MINUTES OF MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION HELD AT 1230 HRS ON 11 DEC 2022 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 Manoj Kumar Sharma	-Member
(d)	Mrs Indu Talwar	-Member
(e)	Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)	-Member
(f)	Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar, VM (Retd)	-Member
(g)	Shri Naveen Chamoli	-Member
(h)	Shri Manjul Rawat	-Member
(i)	Smt Neelofar	-Member
(j)	Shri Zamir Ahmed	-Member
(k)	Shri Tonmoy Mitra	-Member
(I)	Shri Kazim Bhatt	-Member
(m)	Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)	-Member
(n)	Col SK Nagpal (Retd)	-Member
(0)	Y Srinivas Rao	-Member
(p)	Vishal Thakur	-Member
(q)	Mr Safar Ahmed	-Member
(r)	Mr Rohitashwa Bissa	-Member
(s)	Mr RK Sharma	-Member
(t)	Manoj K Kaushik	-Member
(u)	Nayab Khan	-Member
(v)	Rajkumar Gupta	-Member
(w)	Col SP Malik	-Member
(x)	Shailendra Jhawadiya	-Member
(y)	Safeer Safar	-Member
(z)	Vikas Unniyambath	-Member
(aa)	Rakesh Goel	-Member
(ab)	Nalin Agarwal	-Member
(ac)	Kazim Riyaz	-Member
(ad)	Maj KS Dhami	-Member
(ae)	Brig Jag Varma	-Member
(af)	Brig Ravi Kumar	-Member
(ag)	Col Ravinder Nath	-Member
(ah)	Lt Gen G.L Bakshi	-Member
(ai)	Mrs. Indu Talwar	-Member
(aj)	Dr Sushma Bissa	-Member
(ak)	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

2. Since only 36 members were present at 1230 hrs on 11 Dec 2022 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 11Dec 2022 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

3. The following members reassembled at 1300 hrs on 11Dec 2022.

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(ai) (aj) (ak)	Mrs. Talwar Dr Sushma Bissa Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Member -Member -Executive Director

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 **Wg Cdr 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 19 Dec 2021. Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 19 Dec 2021, 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. Manoj Kumar Sharma and seconded by Col AC Talwar. It was then unanimously ratified by all present.

7. Points by the President

- a) Financial Health of NAF The President informed all that NAF is having tough times as 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 can assist each Chapter for the same. He informed the house about the significant developments with other Ministries like Ministry of Aviation and Ministry of Tourism.
- b) National Air Sports Policy 2022. National Air Sports Policy 2022 (NASP 2022) was issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. We need to remember its vision India as one of the top Air Sports nation by 2030. In view of these developments, NAF needs to be proactive to achieve its goal. NAF has potential expertise and resources to contribute towards the Govts vision.
- c) National Board of Adventure Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism has formed National Board of Adventure Tourism to develop adventure tourism in the

country. I am happy to inform that President NAF is a special invitee in the meeting of this board. Two meeting have taken place. NAF is trying to get some work and funds from Ministry of Tourism. Executive Director is in touch with Ministry to get some work as a pilot project.

In view of India getting President-ship of G20, the Prime minister has declared that this is a good opportunity for our tourism sector too. Accordingly, 2023 has been declared as the Year of Adventure Tourism by the MoT. The MoT is in the process of drafting a strategy for adventure tourism in the country. The main five points raised in the board proceedings are –

- i) Assessment and Ranking of states in adventure tourism.,
- ii) Skill, Capacity building and Certification of operators.
- iii) Marketing and promotion of destinations and activities.
- iv) Adventure Tourism Law for safety management.
- v) National and State rescue grids including establishment of Adventure Tourism Rescue Centres (ATRC).
- d) Meetings and Proposals. The President briefed the EC members about his various meetings with heads of AICTE, KVS and with the Secretaries in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Ministry of Tourism. He also gave them an update on the National Aero Sports Policy and the Policy on Adventure Tourism. He also informed them about the two proposals (Pilot project for Skill Development and for Global Adventure Seminar cum Exhibition) forwarded by him to the Ministry of Tourism (MoT). The first proposal is for creating a common curriculum for management of adventure activities in consultation with Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism Management (IITTM) and thereafter imparting training and certification of operators in remote areas. The second proposal, in line with MoT agenda of marketing and promotion, is for NAF to conduct a two day seminar cum exhibition for adventure operators.

8. Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2021-22. The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2021-22.

- a) Annual Subscription from Chapters. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, annual subscription for Chapters was continued at 75 percent for the year 2021 based on their category as per the decisions of last Executive Council meeting held on 19th Dec 2021. Some Chapters have paid Annual Subscription but some are still due. But for this year i.e. 2022, normal subscriptions have been restarted as adventure activities have begun. We have received subscriptions from few Chapters however others need to expedite.
- b) AMITY Programmes. Two programs were done in the beginning post Pandemic, one for Amity PG students in Dec 2021 and another for UG students in Mar 2022. They were well received and now fresh programs have started on regular basis from Aug 2022. 5 programs have been done for UG students. The programs for PG students have been received and are being conducted this month in Dec 2022.
- c) NAF Activities and Events. NAF conducted during last year-

i) Rajasthan Adventure Day. Like last year, this year too we conducted Rajasthan Adventure Day on 14 Feb 2022. It was One-day programme at various Chapters of NAF on the Second Death Anniversary of Mr Magan Bissa ji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organised a day program on 14 Feb 2022 along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, UP-II etc. Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a rich tribute to Mr Magan Bissa ji.

ii) National Adventure Day. On the occasions of birth anniversary of our founder Brig Gyan Singh, NAF decided to celebrate one-month long programme starting from 12 March to 12 April 2022 at various locations of NAF Chapters as National Adventure Day. These were organized by our Chapters with vigor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, NAF headquarters planned two events:-

a. **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2022 -** Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2022 has been instituted from this year onwards. We received a total of 10 entries/recommendations for the award. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2022 is Mr Y Srinivasa

Rao. He will get a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- and a Certificate. The National Adventure Award 2022 was very well received by all the members of NAF & Adventure enthusiasts.

b. **NAF Essay Competition** - This essay competition was organised for family members and all adventure enthusiasts. A total of 7 nominations were received mainly from the children of NAF family including Colonel R C Patial, SM, Headmaster, Amity Indian Military College, Manesar, Haryana. The award was given to Mr Ishaan Chamoli, life member NAF. He will get a cash prize of Rs.5000/- and a Certificate. It was encouraging to receive supports and nomination for the essay competition.

AGENDA POINTS

9. Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.

- Appointment of the New Chartered Accountant, Mr Dhiraj Kumar & Co for the financial year 2022-2023 to cover the services being rendered for Income Tax, Audit, GST & TDS matters and other related issues were completed.
- (ii) **Decision.** The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously.

10. 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.

Outstand contribution

11. Dr Sushma Bissa, Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar, Mr Daya Mishra, Mr Mihir Mondal and Cdr Rajeev Sardana were felicitated for their significant contribution in the year gone by. The President congratulated all of them and Executive Director read a citation for each one of them.

Points By Members

12. **Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd),** Executive Council Member, NAF briefed about opportunities of adventure activities. He reaffirmed about the availability of the resources at his location at India Adventure Sports Centre IASC, Thapar Farms, Near Village Shukertal,

Muzzaffarnagar, UP. He emphasized the need of organizing Competitions in Adventure Sports.

13. **Mr Rajkumar Gupta,** asked about the progress of Brig Gyan Singh statue which was to be constructed in Meerut as was approved by the President in last AGM meeting in Delhi on 19th December 2021. President asked him to inform the house about the progress made till date since he was the nodal person for the project. Mr Gupta informed the house that he tried to connect NAF with local administrators for this statue work, however no fruitful results have been achieved. Mr Gupta confirmed that he would continue to work in whatever way possible to achieve the task.

- 14. Executive Director Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) briefed about few emerging issues -
 - (a) Making of NAF Adventure Booklet As President briefed about the urgent need of getting a NAF booklet published, it is important for all to work on its contents. All are requested to give suggestions. Mr. Avinash Deoskar has been asked to provide initial guidelines. An outline has been prepared. A team of experts may be appointed as per needs & work will be started soon. It is expected that it should be released by next AGM.
 - (b) Automation of Website & Forecast of Events As we all know that the development & maintenance of website of National Adventure Foundation has been given to a new vendor from Dehradun. The website is more attractive and has many features including direct connectivity to social like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn. All Chapter Directors are requested to prepare forecast for quarterly/annual events of their locations and forward to HQ so that website can be updated accordingly to connect with desired clients.
 - (c) NAF Membership Drive All Chapter Directors are required to note that NAF gets its long term interest fulfilled through its new and young members. It is requested that whenever an adventure activities are done by chapters, participants are encouraged to become members of NAF.

