

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL
ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1230 HRS ON 19 DEC 2021
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

1. The following members were present in the meeting: -

(a)	Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**,ADC(Retd)	-President (In Chair)
(b)	Col AC Talwar (Retd)	-Member
(c)	Shri Daya Shankar Mishra	-Member
(d)	Shri Manoj Ku Sharma	-Member
(e)	Mrs Indu Talwar	-Member
(f)	Ms Anuja Sehgal	-Member
(g)	Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)	-Member
(h)	Shri Barun Ray	-Member
(i)	Shri Ajit Singh	-Member
(j)	Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar, VM(Retd)	-Member
(k)	Ms Rukmini Chandran	-Member
(l)	Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar	-Member
(m)	Shri Naveen Chamoli	-Member
(n)	Shri Himmat Singh Rathore	-Member
(o)	Shri Nimal Singh Rathore	-Member
(p)	Shri Manjul Rawat	-Member
(q)	Gp Capt Jayashankar	-Member
(r)	Smt Neelofar	-Member
(s)	Shri Zamir Ahmed	-Member
(t)	Shri Ashok Dharmani	-Member
(u)	Shri Raj K Kapoor	-Member
(v)	Kr KN Singh	-Member
(w)	Ms Suman Singh	-Member
(x)	Col Aman Yadav	-Member
(y)	Shri Pankaj Garg	-Member
(z)	Col CK Singh	-Member
(aa)	Col Nitin Singh	-Member
(ab)	Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal	-Member
(ac)	Ms Divyadarshini	-Member
(ad)	Ms Seema	-Member
(ae)	Shri Tonmoy Mitra	-Member
(af)	Shri Bhagwan Das Roopwani	-Member
(ag)	Shri Yash Dharmani	-Member
(ah)	Shri Kazim Bhatt	-Member
(ai)	Shri Rakesh Singh	-Member
(aj)	Shri Yomesh Singh	-Member
(ak)	Shri Praveen Singh	-Member

(al)	Cdr Rajiv Sardana	-Member
(am)	Mrs Archana Sardana	-Member
(an)	Shri Ayush Sardana	-Member
(ao)	Mr Alok Choudhary	-Member
(ap)	Mr Parth Rinwa	-Member
(aq)	Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)	-Member
(ar)	Col SK Nagpal (Retd)	-Member
(as)	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

2. Since only 45 members were present at 1230 hrs on 19 Dec 2021 for the AGM, and as it did not constitute 30 percent of total membership, the meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum. All present were informed and notice was put up on the Notice Board that AGM would now be held at 1300 hrs on 19 Dec 2021 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

3. The following members reassembled at 1300 hrs on 19Dec 2021.

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PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

4. At the very outset **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan AVSM,VSM**,ADC (Retd)** President NAF extended a warm welcome to all present.
5. The President thereafter asked the Executive Director **WgCdr KK Verma (Retd)** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

6. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on 22 Nov 2020.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 22 Nov 2020, which had been circulated to all members and on which no comments had been received till date, be considered as ratified. **Minutes of AGM were ratified by Mr Barun Ray and seconded by Col AC Talwar. It was then unanimously ratified by all present.**
7. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2020-21.** The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2020-21.

Points by the President

8. **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that NAF is passing through financial difficulties arising due to pandemic for last two years. Due to pandemic and other reasons, NAF couldn't get funds allotment from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt of

India. In view of the financial situation, we must look at alternate means of revenue including at the state level. In addition to doing their activities, our Chapters should contact local colleges and corporates for adventure programs. HQ NAF will and can assist each Chapter for the same. He gave example of Chattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Tamilnadu Chapter who are taking initiatives. He requested EC members to suggest other revenue generating activities.

9. **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, annual subscription for Chapters was reduced to 75 percent for the FY 2020-21 based on their category as per the Executive Council meeting held on 22 November 2021. Approximately one-third Chapters have paid their subscription for FY 2020-21. 10 Chapters have not paid for the FY 2020-2021. They are being requested to pay the subscriptions. The same 75 percent relief has been extended to FY 2021-22. We have received subscription from few chapters while subscriptions from others are still awaited. Directors are being requested to take personal interest and give subscription on priority. Regular reminders are being sent to all.

