

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S AND AFFILIATE ADVENTURE ORGANISATIONS**  
**MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION**  
**HELD AT 1430 HRS ON 11 DEC 2022 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 Vishal Thakur      | -Director, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh                |
| (c) | Shri Y Srinivasa Rao    | -Director, Telengana & TN                         |
| (d) | Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma | - Director, Ganganagar Chapter                    |
| (e) | Shri Naveen Chamoli     | - Director, NAF Institutional Chapter, Uttrakhand |
| (f) | Mr Safar Ahmed          | -Director, Kerala 2                               |
| (g) | Shri Manjul Rawat       | - Director, Uttarakhand Chapter                   |
| (h) | Ms Neelofar             | - Director, UP II Chapter                         |
| (i) | Col S K Nagpal (Retd)   | - Director Greater Noida & Central UP             |
| (j) | Shri Rohitashwa Bissa   | -Director, Bikaner'                               |
| (k) | Shri Kazim Khan         | -Director, J&K                                    |

**Chapter Functionaries Other than Directors**

- |     |              |                      |
|-----|--------------|----------------------|
| (a) | Mr RK Sharma | -Secretary, Bikaner. |
|-----|--------------|----------------------|

**Affiliate Adventure Organizations**

Present - Nil

**Ex Officio**

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

**Absent Chapter Directors**

- |    |                        |                                 |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) | Shri Dayashakar Mishra | - Director, Bihar Chapter       |
| b) | Cdr Rajiv Sardana      | - Director Scuba Diving Chapter |

c)	Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal	- Director WB – Paschim Chapter
d)	Ms Rukmini Chandran	- Director, Karnataka II Chapter
e)	Shri Barun Ray	- Director, West Bengal Chapter
f)	Shri Vijay V pandey	-Director, Amravati
g)	Shri Amar Modi	-Director, Chattisgarh
h)	Ms Sangeeta Pokhriyal	-Director, Delhi NCR
i)	Shri Zuben Y Contractor	-Director, Gujarat
j)	Shri Sanjeev Atri	-Director, Himachal Pradesh
k)	Shri Sardar Ajit Singh	-Director, Jharkhand & Bihar
l)	Lt Col Babu George	-Director,Karnataka-1
m)	Ms Haseena	-Director, Lakshadeep
n)	Ms Bharti Gomase	-Director, Maharastra
o)	Shri Jagdish Lall	-Director, Manali
p)	Lt Col K A Singh	-Director, Manipur
q)	Ms Swati Acharya	-Director, Mumbai
r)	Shri RK Bhuyan	-Director, Odisha
s)	Shri Vikrant Saggar	-Director, Rajasthan -2
t)	Km Priyadarshani	-Director, Rajasthan-3
u)	Shri Appa Sahab	-Director, Shirdi
v)	Ms Shyamala Jayashankar	-Director,TN & Puducherry
w)	Capt(Dr.) Rohini Nair	- Director, Kerala 1
x)	Col CK Singh	-Director, Western UP

## 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

- 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 corporate 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 be significant with Government 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 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 pilot project.

The importance of Tourism Ministry increases as Prime Minister has declared 2023 as Year of Tourism. As India is hosting G20 nations, there are tremendous opportunities for NAF. The main five points raised in the board proceedings are –

- i) State Assessment and Ranking,
- ii) Skill, Capacity building and Certification,
- iii) Marketing and promotion,
- iv) Draft model Adventure Tourism Law for safety management,
- v) National and State rescue grids, Adventure Tourism Rescue Centre (ATRC).

There is no curriculum for Management of Adventure Sports in the designated institution of MOT. Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism, IITTM is working like a CAN, Central Nodal Agency, AT, for Ministry of Tourism. NAF has potential,

resources and trained manpower to carry out training and certification for small operators across the country. On similar line, we can also contribute for Adventure Sports and Rescue Operations. The draft Law received from Ministry of Tourism has been circulated to all. It is requested that suitable comments are forwarded.

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

4. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Directors Conference Held on 19 Dec 2021– WgCdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director, NAF requested that the Minutes of the last Directors Conference held on 19 Dec 2021, 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 2020-21.** The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2020-21.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 subscriptions from other chapters need to be expedited.

b) **AMITY Programmes.** Two programs were done, 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 conducted this month in Dec 2022. Now next month onwards, adventure activities for PG students have begun.

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**

### **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.

7. 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 will be formed, 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, participants are told to become member of NAF.

### **Points By Members**

8. **Mr Vishal Thakur**, Director NAF Chapter Kullu wanted that NAF HQ should work on forming Rescue Team. This team can further be connected to National & States Grids as being planned by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

9. **Mr Manjul Rawat**, Director NAF Chapter Uttarakhand spoke about active participations of all Chapter Directors to take their adventure activities to fruitful level. There was tremendous scope for all kind of adventure activities in the State like Uttarakhand and NAF members should take advantage. One Chapter Director Ms Rukmini Chandran sent a team for adventure activities to Uttarakhand. It was well accepted by participants and my team.

10. **Mr Manoj Kumar Sharma**, Director, Bhatinda Chapter said that Adventure related work can be taken from state government too. He informed that all Chapters should endeavor to get the work from State Government. In this process, he promised that he will connect NAF headquarter with the officials of State Government.

11. **Mr Naveen Chamoli**, Director, Institutional Chapter, Massoori, Uttarakhand has offered his services to prepare NAF Booklet as proposed by the President during his brief. He agreed to get the NAF Booklet edited, formatted and printed once the contents are available. A committee of experts in all domains of adventure i.e., Land, Water & Air will be formed by NAF Hq. Members are required to volunteer for the same.

12. **Mr Rohitashwa Bissa**, Director, Bikaner Chapter Rajasthan advised that NAF Chapters must use the resources and expertise of other Chapters before going to outsiders for conduct of adventure activities. President agreed for the proposal and advised others to follow the same.

13. **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Affiliation documents have been submitted by Mid Town Indian Adventure Sports Association, Meerut for 5 years. It is in process.

14. **Membership/Affiliation status** - As on date NAF has 405 Life Members and 22 Affiliates Club. Out of turn membership was give to 2 adventurers 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.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

15. 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.

16. 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

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

**Date: 05 Jan 2023**

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