

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL ADVENTURE
FOUNDATION HELD AT 1030 HRS ON 22 NOV 2020 IN THE MAINI'S GREEN
LEAF, STAR CITY MALL, MAYUR VIHAR PHASE I EXTENSION DELHI
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1. The following were present in the meeting: -

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

Elected Members

- (a) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)
- (b) Dr (Mrs) Sushma Bissa
- (c) Mrs Indu Talwar
- (d) Ms Anuja Sehgal
- (e) Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd)

Nominated Memebtrs

- (f) Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)
- (g) Gp Capt SS Puri (Retd)
- (h) Col AC Talwar (Retd)
- (i) Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd) -Special Invitee
- (j) Col SK Nagpal (Retd) -Secretary
- (k) Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd) -Executive Director
- (l) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director (Designate)

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

PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** opened the meet by welcoming all present.

4. Two minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed souls of **Shri Magan Bissa**, and **Shri Umar Rafiq**.

5. The President first thanked the Executive Council members for electing him as the President of NAF. He promised to live up to the vision, aims and objectives of NAF. He also thanked the outgoing President **Brig Ravi Kumar, SM (Retd)** for his yeoman service and contribution to NAF. He also took the opportunity to thank **Lt Gen G L Bakshi, PVSM (Retd)** for his guidance.

6. **Financial Health of NAF.** The President informed every one of the challenges faced by NAF due to the Covid pandemic. He informed the members that no funds were received from the Ministry and all programmes under citizen scheme had also been cancelled. This compounded by low interest rates on FDs, high maintenance charges, there was an urgent need for us to explore new avenues for generating funds. We were also approaching colleges and educational institutes under AICTE for adventure programmes.

7. The President discussed with all members his vision for the future of NAF. He expressed his desire to see NAF as a leading organization for conduct of adventure sports in the Country. He suggested we should look for corporate sponsorship, our role as a training establishment and as an organization responsible for safety audit of adventure operators. We also need to approach State Tourism Departments to see if we can apply for schemes under Ministry of Tourism, and HRD Ministry.

8. The President emphasized that we should exploit the digital space as far as possible to spread our aims and objectives and in this regard, we should increase our digital presence. He urged all to contribute to the NAF webpage and requested members to forward their suggestions as to how we can further improve –

- (i) Facebook
- (ii) Twitter
- (iii) Instagram
- (iv) Whats App

9. **Search for Chairman.** The President informed that search for Chairman is still ongoing. He informed that he and **Lt Gen G L Bakshi, PVSM (Retd)** had met with **Dr Mahesh Sharma** of Member of Parliament (MP), Gautam Budh Nagar but we could not get any commitment. It is expected that we should be able to resolve the issue of Chairman soon.

10. The President informed the EC about proposed Govt's National Youth Festival 2021 plan starting from 15 December 2020 to 19 January 2021. He informed that the Govt. wants this to be organized at mega level all over the Country. He asked for suggestions from the members as to what NAF should do to make the event unique. Suggestions were received from / made by **Mrs Rukmani Chandran** from Banaglore Chapter and **Dr (Mrs) Sushma Bissa** from Rajasthan Chapter. Accordingly, the case was taken up with Ministry.

11. The President informed the EC members about an ongoing court cases between a Chapter and his CA for wrongful submission of documents.

12. The President thereafter asked the Executive Director **Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Items

13. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 16 Feb 2020.** **Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)** Executive Director NAF, requested that since the Minutes of the last Executive Council Meeting held on 16 Feb 2020, 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.**

14. **Report of Executive Director for the FY 2019-2020.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix 'A'.**

Points by President NAF

15. **Financial Health of NAF.** Although the financial health of NAF was satisfactory but in view of heavy maintenance on our new accommodation, reduction in interest income on FDRs,

very little work from TCS/ Corporates and reduced Corpus, there was an urgent need to build up Corpus to a more comfortable level. He also informed all present that the reduction in conduct of Adventure Activities under Citizen Scheme has also greatly impacted our income. There has been no allotment in FY 2019-2020. We hope that we should get the allotment for this year by end of December 2020. He urged all members to help in obtaining more work for NAF Chapters and HQ.

The President suggested some of the following measures :-

- (a) Efforts should be made to seek more work from Corporates & Educational Institutions.
- (b) Efforts should be made by all to add new life members, Chapters and Affiliates.
- (c) Donation from Life Members

16. **Decision.** All present unanimously agreed to the above. All need to contribute to achieve the better financial position.

17. **Categories of Chapters and Subscription for Affiliates.** The President informed the Members that presently there are five categories of Chapters. It is proposed that we can reduce these to three. Similarly, presently the subscription paid by Affiliates is Rs 15,000/- for 5 years and 30,000/- for life. It is proposed that we make the subscription for Affiliates to Rs 15,000/- annually. The same was approved by the EC.

18. **Release of Govt Adventure Activities Programme.** There is no allotment in FY 2019-2020. Proposals for 2020 - 2021 has been submitted to the Ministry on 08 Oct 2020.

19. **Introduction of Adventure activities in course curriculum.** It is to note that no program has been conducted for Amity this year. However, President has written letters to school and colleges, universities for introducing adventure activities in course curriculum.

