



KHALSA CENTRE



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Memorandum to Members

Further Investigations

Although I was originally appointed by the Charity Commission to create a new and accurate Membership Register for the purpose of running the Election of Trustees, as announced in my recent notice of the EGM, the Charity Commission have today extended my remit to include investigations into cash handling and other activities in the Centre Office.

As a result of this I have appointed as Administration Officer for the time being, John Decruz-Young, chartered accountant, who will assist Sudhir Singh and his team from MacIntyre Hudson with investigations into the Charity's accounts and will for the time being run the Khalsa Office in relation to its financial and administrative activities. The Administration Officer will be working in the Khalsa Office with effect from 10am on Friday 31st January; at present he will be working for 2 hours per day during the week. If the work requires more of his time than that, I will consider extending his hours but, as this will be a cost for the charity, I would be slightly reluctant to do so.

Pending investigations, I am suspending Mr Satpal Singh Rayit from the Khalsa Centre Office. He will be entitled to be in the Gurdwara for prayer and other activities as would any other member of the Gurdwara but, while suspended, he will not be entitled to give any instruction or orders, Indeed he is not the President of the Gurdwara, a role which can only be held by a trustee and, as you know there are no trustees in post and will be none until after the election on 16th February.

Neither I nor the Administration Officer have the capacity to be involved in the many religious, catering and social care activities of the Gurdwara and I would ask senior members to arrange amongst themselves who would volunteer to take on the work that Satpal Singh Rayit has in fact performed for several years. If all goes well with the forthcoming Election on 16th February, a new group of trustees will be able to organise these activities.

Satpal Singh Rayit has been nominated as a trustee and, to avoid any doubt, that nomination has **not** been suspended. Mr Bhagwant Singh will be entitled to remain in the Khalsa Centre Office as a volunteer, if he wishes, but will work to the orders of the Administration Officer and ultimately to me.

Members will appreciate that while the investigation is ongoing, I will be unable to comment on matters in that connection. That should not prevent members from sending me their comments if they so wish but I will not be entering into any correspondence with members unless the investigating team need information. Ultimately the result of any investigation will be passed to the

Charity Commission and other proper authorities as well as to the newly-elected board of trustees (Executive Committee).

I look forward to seeing you all at the EGM at 10am on 16th February and to a calm and peaceful election process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael King', followed by a stylized flourish.

Michael King
Interim Manager

30th January 2014