

**The AGM of IFCR at Hilton Hotel,, Colombo on
Wednesday, 16th August**

- **Mike Jackson opened the meeting by welcoming nearly 40 members from 7 countries.**
- **Mike reminded everyone that all games should be played under the Laws of Cricket (eg: if you are dismissed first ball then you are out) unless BOTH captains agree to alter them for that particular game.**
- **The Treasurer, Gerald Anderson, presented the Accounts (attached), which shows a credit balance of 1,540 UK pounds.**
- **The minutes of the 2003 AGM held at the Hunter Valley Festival had previously been circulated and were agreed.**
- **Michael reminded the members that the Constitution of the World Board is “a delegate appointed by their member country (ie: delegates) and chaired by someone who was elected by all members at the AGM.**

It was then proposed that Michael Jackson be Chairman of the World Board until the next World Festival. This was seconded and agreed unanimously.

- **Gordon Dowset suggested that Fellowships are the hidden gems of Rotary, and that it was incumbent on every member of IFCR to promote all Fellowships at every opportunity.**
- **It was unanimously agreed that the next Festival should be hosted by the South Africans and held in Durban in the first week of March 2010.**
- **Members were reminded that the Fellowship has 2 excellent sources of communication. Firstly, the web site, which is well managed by Richard Groom, and secondly the Yahoo Group, organized by Ravi.**
- **Richard congratulated Euan Stirrat on keeping the GB site up to date, and was pleased to note the New Zealanders now had a Web Master. He asked the other 4 countries to either appoint a Web Master, or forward word documents to him so that the site remained current and professional.**
- **Ravi gave an explanation about the different ways the Yahoo site could work, and asked for more e-mail addresses from members.**

- Euan wondered whether these two communication avenues could be linked and this would be explored.
- It was also recommended that everyone interested in the Web Site should have a meeting before the end of the Festival.
- Any Other Business
- It was suggested that World Festivals should be held more regularly. The counter view was expressed that tours by one country to another was the best way of recruiting new members, and one frequent World Festivals would affect these tours.
- Ian Petherick invited everyone to come to Bundeburg, Queensland, in mid October next year for their Festival.
- Suggestions were made about improving the cricket and fellowship at Festivals. These included:
 - Over 55's playing each other
 - A day when all teams are mixed up
 - A six-a-side or double cricket competition.

These ideas would be considered by the South African organizers.

- Nalin was congratulated on running this Festival effectively. Members were told that he is the District Governor Elect, and he plans to ask each of his 60 clubs to identify 3 to 5 schools in their areas who need financial help for such things as water, toilets, books, sports equipment etc. Mike Jackson suggested that a Fund be set up to raise money for these good causes. He said that indications to date suggested US\$6000 had been raised and perhaps a target of US\$25,000 should be set.

He also said that it may be possible to organize Matching Grant monies, and suggested that David Askin, the District 1210 expert would be the best conduit for this.

Nalin stated that he would shortly set up a web site on which all the needs of Sri Lankan schools would be listed. He thanked everyone for helping the Sri Lankan children by investing in their future.

- The Meeting closed on this positive note.