

THE HIMALAYAN APPLE GROWERS SOCIETY, INDIA.

DRAFT MINUTES

Place of meeting: PWD REST HOUSE, HATKOTI

Type of meeting: Face to Face

Called by: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Participants		
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rajeev Chauhan – Chairman Balwant Justa – President Hardev Thakur - Treasurer Rajesh Dhanta – Spokesperson Vineet Sarjolta - Secretary Rajinder Chhajta – Member Karan Datta – Member Other Participants		Absentees;
S.No.	Description of Item	Responsible
	Welcome and approval of Agenda	Rajeev Chauhan
1	Govt.'s decision to standardize apple cartons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was discussed at length amongst the members present at the meeting. It is a welcome step. However, the implementation is not right. - The Govt. should take all stakeholders into confidence while taking such important decisions. - Lot of confusion prevails amongst growers regarding this issue and growers are facing problems in the markets. - Instead of weight, size of the fruit should be criteria to determine and establish benchmark for the whole industry. 	All present members
2	Non payment of dues by commission agents to growers for the 2013 season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many growers are still awaiting their payments for the last season. They demand strict action against these defaulting agents. - Govt. needs to deal with such agents strictly so that growers do not suffer because of this. - The licence issuing authority needs to revoke their licenses so that more growers do not suffer because of them. - In future Govt. needs to implement strict guidelines like bank guarantees/ collaterals are attached of agents before they are granted licenses. - All growers with outstanding payments should send their details along with defaulting agents name to the society so that it can take up these cases to resolve them at the earliest. 	All present members
3	Society Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The society has made an arrangement with the Growers Union, Kuddu. All resources will be pooled on a 50% sharing bases. HAGS will open a office in Kuddu and staff will be appointed shortly. - Some more information is required for the website hence all members are requested to contribute with information. - An additional order of 10 LPG operated cannons will be placed with the vendor. - Some members made additional donations to the society. All the other members were requested to come forward and make generous donations to the society account. 	All present members Vineet Sarjolta Vineet Sarjolta Hardev Thakur