20. **CAG Audit.** Last audit by CAG was carried out in the year 2016. President HQ NAF had approached CAG authorities for the audit and they had agreed to carry out the audit some time in Mar/Apr, 2020 but they have not given date till now. We shall approach them again.

AGENDA POINTS

21. **Re-Appointment of the Present Chartered Accountant, Sri Raj K Sri & Co.** Appointment of the present CA, Sri Raj K Sri & Co for the Financial Year 2020-2021 was recommended since they had been performing very well during the past few years.

22. **Decision.** Proposal was approved and ratified unanimously.

23. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2019-20.** The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the EC Members present

24. **Resignation of Lt Col R K Bhushan (Retd) and Appointment of Wg Cdr K K Verma (Retd.).** The President informed the Executive Committee about the resignation of **Lt Col R K Bhushan(Retd)** who has crossed 75 years of age. At the same time, President informed about the appointment of **Wg Cdr K K Verma(Retd)** as Executive Director with effect from 01 December 2020.

25. **Decision.** Proposals were approved and notified unanimously.

Points By The Council Members

26. **Mrs Suman Bissa.** Mrs Bissa pointed out that the relay cycle kind of activities can be planned to involve various Chapters during Youth Festivals.

The President agreed on the proposal and explained that as soon as something come from Ministry of youth affairs, the activities will be planned and chapters will be involved.

27. **Decision.** All agreed with the action.

28. **Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd)** gave a brief about the initial struggle of setting up NAF infrastructure. He mentioned that initially people took various adventure equipment used them but not paid any money. On the question of whom to approach for favor, **Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd)** suggested that politicians are better than bureaucrats for talking or any favor.

29. 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. **Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)** contributions as Executive Director who had been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF were appreciated.
- (b) The NAF Staff **Neelam Rawat, Mahesh Chand** and part time Accountant **Shri Madhukant Mishra** had also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

CONCLUSION

30. 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 activities will be acceptable.

31. The President asked for the need for closer interaction with IMF, HMI, Bharat Scot Guides etc. Our Chapters should look for any such opportunity. He also requested EC members that suggestions, views and recommendations, as asked for in various matters, be sent so that functioning of the NAF can be improved.

32. 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.

Date: 28 Dec 2020

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Performance During the Financial Year 2019-2020

1. NAF has performed credibly in terms of Adventure Programmes conducted as also in terms of financial results achieved. The relevant details are as under: -

- (a) **Quantitative Target Achieved.** Total Number of Participants covered in all adventure programmes conducted by NAF during the Financial Year 2019-20 aggregated to 43740. These figures cover the programmes conducted by NAF, both as allotted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and as part of 'Citizen Scheme'. The shortfall of participants compared to last year was due to non release of programmes by the Ministry, to date, in spite of we having submitted the demand well in time.
- (b) **Qualitative Profile of Participants.** In keeping with the aims and objectives of the NAF, the NAF is giving due priority to reaching out to the underprivileged youth, as would be evident from the data given below: -

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS		FINANCIAL YEAR	
		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
(i)	In Programmes Conducted Free of Cost (Ministry of YA&S, Govt of India)		
	(aa) Deaf, Dumb & Handicapped	195	180
	(ab) Rural/ Underprivileged	10057	9300
	(ac) Others	<u>1444</u>	<u>1230</u>
	(ad) Total	11696	10710
(ii)	In 'Subsidized' Programmes	32044	31257
(iii)	In 'Full Cost' Programmes	NIL	8086
Grand Total		<u>43740</u>	<u>50053</u>

- (c) **Financial State.** The Balance Sheet for the Financial Year 2019-2020', shows a reasonable surplus generated after meeting all legitimate expenditure.

Progress Report

2. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

- (a) There has been no Allotment for the FY 2019-20 so far.
- (b) **Submission of Proposals for the Financial Year 2020-21.** Proposal for 2020-21 has been submitted to the Ministry on 08 Oct 2020. Allotment is awaited.

3. **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 lockdowns from Mar 2020 onwards and the consequents to general economic slowdown. A few details of the major programmes conducted are as follows:-

- (a) **AMITY Programmes.** Amity Programmes for the academic sessions are conducted from Aug till May next year. However, no programmes have commenced this year, due to Educational Institutions being closed due to COVID-19.
- (b) **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).** Demonstration was conducted at AICTE HQ on 15 Aug 2019. Rappelling, Zorbing, Zip Line and Burma Bridge were conducted which was appreciated by Chairman who himself had a firsthand experience of Burma Bridge and Zorbing. AICTE had given a good response. A letter was written to all the Universities /Colleges affiliated to AICTE reminding them to encourage students to take part in Adventure activities. Response from institutions was hampered due to COVID-19.
- (c) **OBTs Conducted for Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).** There was no programme conduct for TCS. We are keeping in touch with them in order to obtain such programmes.

4. **Audit of NAF Accounts by the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India.** The accounts of the NAF are likely to be audited in Feb –Mar 2021.

5. **‘NAFER 2020-21’.** The process for putting together the ‘NAFER 2020-21’ was commenced in beginning Aug 2020, in order to have the ‘Publication’ ready for release during the AGM on 22 Nov 2020. Letters to all concerned for articles and advertisements were however initiated well in advance in Jun/Jul 2020.

6. **Membership Status.** As on date, NAF has 352 Life Members.

New Delhi
Dated : 10 Nov 2020


Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd)
Executive Director