

MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1130 HRS ON 11 DEC 2022
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL,
5 NYAY MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

1. The following were present in the meeting: -

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

Elected Members

- (b) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)
- (c) Mrs Indu Talwar
- (d) Dr Sushma Bissa
- (e) Col SK Nagpal (Retd)
- (f) Maj K S Dhami, SM (Retd)

Nominated Memebhrs

- (g) Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)
- (h) Col AC Talwar (Retd)
- (i) Lt Col R K Bhushan
- (j) Col Ravinder Nath
- (l) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director

Special Invitees

- (a) Lt Gen G L Bakshi, Ex President.
- (b) Brig Ravi Kumar, Ex President.

2. The EC members who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence.

Absent Members

- (a) Kr KN Singh
- (b) Mr Avinash Deoskar
- (c) Capt KA Pillai (Retd)
- (d) Ms Suman Singh
- (e) Ms Anuja Sehgal
- (f) Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar
- (g) Shri Gajpal Singh Rathore
- (h) Mr Ashok Dharmani

PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. The President, **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all Executive Council members and thanked them for coming and attending the meeting.

4. President addressed the burning issues being faced by NAF –

- a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that NAF is passing through financial difficulties 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 generation including at the state level. After detailed discussion it was agreed that due to current challenges being faced by NAF we need to look at corporates and assist Chapters in their commercial activities so that revenue for NAF can be generated.
- b) **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 was extended to FY 2021-22.

However chapters are requested to pay normal subscription from current FY 2022-2023. 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.

- c) **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. During the discussion **Dr. Sushma Bissa** volunteered to have the two proposals processed in the MoT (copy of the two proposals will be sent to her).
- d) **Chairperson.** During discussion on the absence of a Chairperson, Dr. Sushma Bissa said that she would peak to a few known influential people for the appointment of Chairperson. It was stressed that we need a personality who can assist NAF with the Govt.

5. The President thereafter asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Items

6. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 11 Apr 2021.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma**, Executive Director NAF, requested that since the minutes of the last Executive

Council Meeting held on 11 Apr 2021, had been circulated to all Members of the last Executive Council and on which no comments had been received till date, be considered as ratified.
Minutes of EC Meeting were unanimously ratified by all present.

7. **Report of Executive Director for the FY 2020-2021.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix 'A'**.

AGENDA POINTS

8. **Appointment of 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 was carried out.

9. **Decision.** Appointment of CA was approved and ratified unanimously.

10. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2021-22.**

The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the EC Members present.

11. **New Membership / Affiliation** – NAF must run a membership drive across India through its Chapters to attract youngsters. As NAF is proactive on Social Media like Facebook and Twitter, any program initiated by Headquarters reaches the 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 NAF and Hindmade Education Services was concluded 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 under process.

12. **Membership/Affiliation status** - As on date NAF has 405 Life Members and 22 Affiliates. Out of turn membership was give to 2 adventurers due to their extraordinary achievements in the field of adventure.

1) Ms Pooja Mehra, Mountaineer, Climber Mt Everest in 2016.

- 2) Col SP Malik, VSM-Ex-Secretary, IMF.

Points by the Council Members

13. **Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar** suggested organizing some competitions in adventure sports. He confirmed the availability of the resources at his location at India Adventure Sports Centre IASC, Thapar Farms, Near village Shukertal, Muzzaffar Nagar (U.P)
14. **Lt Gen G L Bakshi**, Ex President emphasized that NAF must focus on its core objectives to support rural youths & not so privileged ones. NAF gets its strength by helping those who are not able to experience adventure.
15. **Brig Ravi Kumar**, Ex President reminded NAF of its glorious past. All EC members, ordinary members and adventurers need to work in unison to achieve the goal. Adventure is a great catalyst for leadership and personality development training.
16. **Dr Sushma Bissa** reminisce the past achievements including the ones conducted and accomplished recently. She mentioned about the Fit@50+ Trans Himalayan Expedition under the leadership of Ms Bachendri Pal. The group of Women travelled more than 5000 Kms and completed it successfully even through dangerous treks. The team was felicitated by CM Uttar Pradesh, President of India and others.
17. **Commendations**
- (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 & TCS Programmes. His contribution to the well-being and progress of the NAF was highly commendable. **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 & initiatives.
- (b) The NAF Staff **Mahesh Chand** had also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

CONCLUSION

18. The meeting was brought to an end, with the Executive Director proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair and thanking all the members for attending the Meeting. He thanked President Lt Gen Raman Dhawan for necessary guidance.
19. The meeting was adjourned as there was no point.

Date: Dec 2022



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