

MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS' AND AFFILIATE ADVENTURE ORGANISATIONS MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION HELD AT 1430 HRS ON 19 DEC 2021 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

(b) Shri Barun Ray	- Director, West Bengal Chapter
(c) Shri Daya shankar Mishra	- Director, Bihar Chapter
(d) Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma	- Director, Ganganagar Chapter
(e) Shri Naveen Chamoli	- Director, NAF Institutional Chapter, Uttrakhand
(f) Shri Ajit Singh	- Director, Jharkhand Chapter
(g) Ms Rukmini Chandran	- Director, Karnataka II Chapter
(h) Shri Manjul Rawat	- Director, Uttarakhand Chapter
(i) Ms Neelofar	- Director, UP II Chapter
(j) Col CK Singh (Retd)	- Director Western UP Agra Chapter
(k) Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal	- Director WB – Paschim Chapter
(l) Cdr Rajiv Sardana	- Director Scuba Diving Chapter

Chapter Functionaries Other than Directors

(m) Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar,	- Maharashtra Chapter
(n) Gp Capt Jayashankar	- TN & Puducherry Chapter
(o) Shri Kazim Bhat	- J&K Chapter

Affiliate Adventure Organizations

(p) Shri Himmat Singh Rathore	- Karni Shooting, Rajasthan
(q) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)	- Indian Adventure Sports Centre, New Delhi
(r) Kr KN Singh	- The Mountaineering & Adventure Institute of Rajasthan

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(s) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	- Executive Director
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PRELIMINARIES

Opening Remarks by President NAF

2. **Welcoming the Attendees.** The President extended a warm welcome to all the Chapter Directors who had taken the trouble to come for the Meeting. He also wished that Directors of other Chapters could also make it convenient to attend because this was one of the occasions everybody met each other to exchange their views and best practices.

Points by President

3. **NAF and Chapter Visibility -** The President emphasized that all Chapters must use the NAF Webpage effectively and efficiently to communicate and popularize their adventure programmes. He requested all to send their adventure calendar to NAF HQ so that the events would be posted on the Webpage and FB Page. We all should visit the Website and Facebook Page to improve its visibility. He also mentioned that WhatsApp group should be made a potent mode of communication between Chapters.

4. **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, Uttrakhand and Tamilnadu Chapter who are taking initiatives. He requested EC members to suggest other revenue generating activities.

5. **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.

6. **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 2020-21.
- (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 FY 2015-16.

7. The President then asked Executive Director to proceed with the Agenda Points.

8. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Directors Conference Held on 22 Nov 2020– Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director, NAF requested that the Minutes of the last Directors Conference held on 22 Nov 2020, 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.

AGENDA POINTS

9. **Training and Certification** – There have been some serious efforts in making NAF Chapters as Training Centre for selected adventure sports. NAF headquarters have received few proposals from Chapters. In order to proceed ahead in this direction the following sequential steps need to be taken:-

- (a) **Nomination of Chapters as Training Nodes.** Chapters to forward statement of case (SOC) indicating/justifying for which adventure activity, they should be nominated as Training centre. SOC should include details of expertise and locations/ site available. This SOC should reach NAF HQ by 20 Feb 2022. After scrutiny of SOC, Training Node/Centre will be nominated by NAF HQ.
- (b) **Standardization of Syllabus.** After nomination of Training Nodes/Centres syllabus for various course will be standardized by 20 Mar 2022.

10. **Exchange of Adventure Programmes.** President has been regularly highlighting the need of knowing various adventure programmes being conducted by NAF Chapters across India. So, he directed Chapter Directors to finalise adventure activities programme at least three months in advance and forward the same to HQ so that these activities can be uploaded on the NAF Website and facebook Page. This may help other Chapters to know and plan accordingly. NAF will be able to make activities conducted at Chapters useful for all across India. It will become economically more profitable for all Chapters.

11. **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 required impetus. We are sincerely working on increasing members, Affiliates and Chapters. In this direction as a first step, automation of Membership on our Website is completed. Membership form is available on our Website. New adventurers can fill the form online and make payment through Razor Pay. These features need to be given wide publicity. The President requested all Directors & members to encourage youths who came to them for adventure activities to become members of NAF.

12. **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

CONCLUSION

13. The President thanked Chapter Directors for their active participation and valuable suggestions. As subscriptions have been reduced, it is expected that Chapters should pay subscriptions by due date. 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 or illegal activities are acceptable.

14. 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.

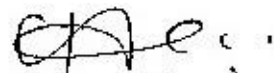
15. As NAF is passing through financial crisis, all are requested to find donors. The donation can be done online through following details –

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:

27 Jan 2022



Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director