15. **New Membership / Affiliation** – NAF must run a Membership Drive across India through its Chapter to attract youngsters. As NAF is proactive on Social Media like Facebook and Twitter, any program initiated by headquarters reaches to general public. The posts on Social sites are making NAF popular among youth and professionals. We need to convert them as members.

10 New life members and 02 affiliates were made in NAF from January to November 2022. A MOU for collaboration between National Adventure Foundation and Hindmade Education Services were done in Mar 2022. Ms Reshma Krishnan Chairperson, RK Foundations lead the negotiation. She also sponsored last NAF Achiever Award 2021. The second affiliation was given to M/s Ultimate Survival Campsite under the supervision of Ms Sangita Singh, Senior member of NAF on 17 May 2022. The 3rd Affiliation documents have been submitted by Mid Town Indian Adventure Sports Association, Meerut for 5 years. It is in process.

16. **Membership/Affiliation status** - As on date NAF has 405 Life Members and 22 Affiliates Club. Out of turn membership was give to 2 adventurists due to their extraordinary success in the field of Adventure.

- 1) Ms Pooja Mehra, Mountaineer, Climber Mt Everest in 2016.
- 2) Col SP Malik, VSM-Ex-Secretary, IMF.
- 17. Commendations. The President brought out that:-
 - (a) Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd) had been playing a yeoman's role 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. He is able to deliver good for NAF & its members through various programs and initiatives.
 - (b) The NAF Staff Mr Mahesh Chand had continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner. The newly joined staff Mr Sagar Rao has started taking interest in adventure activities.

CONCLUSIONS

Remarks by the President

18. 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.

Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

Executive Director thanked the President, for presiding over the AGM and all the members present for extending full cooperation towards the successful conduct of meeting.
As NAF is passing through financial crisis, all are requested to find donors. The donation can be done online through following details –

Bank – State Bank of India, South Extension Part II, New Delhi 110049 SB A/c No – 10732078696 IFSC - SBIN0003219

21. There being no other points, the meeting was declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair. All the members were requested to move for lunch organized at ground floor.

Date: 05 Jan 2023

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD Jan 2022 TO Nov 2022

1. It gives me great pleasure in sharing about NAF activities with the Members as a report for the period January to November 2022.

Progress Report

2. **Annual Subscription.** In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, annual subscription for Chapters was continued at 75 percent for the year 2021 based on their category as per the decisions of last Executive Council meeting held on 19th Dec 2021. Some chapters have paid Annual Subscription but some are still due. But for this year i.e., 2022, normal subscriptions have been restarted as adventure activities have started. We have received subscriptions from few Chapters however others are requested to expedite so that NAF functioning can go on well.

3. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

- (a) **FY 2021-22.** There was no allotment for FY 2019-20 & 2020-2021.
- (b) Submission of Proposals for the Financial Year 2022-23. A meeting of President with Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports took place on 06 April 2022. The meeting between President and Secretary Smt Sujata Chaturvedi, IAS was fruitful. However, new Secretary Mr. Sanjay Kumar was posted. President met with new Secretary again on 20th June 2022. The proposal for financial year 2022-23 was submitted online in July 2022. On telephonic update with Mr. Pankaj Dhamija, it was informed that allocation for NAF will take place as soon as additional funds are alloted.

4. **Citizen Schemes.** NAF has continued to conduct programmes under these Schemes, the number of which had, relatively, gone down in the recent past due to COVID -19. A few details of the programmes conducted in this period are as follows:-

(a) AMITY Programmes. Two programs were done, one for Amity PG student in Dec 2021 and another in Mar 2022. Fresh programs for UG students have started on regular basis from Aug 2022. Now last month onwards, adventure activities for PG students have begun. (c) Corporate Training – OBT. M/s Acme India had planned for OBT however the program could not be done because of lockdown. Advance payments have been received in 16 Mar 2021. Confirmation of fresh dates is awaited. We will also be approaching SAIL for OBT programs.