10. **CAG Audit.** It is good to inform that CAG audit which had been pending for last more than five years was finally carried out due to sincere efforts of NAF HQ. A compliance audit for FY 2015-16 to FY 2020-21 of National Adventure Foundation, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was carried out by Auditors from office of the Directorate General of Audit (Home, Education & Skill Development), Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi 110002 from 23 Nov to 07 Dec 2021. There were no major points, however; five points likely to be raised by auditors are given below. These will be replied to in due course of time and the points will be closed.

- (i) Short deduction of depreciation amounting to Rs.1,57,343/- in FY 20-21.
- (ii) Inappropriate maintenance of annual accounts eg. Under-statement of liabilities and assets, difference in Fixed Deposits instruments, difference in accrued interest. These are procedural issues and will be resolved.
- (iii) Irregularities in selection of beneficiaries by Chapters for conducting adventure activities.
- (iv) Non-recovery of outstanding subscription fees amounting to Rs.7.53 lakh from FY 2015-16 to FY 2020-21 from Chapters.
- (v) Irregular purchase of Zorb Ball amounting to Rs.70,000/- in the FY15-16.

AGENDA POINTS

11. Re-Appointment of the Present Chartered Accountant, Sri Raj K Sri & Co.

(i) Appointment of the present CA, Sri Raj K Sri & Co for the Financial Year 2021-22 was recommended since they had been performing very well during the past few years.

(ii) **Decision.** Proposal was approved and ratified unanimously.

12. NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2020-21. The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the AGM Members present.

Presentation of 'NAF Achiever 2020-21' Award

13. Based on outstanding contribution in the field of Adventure, as part of the Bihar Chapter NAF **Mr Rajesh Kumar Mishra and Col SK Nagpal** were selected for the NAF Achiever 2020-21 Award. The President thanked Ms Reshma Krishnan, Chairman Matha College of Technology, Kerala who very graciously, donated Rs 11,000/- for the same. The individual award consisted of a cash prize of Rs.7500/- each with a suitable citation as the 'Annual NAF Achiever Award' for the year 2020-21.

Election of President and Nine Members of Executive Council for the Next Three Years 2021-2024

14. The Executive Director then, proceeded with the next agenda points i.e. Election of the President and Nine Members of the Executive Council of the Foundation for the next three years i.e. upto the AGM in 2024. He explained in detail the procedure to be followed in this regard. He explained that according to the Bye Laws of the Foundation, the result of the election was to be decided by the "Show of Hands". He also explained that the Govt Servants were not eligible for Election for a second term, according to rules. He further explained the details of the modalities of the elections to be followed.

15. **Shri Barun Ray**, Director West Bengal Chapter NAF was requested to extend assistance to hold elections and preside over the election proceedings. **Shri Barun Ray** kindly agreed to do so.

16. **Election of NAF President for the Next Three Years 2021-2024.** Col SK Nagpal (Retd) and Col RK Bhushan (Retd) among others, proposed the name of **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** for the President of the Foundation. Since there were no other names proposed for the appointment of President NAF, **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** was, unanimously declared elected President of the Foundation for the next three years i.e. upto the AGM in 2024.

17. **Election of Nine Executive Council Members for the Next Three Years 2021-2024.** Since the President, NAF heads the NAF Executive Council, he is unanimously elected as a member of the NAF Executive Council along with nine elected members for a term of three years, i.e. upto the AGM in 2024: -

(a) **Elected Members.** The name of following members were read and thus unanimously elected as NAF Executive Council members.

- (i) Mrs Bimla Negi Deoskar
- (ii) Mrs Sushma Bissa
- (iii) Mrs Indu Talwar
- (iv) Ms Anuja Sahgal
- (v) Col SK Nagpal (Retd)
- (vi) Col Ravinder Nath (Retd)
- (vii) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar, VM (Retd)
- (viii) Kr KN Singh
- (ix) Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd)

(b) There was no objection or comment raised by any member. **Mr Barun Ray** declared all nine members and President elected for three years, upto the AGM in 2024. The election was endorsed by the members.

Points By Members

18. **Mr Ajit Singh**, Director NAF Chapter Jharkhand wanted that NAF HQ should take up case for reduction of GST from 18% to 5%. It will reduce the financial burden on adventurers. However, **Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)** explained that there had been enough discussion at top level in Govt to reduce the GST on adventure sports activities so there is no point of

doing anything now. We have to continue paying GST without delay otherwise we are liable to be penalised. It was noted by other members.

