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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 52 of 2000

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Friends of Mr. Biswas and for matters incidental thereto

[Assented to 29th September, 2000]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago, an Organization known as the Friends of Mr. Biswas: Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said Friends of Mr. Biswas be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Friends of Mr. Biswas (Incorporation) Act, 2000.

Incorporation of Association

2. The Friends of Mr. Biswas (hereinafter called "the Association") is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objectives

3. The aims and objectives of the Association are to manage and develop the Naipaul House at Nepal Street as a Museum and International Study Library for:

(a) education;

(b) cultural tourism (local and international); and

(c) research on the writings of the Naipaul family, Trinidad and Tobago Literature and West Indian Literature.

Powers of the Association

4. The Association shall have the power to:

(a) employ persons to supervise and organize and carry on the work of the Association;

(b) arrange and provide for, or join in arranging and providing for, the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses;

(c) collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting such objectives and exchange such information with other bodies having similar objectives, whether in Trinidad and Tobago or overseas;

(d) undertake, execute, manage or assist any charitable trust which may lawfully be undertaken, executed, managed or assisted by the Association;

(e) procure or write and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents or films or recorded tapes as shall further such objectives;

(f) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;

(g) make regulation for the use of any property which may be so acquired;

(h) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage, let or otherwise dispose of and deal with any property or assets of the Association;

(i) accept gifts and borrow or raise money for such objects on such terms and on such security as shall be thought fit;

(j) procure contributions to the Association by personal or written appeals, public meetings, donations, annual subscriptions, covenants or otherwise (provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the charitable objects hereof);

(k) invest or apply the money of the Association not immediately required for such objects in or on such investments, securities or property as the Committee may think fit; and

(l) do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of such objects.

Mode of execution of documents

5. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall, be sealed with its common seal for the Association in the presence of the Chairman and

Secretary for the time being in office, or in the event of incapacity, unwillingness to act, or absence from the territory, in the presence of some other person or persons authorized for that purpose by the Association who shall sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association.

Service of documents

6. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any changes thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served to the Association may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post, to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

Power to make rules

7. The Association may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules may be amended from time to time.

Saving of State and other rights

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any body politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in the Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 15th day of August, 2000.

D. DOLLY
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 25th day of August, 2000.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT
Clerk of the House

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