5. Meeting and Collaborations. We all have been passing through trying times since last two years. NAF is also not exceptional. We appreciate the help of all chapter directors, executive council members & members. NAF has tremendous challenges and opportunities. All our members need to be proactive to initiate and work on issues that will help NAF to revive, survive and prosper.

- (a) Meeting with DG, NCC. A meeting of President with DG, NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh, AVSM, VSM, took place on 22 April 2022. A proposal has been submitted to the DG for conducting various types of adventure activities for the NCC Cadets during their camps across India by NAF Chapters. The reply is awaited.
- (b) Meeting with Additional Commissioner, KVS. A meeting of President with Additional Commissioner, KVS Dr E Prabhakar took place on 25th April 2022. Letter has been handed over to him for Commissioner to organize adventure programs for the children of KV Schools all over India through NAF Chapters. We also met Lt Col Hari Ram Ojha, OSD (Defence) who promised to take things forward.
- (c) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). A meeting of President with Chairman AICTE was done on 9th February 2022. The meeting was very fruitful and subsequently AICTE issued email to all its approved colleges and institutions on 21 Feb 2022. There is a plan to have a webinar for all the students across India where President will emphasise on the needs of Adventure Sports for developing courageous, fearless and strong personality. The final date of webinar is awaited.
- (d) Meeting with Governor of Uttarakhand. A meeting of President with Governor of Uttarakhand Lt Gen Gurmit Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) was done on 15th April 2022. Subsequently again President met the Governor in

Nainital in September 2022. Our proposal to the Governor was forwarded by him to the state Government. Reply is awaited.

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- (c) NAF Website Redevelopment NAF needs vibrant digital presence in this online era. Due to pandemic, online requirements have enhanced. Social sites and websites are important resources. Accordingly, President has given due emphasis to redevelop website. A new vendor was engaged for this purpose. The new website with new features has been developed. This new website has connection with social sites as well. All members are requested use the resources extensively and make it popular.
- (d) Appointment of New CA. During last EC meeting Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd) proposed that a new CA should be identified and appointed. We contacted 3-4 CAs and finally CA Dhiraj Kumar, FCA has been appointed for the financial year 2022-23.

7. **CAG Audit.** 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.

Overall audit were conducted objectively & purposefully. However, we received final objections from the office of the Directorate General of Audit (Home, Education & Skill Development) and accordingly replies have been sent.

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10. NAF has tremendous opportunity to do well as it stands tall with more than 40 years experiences to carry out adventure activities in all three medium – Land, Water and Air. There is no such organization in the country. We must be ready to do great. We should be united and taking initiatives without fear and suspicions.

Place : Delhi Dated: Dec 2022 Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) Executive Director

DETAILS OF PARTICIPANTS

Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award				
1.	Ms Pooja Mehra	Dehradun, Uttarakhand		
2.	Mr Rohitswa Bissa	Rajasthan Chapter		
3.	Mr Dayashankar Mishra	Jamshedpur, Bihar Chapter		
4.	Mr Rajesh Kumar Mishra	Jamshedpur, Bihar Chapter		
5.	Ms Sanjali Bouri	West Bengal Paschim Chapter		
6	Mr Prasanta Hembram	West Bengal Paschim Chapter		
7	Mr Hrithick Mondal	West Bengal Paschim Chapter		
8	Mr Subham Mistri	West Bengal Paschim Chapter		
9	Mr Y Srinivasa Rao	Secundrabad, Telangna Chapter	1 st Prize	
10	Mr Santanu Tudu	West Bengal Paschim Chapter		

Essay Competition			
1.	Ragi Mishra d/o Daya Shankar Mishra	Bihar Chapter	
2.	Aakanksha Dubey	Bihar Chapter	
3.	Col RC Patial (Mountain)	Life member NAF, Delhi	
4.	Ms Shivani Pandey	Bihar Chapter	
5.	Ms Nidhi Dubey	Bihar Chapter	
6.	Mr Mihir Kumar Mondal	West Bengal Paschim Chapter	
7.	Mr Ishaan Shaurya Chamoli	Uttrakhand institutional Chapter	1 st Prize