19. **Mr Manjul Rawat**, Director NAF Chapter Uttarakhand spoke about accepting adventure as a career. He reminisce about his days when he joined AGM in 1992 as participant. He was emotional when he said that adventure is a 'Rozi-Roti' for him and many others like him. He informed members that there was tremendous scope for all kind of adventure activities in the State like Uttarakhand and NAF members should take advantage.

20. **Col CK Singh (Retd)**, Director NAF Chapter, briefed about scope of adventure activities in UP. He was sad to inform that UP Govt haven't provided enough support to carry out adventure activities. The President assured him of all assistance and requested that name of Officer/Secy in UP State Govt dealing with adventure sports be provided to him so that he could invite to the State Govt.

21. **Mr Mihir Mondal**, Director NAF Chapter WB-Paschim opinion that all NAF Directors should get one ID card. It will give identity to Directors over their peer member. He wanted that help should come from NAF headquarter.

22. **Ms Rukmini Chandran**, Director NAF Chapter Karnataka II told that NAF should appear on Government websites. The head of other institutions should attend the NAF meeting. President NAF informed that selected head of institutions are members of NAF. She also recommended that two or three Chapter Directors should be on the Executive Committee. It was highlighted that the same had been examined in the past and the proposal not accepted since it would lead to conflict of interest.

23. **Kr KN Singh**, Executive Council member expressed full faith on NAF working. He showed full confidence on President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)**. He informed that all Chapters should endeavor to make as among more members as possible in order to popularise NAF.

24. **Mr Rajkumar Gupta**, Advocate from Meerut, a friend of Brigadier Gyan Singh expressed his view that a statue should be constructed in Meerut so that youths can get inspiration from this great man. He requested NAF to coordinate with Meerut administration

for this task. He is ready to provide local help in whatever way possible. President agreed to look into this idea and see how could it be done.

25. Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** briefed about few emerging issues -

- (a) **Training and Certification** – There have been some serious efforts in making NAF Chapters as ‘Training Centres’ for selected adventure sports. NAF headquarters have received few proposals from Chapters. It is required to know which Chapter would like to become nodal training center for which adventure activity. President requested Chapters to forward their case with necessary justification, qualification of experts etc. Chapters should also forward syllabus, so that the same can be standardized across all Chapters.
- (b) **Automation of Membership** - It is part of long-term strategic planning to ensure that NAF gets desired momentum to move on and build future through self-generating revenue system. More members mean more activities and desired impetus. We are sincerely working on increasing members, affiliates and Chapters. In this direction, automation of Membership is completed. Membership form is available on our website. New adventurers can fill the form on line and make payment through Razor Pay. These features need to be given wide publicity.
- (c) **New Membership /Affiliation.** Through various programmes like Rajasthan Adventure Day, National Adventure Day and NAF Day even in lockdown situation in last one year, NAF is proud to announce that 43 new life members were attracted and 04 Affiliates were made during this time.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Members added</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	24	120000
2017	10	50000
2018	18	90200
2019	24	120000
2020	16	80000
2021	43	219300

26. Commendations. The President brought out that:-

- (a) **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)** had been playing a yeoman's role, both as the 'Editor of NAFER' as also in terms of conducting Amity & OBT Programmes. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director had in a short period been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF.
- (b) The NAF Staff **Neelam Rawat, Mahesh Chand** and part time Accountant **Shri Madhukant Mishra** had also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

CONCLUSION

Remarks by the President

27. The President stated that while financially we may not have received funds but in other manner it had been a reasonably fruitful and successful year for the NAF. The President further exhorted all to be more responsive and interacting, to draw strength from each other. He advised all to keep in touch with the NAF National HQ as well as the Chapters.

28. We all know that NAF has earned its name through very committed work; we all should try our best to ensure that it is maintained. The name of the organization can't be compromised. No unlawful activities will be acceptable.

29. The President asked for closer interaction with IMF, HMI, Bharat Scouts & Guides etc. Our Chapters should look for any such opportunity. He also requested that suggestions, views and recommendations, as asked for in various matters, be sent by the dates as indicated so that the 'follow up' action can be taken by the NAF National HQ.

Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

30. Executive Director thanked the President, for presiding over the AGM and all the members present for extending full cooperation towards the successful conduct of elections.

31. There being no other points, the meeting was declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date: 27 Jan 2022.


Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director