 31 December 2024, the total amount of income received is Rs 937,728.00 and the total amount spent is Rs 925,174.48.



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Delivering the Award including AJs and Award Ceremony costed Rs 868,042.13 while only Rs 690,110.00 were collected specifically for this purpose, resulting into a deficit of Rs 177,932.13.

Refunds (as income) comprised of the refund made by the Haemophilia Association for the purchase of Camping Equipment, refund for refreshments, refund of deposit for L'hotel de Ville, Refund for use of SVSSS, Refund for Rodrigues Accommodation for Staff use, totalling to Rs 62,800.

Other Income comprised a one-off grant from the National Youth Council of Rs 10,000.

Refunds (as expenses) comprised of refunding participants money they paid for the AJ Rodrigues since there were no place left, amounting to Rs 18,000.

6 Vice President – Finance's report

Income

She analysed that around 5% of income came from Donations, out of which 71.2% were specific contributions collected for Adventurous Journeys (AJs). 2.39% came from GRP Contributions, 6.57% came from Fundraising and 6.7% came from Refunds while only 1.07% came from other income.

Expenditure

93% of expenses were devoted towards delivering The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award which is the main activity of the Association and 3% only were spent in administrative costs.

The 8% decrease in administrative costs shows that the Managing Committee has done a very good job, keeping expenses under control.

Delivery of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

A total of Rs 868,042.13 in 2024 were spent on the delivery of The Award as compared to Rs 173,842.75 in 2023. The reason the figure increased is that there was an Adventurous Journey in Rodrigues and a Gold Residential as well. To note, there was no Gold Residential Project in 2023 for which the total was low. AJ in Rodrigues costed Rs 690,450.00 where Rs 646,310.00 was collected resulting in a deficit of 6%.

In particular, the Association spent less for the Award Ceremony since there were fewer participants and no parents were invited, as compared to 2023 at Cote D'Or. Rebranding and our 5-year celebrations fortunately did not cost a lot. It accounted for only 1% of the total expense.

She equally disclosed that due to an increase in cost of living, the Managing Committee had decided to allocate a stipend of around Rs 300 per day for each assessor for AJs, GRP and Trainings as from this year. This was already approved in 2024 but not implemented due to financial constraints. She insisted that this should be done in 2025.

Matching specific income with expenditure

Activity	Amount raised	Amount spent	Deficit
Adventurous Journeys (local)	Rs 21,350.00	Rs 35,510.08	Rs 14,160.08
Adventurous Journey (Rodrigues)	Rs 646,310.00	Rs 690,450.00	Rs 44,140.00
Award Ceremony	Rs 61,620.00	Rs 76,905.00	Rs 15,285.00

She highlighted the deficit made for the 3 events above.

Overall

The Financial Health of the Associations looks problematic with a surplus of only Rs 12,553.52.

She was of the opinion that the distribution of expenses seems ideal as 93% of these are spent towards delivering The Award; which is our raison-d'être.



She expressed her concern of a lack of surplus, indirect income and a high dependency on targeted donations. Whilst money was raised for the organisation of Adventurous Journeys and for the Award Ceremony, related expenses exceeded income collected by some Rs 73,000. Of course, the biggest deficit coming from AJs.

Having only about Rs 12,000 as a surplus for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2024, she stated that the Association needs more money to fund events, principally the Adventurous Journeys. These costs include purchasing:

1. Stoves
2. Gas cannisters
3. Tents
4. Award Ceremony
5. Other related expenses

To finance the above, she proposed a set of fundraising activities and an increase in entrance and membership fees. She suggested that the one-off entrance fees to be left unchanged and membership fees to be increased by Rs 200, totalling to Rs 500 for new entrants, and Rs 400 for existing members. She highlighted that a motion specific for this will be made later during the meeting.

The fundraising activities that were proposed are:

1. Fun games/ water games
2. A whole-day package trip
3. Food and Fun Day
4. Tombola
5. Any other proposals

Members present agreed to these proposals.

7 Auditor's Report

The President informed members that no issues was encountered during the audit except that two receipts, namely for the stay at "Le Chapo" and payment of the water bottles both from "Sael Vacances" (the travel agency though which we went to Rodrigues) were not yet provided to us. However, the Auditor has directly contacted "Sael Vacances" pertaining to those receipts and has received the confirmations that the expenses were accurate.

The accounts were subsequently finalised, and the Auditor signed the final financial statements and issued an unqualified opinion that the accounts were indeed materially correct.

Moreover, the President shared how the Accounting and Auditing processes usually work. Receipts and Payments are updated on the cash book on Association's Google Classroom by the Treasurers. All invoices are also posted there. The Auditor has permanent access to the platform to consult accounts and audit evidence whenever she wishes.

8 Approval of Financial Statements 2024

The Treasurer presented the final audited accounts and same has been unanimously approved by all members present.

