## Minutes of Meeting

KEEPING ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS

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## Minutes of meeting: definition

- Minutes of meeting are a written record of what took place at a meeting (Taylor, 2004)
- Minutes are the official records of an organization. It is crucial that they are accurate since they are the legal record of the proceedings and actions of the organization (Sylvester, 2014)
- Minutes should be written in the past tense using third person and reported speech.

## Planning of meeting minutes

- Planning of meeting minute begins with:
  - Drawing up an agenda
  - Circulating a notice

- Name of organization
- Title of meeting: AGM, Directors' meeting etc.
- Date, time, venue
- Main Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising from last minutes
- Opening new branches
- Disciplinary issues
- Any other business (AOB)
- Date of next meeting

## Types of minutes of meeting

- There are basically three types:
  - Verbatim
    - These are used primarily in court reporting, where everything needs to be recorded word for word.
  - Minutes of resolution
    - These record only the main resolutions are reached. They are common in AGMs and other statutory meetings.
      - E.g. Purchase of new printer: The Secretary submitted a report on a purchase of new LaserJet printer. It was resolved that a LaserJet Printer 2055 be purchased at a cost of SR1500.
  - Minutes of narration
    - These are a concise summary of all the discussion that took place, reports received, decisions made and actions to be taken.

## Features of minutes of meeting

- Name of organization
- Title of meeting: AGM, Directors' meeting etc.
- Date, time, venue
- Attendance: Present
- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters arising from last minutes
- Opening new branches
- Disciplinary issues
- Any other business (AOB)
- Adjournment/Date of next meeting
- Signature

#### AURORA HOLDINGS DIC WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 200- AT 1630. Elloon Taylor (Chairman) Jim Cage Robert Fish Ellen McBain Wendy Sheppard Georgia Thomas Will Thomas APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Anthony Long who was attending a list conference. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes had already been circulated and the Chairman signed the a correct record. MATTERS ARISING Will Thomas reported that he and Georgia had visited Reneé Simpson hospital on 16 October to deliver the committee's basket of flowers good wishes for a speedy recovery. Renee said she hopes to return on Monday 4 November and will be able to attend the next committee meeting STAFF RESTAURANT Jim Cage distributed copies of the accounts for the half year ending 31 July. He pointed out that a profit of £1300 was made over the first months of the year. He suggested that some of this be used to buy a see coffee machine as the present one is old and unreliable. It was agreed he would obtain some estimates and discuss this further at the next many WASHROOM FACILITIES

Mr Taylor announced that several complaints had been received absolute female toilets on the second floor. He had investigated the complaint agreed that the need upgrading. Several locks were reported to be form

Miss McBain volunteered to arrange for some local workmen to proestimate on the cost of repairs and to report back at the next meeting

Mr Robert Fish reported that examinations would be held in December

the company's trainees who presently attend evening courses at Com-

plus chipped tiles and poor decoration.

STUDY LEAVE FOR YOUNG TRAINEES

College. He suggested that they should be allowed 2 weeks' study leave prior to their examination.

The Chairman pointed out that it was not within the committee's power to make this decision. She advised Mr Fish to write formally to the Board of Directors asking them to include this item on the agenda of the November Board Meeting. An answer should be obtained before the next meeting.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

Miss Wendy Sheppard passed around sample menus which had been obtained from hotels. After discussion it was agreed that arrangements should be made with the Marina Hotel for Saturday 21 December. Miss Sheppard agreed to make all the necessary arrangements.

#### B ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### B DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 November at 2000.

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## Styles of writing minutes of meeting

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# Open Actions No Action/Discussion Who When Status or comment 1. 2. 3. 4.

## Some terminologies of meeting minutes

- Ad hoc specially for the purpose of...
- Adjourn to stop a meeting until a later date
- Adopt minutes when minutes are accepted by members
- Consensus general agreement
- Convene to call for a meeting
- Motion a proposal at a meeting
- Propose to suggest an idea
- Oppose to speak against a motion/idea suggested by another member
- Quorum a number of people needed to be in attendance for a meeting
- Etc.

## Some things to avoid in minutes writing

- The opinion or interpretation of the secretary
- Judgmental phrases e.g. "heated debate" "valuable comment"
- Discussion: Minutes are a record of what was *done* at the meeting, not what was *said* at the meeting
- Motions that were withdrawn
- Name of seconder is unnecessary

# Thank you