

# OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

## Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho  
President

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.2012

VENUE: 81OAKRIDGE STREET NORWCH CONNECTICUT O6360.

ATTENDANCE: In attendance during the meeting were:

- (1) Mr. PETERS Etametite
- (2) Mrs. NORA Etametite
- (3) Mr. JULIUS Anighoro
- (4) Mrs. GOLD Anighoro
- (5) Miss. DIVINE Anighoro
- (6) Mr. EMMANUEL Idogho
- (7) Mr. AUSTIN A.P. Osio
- (8) Mrs. ANTOINETTE Osio
- (9) Mr. MICHAEL Abamwa
- (10) Miss. KEVWE Abamwa
- (11) Miss. TEJIRI Abamwa
- (12) Mr. LUCKY Abamwa
- (13) Miss. NEFE Abamwa
- (14) Master. TOBORE Abamwa

The meeting commenced at about 5:35 pm when the secretary sounded the association slogan "ISIO" and the house responded "ILO". The president then called on Mr. AUSTIN Osio for the opening prayer.

### FINANCE

(1) Mr. AUSTIN A.P. Osio	\$40:00
(2) Mr. LUCKY Abamwa	\$20:00
(3) Mr. MICHAEL Abamwa	\$20:00
(4) Mr. PETERS Etametite	\$20:00
(5) Mrs. NORA Etametite	\$20:00
(6) Mr. JULIUS Anighoro	<u>\$20:00</u>
	<u>\$140:00</u>

### READING OF JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>. 2012, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.

The minutes of the above mentioned general meeting was read by the general secretary on the floor of the house to the hearing of every one. First to comment on the read minutes was Mr. Lucky Abamwa who said the message of absents sent in through the president by Mr. Uwanogho, Alex and others was not acceptable because for a reasonable period of time now we have not seen these same people in the meeting even when the meeting was reschedule to accommodate their busy commitments.

Also Mr. Julius Anighoro, following the reading of the minutes observed that the issue of monthly dues as deliberated upon during the meeting was not contained the minutes as read. According to him there is so much complain on the issue of the monthly dues and it is a reason given by other members for not attending meetings. On his part Mr. Lucky Abamwa said he didn't pay monthly dues during the meeting because he too like others opposes the individual payment as against the family. With these observations effected the May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 minutes was amended to accommodate these matters. The president then asked the house to accept the minutes as amended. Mrs. Nora Etametite moved to accept the minutes while Mr. Michael Abamwa seconded her.

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### MATTERS ARISING

The president told the house that the check booklets and other books material relating to the previous account which the house approved for destruction had been destroyed.

Another matter that arose was that of association money with financial secretary Mr. Lucky Emadu. On this matter the president told the house that Mr. Lucky Emadu had not responded to mails sent to him nor had he returns his phone call and messages left for him. The president informed the house that because of this attitude he decided to briefed Mr. Alex Uwanogho who is his close friend the matter. Mrs. Antoinette Osio and Mr. Michael Abamwa then asked the president how long now he spoke to Mr. Uwanogho and what feedback he got from him. On his part Mr. Lucky Abamwa asked the president if there was any signed document to show that Mr. Lucky Emadu received the said amount of money from Mr. Ben Emareyo in case the association wants to take legal action to show as evidence. The president said there are because he received all the association materials from Mr. Ben Emareyo when he unceremoniously resigned as the secretary and his personal check been part of the money that he attempted to catch from the bank. Following this development Mr. Lucky Abamwa then suggest we get a receipt booklet so we could issue a receipt for all payments. Mr. Austin A.P Osio supported Mr. Lucky Abamwa suggestion of the receipt. Mr. Lucky Abamwa further suggests a legal action to recover the money as well as the legal bills if there is no positive result from him. On her part Mrs. Gold Anighoro asked if delegates had been sent to financial secretary regarding the money. Her question was answered by the president who told the house that several efforts had been made all to no avail. Mrs. Gold Anighoro and Mrs. Antoinette Osio insist we send people to him. Lucky Abamwa then urged president to follow up Mr. Alex Uwanogho and stress the consequences of Mr. Lucky Emadu's behavior to him. The house agreed that Mr. Uwanogho should be followed up for two weeks and if nothing fruitful comes out a third letter be sent to him with the next general meeting as a deadline after which a legal action would be considered.

Another matter that arose was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ovie of Ogor HRM Onajite Adjara111 newspaper publication in Nigeria price sourcing by the publicity secretary. He reported to the house that from his finding the time for the publication is too short to secure a space in the newspapers. Same message he earlier passed to the general secretary but there was some communication gap in the process. Mr. Lucky Abamwa then suggests we send a congratulatory card to him. On their part Mrs. Nora Etametite, Mrs. Antoinette Osio and Mr. Michael Abamwa are of the view we forget about what to do since the celebration is past while Mr. Austin Osio suggest we plan for next year.

Another matter that arose was that of letter said to be written to the four kings for their biographies and other information's of their various kingdom. The general secretary told the house that he did write the said letter when asked by Mr. Michael Abamwa why the letter was not written that such request letter cannot just be sent to them without money for kola nut. To Mrs. Nora Etametite the explanation by the general secretary is an evidence of failed assignment but Mr. Julius Anighoro saw the explanation reasonable even added that not only do we need to include money but that somebody has to be physically present to deliver the mails to the kings. Monetary contribution was suggested by the president in the next general if it became necessary that we go ahead with the plan. Mr. Lucky Abamwa then suggests we used Chief Godwin Emcho as a link between the association and the kings. He therefore nominated general secretary to contact chief Emecho on the assignment. The general secretary declined the assignment stressing that a neutral person who have no personal relation with chief Emecho be given this responsibility. To this end Mrs. Gold Anighoro therefore nominated Mr. Lucky Abamwa to carry out the assignment she was supported by Mr. Michael Abamwa. Even though he was nominated, Mr. Lucky Abamwa insists that someone who knows chief Emecho like the general secretary is in a better position to do it. His reason for decline was seconded by Mr. Austin Osio. The general secretary was therefore to reach out to Chief Godwin Emecho on how to get to the kings

### OTHER BUSINESS

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Other matters that came under discussion during the meeting were:

Closure of the association account with JP. Morgan, Chase. The President told the house that the monthly maintenance fees of \$18:00 on the account is dwindling the account since we don't have the minimum balance of five thousand dollars (\$5000:00). He therefore suggest the account be closed and a new open with TD Bank which require a minimum balance that association can conveniently and easily met The house unanimously agreed the account be open with TD Bank as explained by the president. Another issue that was discussed and voted on was change of general meeting day of the association. Mr. Michael Abamwa suggested the meeting day be change to Saturday. The president seconded the suggested new day of the meeting. The issue was put to vote. A total of nine (9) votes were cast out of which six (6) were in favor of Saturday and three (3) were in favor of Sunday. Going by the rule of democracy wins. So every first Saturday of every other month would now be the meeting as against Sunday. Next general meeting comes up September 1<sup>st</sup> at the secretariat except there is a host.

At this point Mr. Lucky Abamwa moved for adjournment of the meeting. He was seconded by Mr. Michael Abamwa and Mrs. Antoinette Osio.

Before the closing prayer which was said by Mr. Lucky Abamwa at 8:45 pm, the president thanks everyone for finding time to attend the meeting.

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