9 Approval of Budget Estimates 2025

The members present approved unanimously the Budgeted Expenditure for the Financial Year 2025 as outlined below:

Expenditure Forecast for the year 2025		
	Financial Authority: B25/	
FA Code	Class & Description	Amount



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B25/DEA	The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award	
B25/DEA/AJ	Adventurous Journeys	Rs 250,000
B25/DEA/AC	Award Ceremony	Rs 75,000
B25/DEA/RP	Gold Residential Project	Rs 50,000
B25/DEA/AS	Award Staff Trainings	Rs 30,000
B25/DEA/AD	Other Award Delivery Expenses	Rs 50,000
B25/PM	Promotional Materials	
B25/PM/PG	Purchase of garments	Rs 50,000
B25/PM/B	Banner & Other	Rs 25,000
B25/ADM	Administrative Expenses	
B25/ADM/ME	Meetings inc AGM	Rs 50,000
B25/ADM/AD	Administrative Expenses including website	Rs 20,000
B25/ADM/PO	Postage	Rs 5,000
B25/ADM/BK	Bank charges	Rs 5,000
B25/ADM/FU	Fundraising activities	Rs 100,000
B25/ADM/SW	Staff/volunteer trainings and welfare	Rs 25,000
B25/AA	Audit and Assurance services	
B25/AA	Audit and Assurance services	Rs 15,000
B25/OFE	Office Expenses	
B25/OFE	Expenses relating to lease of state land for premises and set up	Rs 50,000
B25/GAT	Gatherings	
B25/GAT	EOY and other gatherings	Rs 200,000
	Total	Rs 1,000,000

10 Bylaws

The President shared with the members that for the past years, there were no written policies for the Association apart from the Rules which are very broad. Child protection policies, which enforce the safety of the members who are minors, were equally required to comply with Award requirements. There was also need for an Award policy to explain how the Award works as well as the policy for the staffs, Award Leaders, Assessors or Managing Committee. All these were compiled into the Bylaws of the Association and shared to the members for consultation on the website since 20th January 2025. No comments, suggestions or objects had been reported. The document was hence read by the President, after which he sought the approval from the present members. The members present approved



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to these bylaws and two members were invited to co-sign the document on behalf of all members present. A copy of the bylaws has been published on the website of the Association.

11 Membership increase

The President relaunched the suggestion of the Vice President to amend the rules and increase the amount for membership fees as follows:

Membership Fees proposed new amount: Rs 400 (Rs 200 increase)

Entrance Fees: Rs 100 (unchanged)

All members present unanimously agreed to this change acknowledging the increase in the Association's costs.

12 Any Other Business (A.O.B)

The following businesses were discussed:

- **Abroad Adventurous Journey**

The President shared some more details about the Rodrigues AJ, saying that despite the little inconvenience encountered, this first abroad AJ was a success. He pursued with the announcement that, he wishes for the next abroad AJ shall be held in Dubai in 2027.

- **Award Participation Form**

The President informed the assembly that Award Participation Forms for Duke of Ed will be distributed after the AGM and that they should submit same to the Ministry of Youth's Officer during forthcoming panel.

- **Award Ceremony**

The President stated that the invitations for the 2025 Award Ceremony, as compared to 2024, will not be distributed after the Group Assessment Panels, but in a meeting will be scheduled in May, during which participants will have a proper briefing about how they shall behave and dress for the Award Ceremony.

Thereby being no other business, the Chairperson of the day thanked all the members and closed the meeting at 10:30.

Date: 4 April 2025

Certified a true copy with amendments in A.O.B. point 2

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Fieche Louis Desiré Josué
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MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Date: 1 February 2025

Venue: Rose Belle Youth Hub

Time: 10:30

Members present: 7

Thereby being a quorum present, the Chairperson of the day, Mr Flèche Louis Desiré Josué (being outgoing Secretary) opened the meeting by welcoming the members and explaining the purpose of the meeting.

1. Members present confirmed the appointment the following persons as Officers in the Managing Committee:

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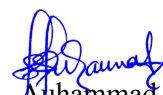
2. The President circulated the Security Bond and requested all concerned officers to sign the document.
3. He requested the Treasurer to do needful to register the new Security Bond with the concerned registries and register a change in drawers (and signatures) for new concerned office bearers at the Bank after having obtained a certified true copy of the Security Bond from the Registrar of Associations.
4. With the view of separating the workload of the 2 **Vice Presidents**, in line with the by-laws, the Managing Committee has decided that Miss Oozeerally Bibi Sakinah shall be the Vice President Administration whilst Miss Tillousing Cheshni will be the Vice President Finance. The 2nd in command in the absence or incapacity of the President shall be the Vice President Administration followed by the Vice President Finance.
However, both Vice Presidents will enjoy the exact same powers as described in the Rules of the Association.

Date: 8 February 2025

Certified a true copy without amendments


Flèche Louis Desiré Josué
Secretary

Date: 9 February 2025


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President

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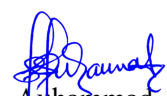
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