

ZAH Sports Committee Report - AGM 2015

Major Sporting Events (Sept 2014 to Aug 2015)

We had planned four major events during the year beginning with the annual TT Tournament, the Houston-Dallas Cricket match, Houston ZAH Olympics, and Bowling (as an offsite event) in the summer.

The TT tournament was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, participants & spectators.

The next event, the Houston-Dallas cricket match unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute because of weather. Dallas then did not have another date available.

We did have an impromptu event in March when we organized the screening of the Cricket World Cup Final match between Australia & New Zealand.

We tried to hold the ZAH Olympics in the spring but had to cancel the event because of very poor response. Let's put it this way – there was almost no response!!

The final event of the year was the bowling event at Funplex which was a huge success and enjoyed by young and not so young alike. Everybody liked the food because we ran out within 15 minutes. **This event was sponsored/hosted totally by the Sports Committee at NO COST to members.**

During the year there were some lessons learned and some opportunities to make adjustments towards the next year events. However, from overall feedback we received from the attendees, the entire year was a tremendous success.

Costs

The Sports Committee has worked very hard to keep the cost of each event as low as possible in order to make it affordable and to ensure large turnouts. We are pleased to mention that all our events were self-funded and all related costs were covered as a result of the generosity of our members and those attending the events.

Closing

Over the course of a couple of years we have seen the attendance go down substantially at sporting events, even though advertised well in advance; which has forced us to cancel some events. We also like to mention that the participation at Sporting events is mostly from 50+ category and we like to see more of the younger generation also participate. We encourage all to participate as much as you can. Any suggestions about events, new ideas etc are always welcome. We are also looking for fresh younger members to come on board the Sports Committee. Please contact any member and join, it's a lot of fun to be away from iPhones, iPad and Electronic games ☺ for a few hours

The Sports Committee would like to thank the Executive Committee for their support and encouragement throughout the year. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our Donors for their unstinted support and generosity for digging deep into their pockets without any hesitation.

Last but not the least we would like to thank all the Committee members along with their families as well as all the volunteers who spent tireless hours assisting us to make all these events a great success. Looking forward to a better 2016!

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