

MINUTES OF THE
CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S AND AFFILIATE ADVENTURE ORGANISATIONS
MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1400 HRS ON 27 NOV 2023 IN THE
CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL,
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

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

(a) Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd) - President– **In Chair**

Chapter Directors

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| (b) Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma | - Director, Ganganagar Chapter |
| (c) Shri Naveen Chamoli | - Director, NAF Institutional Chapter, Uttarakhand |
| (d) Shri Dayashakar Mishra | - Director, Bihar Chapter |
| (e) Ms Bharti Gomase | - Director, Nagpur, Maharashtra-1 |
| (f) Mr Safar Ahmed | - Director, Kozhikode, Kerala-2 |
| (g) Shri Rohitashwa Bissa | - Director, Bikaner, Rajasthan-1' |

Chapter Functionaries Other than Directors

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| (l) Gp Capt Jayashankar | - TN & Puducherry |
| (J) Mr Zamir Ahmed | - U.P-II (Kanpur) |
| (k) Col S K Nagpal (Retd) | - Greater Noida |

Affiliate Adventure Organizations

Present - Nil

Ex Officio

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| (a) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) | - Executive Director |
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Absent Chapter Directors

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| (h) Mrs Archana Sardana | -Director, Scuba Diving, Greater Noida |
| (i) Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal | -Director, West Bengal - Paschim |
| (j) Ms Rukmini Chandran | -Director, Karnataka II |
| (k) Shri Barun Ray | -Director, West Bengal |
| (l) Shri Vijay V pandey | -Director, Amravati |

(m)	Shri Amar Modi	-Director, Chattisgarh
(n)	Ms Sangeeta Pokhriyal	-Director, Delhi NCR
(o)	Shri Zuben Y Contractor	-Director, Gujarat
(p)	Shri Sanjeev Atri	-Director, Kufri, Himachal Pradesh -1
(q)	Shri Sardar Ajit Singh	-Director, Jharkhand
(r)	Lt Col Babu George	-Director, Karnataka-1
(s)	Ms Haseena	-Director, Lakshadweep
(t)	Shri Jagdish Lall	-Director, Manali, Himachal Pradesh -2
(u)	Lt Col K A Singh	-Director, Manipur
(v)	Ms Swati Acharya	-Director, Mumbai, Maharashtra-2
(w)	Shri RK Bhuyan	-Director, Odisha
(x)	Shri Vikrant Sagar	- Director, Rajasthan -2
(y)	Km Priyadarshani	- Director, Rajasthan -3
(z)	Shri Appa Sahab	- Director, Shirdi, Maharashtra -3
(aa)	Capt(Dr.) Rohini Nair	- Director, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
(bb)	Col CK Singh	- Director, Western UP
(cc)	Mrs Asha Nagpal	- Director, Greater Noida
(dd)	Humza Tawkeef Khan	- Director, Jammu Kashmir (Srinagar)
(ee)	Shri Vishal Thakur	- Director, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh -3
(ff)	Mrs. Poonam Yadav	- Director, Madhya Pradesh
(gg)	Shri. Rajeev Pujari	- Director, Odisha-II
(hh)	Mrs. Shyamala	- Director, TN& Puducherry-01
(ii)	Shri Shridhar Muthusamy	- Director, Yercaud, Tamil Nadu -02
(jj)	Shri. Y Srinivas Rao	- Director, Telangana
(kk)	Mr. Manjul Rawat	- Director, Uttarakhand
(ll)	Mr. S.R. Abbas	- Director, Delhi NCR -02

PRELIMINARIES

Opening Remarks by President NAF

2. Welcoming the Attendees. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** extended a warm welcome to all the Chapter Directors who had taken the trouble to come for the Meeting. He reminded that Directors Meet remains an annual event when everybody met each other to exchange their views and best practices. He expected that more Directors will take interest in NAF ongoing activities so that we can be the part of NAF growth. The President informed the house that Chairman Gen (Dr.) VK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM,

YSM (Retd.) has taken up the NAF fund issues with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. NAF is proud to register the stellar leadership of our Chairman in rescuing the 41 workers from the collapsed tunnel. We are extremely proud of our Chairman's accomplishments.

Points by President

- a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that NAF is passing through difficult times. NAF couldn't get funds allotment from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for last three years. Over and above, we are not receiving regular subscriptions from our Chapters regularly which exaggerate the problems.
 - b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** Post pandemic, all Chapters have resumed their commercial activities. Some of our Chapters are doing commendable work and need to be appreciated. Others need to be proactive and need to reach out to the local civil administration and educational institutes. HQ NAF is ready to provide all assistance to remove any hurdles which the Chapters may face. However, we need to find ways to ensure that the Chapters pay their subscriptions in time.
 - c) **Ayodhya Proposals.** The President informed that there is a proposal to establish an adventure park on a river island in the Saryu River at Ayodhya. He informed the Directors that he had visited the site with a Chapter Director which had tremendous potential. We have forwarded a detailed proposal which envisages starting with an adventure camp for school children. Our Bhatinda Chapter will be in charge. Mr Rohitswa Bissa volunteered to work for this project through Bikaner Chapter as they have expertise in developing world standard adventure parks in the country. The President agrees to take help of all active members as it evolves.
 - d) **New website & social sites.** The President informed that the new website has been developed. All EC members should visit the site regularly & encourage other to do the same. On similar lines, social sites like Facebook, Twitter etc. are also updated on regular basis. EC members can like, share & comments on these posts. The simple action will help develop a brand called NAF.
3. The President there after asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma** to proceed with the Agenda Points

4. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Directors Conference Held on 11 Dec 2022 – Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director, NAF requested that the Minutes of the last Directors Conference held on 11 Dec 2022, which had been forwarded to all the Chapters, and on which no comments had been received, be ratified. The House confirmed the said minutes unanimously.

5. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2022-23.** The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2022-23.

a) **NAF Activities and Events.** NAF conducted programs during last year-

i) **Rajasthan Adventure Day.** On 14 Feb 2023, NAF conducted the One-day programme at various Chapters of NAF on the Third Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissaji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organised a day program on 14 Feb 2023 including a Blood Donation Camp along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, UP-II etc. Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a tribute to Shri. Magan Bissa ji.

ii) **National Adventure Day.** On the occasions of birth anniversary of our founder Brig Gyan Singh, NAF celebrate 12th April 2023 as National Adventure Day. Like last year NAF celebrated one-month long programme starting from 12 March to 12 April 2023 at various locations of NAF Chapters. These were organized by our Chapters with vigor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, NAF headquarters planned two events :-

i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2022 -** Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2023 which was instituted from last year onwards, was organized this year too. We received a total of 10 entries/recommendations for the award. The Jury members of the Award are **Ms Anuja Shegal, EC Member, Mrs. Archana Sardana, World renowned BASE jumper.** The jury members did a great work and winners were decided. The final approval was given by the President, NAF. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2023 are **Ms. Shivangee Rana** in Female Category **Mr. Rohitashwa Bissa & Mr. Ganesh Chandra Jena** in Male Category. They will get a cash prize of

Rs.10,000/-, a citation and a memento. The memento has been sponsored by Mr. Daya Mishra, Director, Bihar Chapter.

- ii) **NAF Social Media Post Competition** - This Social Media Post Competition was organised for NAF family members and all adventure enthusiasts. It was anticipated that NAF will receive social sites visibility through this competition. So it was asked to post whatever they feel like. Posts were required to be tagged to @NationalAdventureFoundation and hashtag #NAFIndia.

Topic - **Remembering Brig Gyan Singh, Legend Mountaineer.**

Subsequently, as there was very less response for this competition, it was decided to continue with essay Competition like last year but we couldn't get enough response so it was also cancelled. We shall do the program next year with better planning. Our Chapter Directors should take proactive role in participating in such events.

AGENDA POINTS

6. Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.

- (i) 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.
- (ii) **Decision.** The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously.

Points By Members

7. **Mr. Rohitashwa Bissa**, Director, Bikaner Chapter Rajasthan informed that his chapter has the capability to build world class Adventure Park, in the past our chapter has completed the work in Assam. They will be ready to take up new tasks.

8. **Mr Daya Shankar** – Director, Bihar Chapter – requested the President to keep Jharkhand & Bihar Chapter as only Jharkhand Chapter so that he can continue doing NAF's work in Bihar. He also suggested of some organizational change in Bihar Chapter.

Decisions - The President agreed of the proposal and directed ED to take necessary action as and when required.

9. **Mr Safar Ahmed**, Director, Kerala II requested the President for issuing letters from NAF headquarter to district administrations.

Decisions - The President told to look into issue as headquarter must write letter only when it is essential. He directed ED to check and take necessary approvals for action.

10. **Mr Avinash Deoskar** - He emphasized the need for developing standard curriculum for training in different adventure activities along with audit & safety needs. It was agreed that a two days' workshop for the same will be held at Nagpur on 23-24 Feb 2024. This is to start from the arrival on 22 and departure on 25 Feb 2024. The Chapter Directors are requested to send their thought on these two days conference so that we can make the best use of our time and resources.

Decisions – The President asked Mr Avinash Deoskar to prepare detailed Outline of the two days conference. ED is required to follow up and ensure that it is finalized as soon as possible as soon as other arrangements are made well in time.

The details as received from Mr Avinash Deoskar are attached as Appendix to this letter.

11. **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.

02 affiliations were added from December 2022 to November 2023 –

- a) Mid Town Indian Adventure Sports Association Club (Meerut)
- b) Himalayan Path Adventure Club, Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)

03 New Chapters have been formed during this time. They are –

- (a) Mr. Safar Ahmed, Kerala Chapter - II
- (b) Mr. Sridhar Muthusamy, Tamil Nadu - II
- (c) S.R. Abbas, Delhi NCR – II

26 New Life Members also joined NAF.

12. **Membership/Affiliation Status.** As on date, NAF has 430 Life Members and 16 affiliates club. Out of turn membership was give to 2 adventurers due to their extraordinary success in the field of Adventure.

(a) Mr Satyarup Siddhanta, Mountaineer, Director, Winners & Achievers LLP, Youngest in the world to climb the highest mountains and Volcanoes of each of the 7 continents.

(b) Mr Raj kumar Baid, Mountaineer, Health & Fitness expert

CONCLUSIONS

14. The President thanked Chapter Directors for their active participation and valuable suggestions. As adventure activities across India has started, it is expected that Chapters should pay subscriptions by due date. There is a need to have proper liaison between Chapters so that we can take advantage of the resources and skills/experts of each other.

15. 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

16. The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Date: 22 Dec 2023

**Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director**