

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL  
ADVENTURE FOUNDATION HELD AT 1130 HRS ON 11 APR 2021  
IN THE AVI CLUB, SECTOR -29, NOIDA.**

1. The following were present in the meeting : -

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

**Elected Member**

- (b) Lt Gen RK Gaur, PVSM (Retd)
- (c) Mrs Indu Talwar
- (d) Ms Anuja Sehgal
- (e) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)

**Special Invitee**

(f) Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd), Ex-President - Special Invitee

**Nominated Member**

- (g) Col AC Talwar (Retd)
- (h) Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)
- (i) Gp Capt SS Puri (Retd), FRGS
- (j) Col SK Nagpal (Retd) - Hony Secretary
- (k) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director

2. The E.C. members, who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence.

**Absent members**

- (a) Kr KN Singh -Elected member
- (b) Col Ravinder Singh (Retd) -Elected member
- (c) Dr Sushma Bissa -Elected member
- (d) Mrs Bimla Negi Deoskar -Elected member
- (e) Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd) -Elected member
- (f) Mrs Suman Singh -Nominated member
- (g) Shri Avinash Deoskar -Nominated member
- (h) Capt KA Pillai (Retd) -Nominated member
- (i) Shri Gajpal Singh Rathore -Nominated member
- (j) Brig MP Yadav, VSM (Retd) -Nominated member
- (k) Shri Ashok Dharmani -Nominated member
- (l) Brig SK Bahl (Retd) -Nominated member

## **PRELIMINARIES**

### **Welcome Address by President**

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*\*, ADC (Retd)** opened the meeting by welcoming all present. He briefed the EC members about the current challenges facing NAF. He informed them about the lack of programmes from the Central Govt and colleges and the efforts being made by NAF to approach the tourism ministry of different states. In this connection, he briefed them about the positive responses received from states of Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Sikkim. He highlighted the problems being faced in pursuing the matter with the states due to Chapters not following up, non availability of Chapters as in Delhi or in-active Chapters as in Gujrat and a number of other states and Chapters being slow/not forthcoming in sharing the data of their capability as requested by NAF. Thus, there was an urgent need to review the work and contribution of all our Chapters as also enroll new Chapters and Affiliates.

Lt Gen GL Bakshi, PVSM (Retd) intervened and said that we are not dependent of any Chapter as any Chapter can go anywhere in the Country. We may follow this kind of philosophy to go ahead with NAF activities. The President pointed out that while this was absolutely workable for conduct of activities; for liaison with state authorities and corporates local presence was desirable.

The President also informed about our project to automate the membership process and he projected that a good energetic membership drive with the help of technology will attract large number of new members. On this, Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd) felt that making new members was tough and it will be risky as well since we shall not be able to check them. President emphasized that check and balances will be introduced for new members.

The President told the EC members that financial health of NAF is in grim situation. We need to work on this to improve the revenue model. One new initiative, we need to work on is to make NAF a 'Training and Certification Organisation'. He also mentioned about the NAF annual subscription, which have been paid by less than one-third Chapters.

The President also mentioned about two successful programme conducted in last two months – Rajasthan Adventure Day on 14 Feb 2021 and National Adventure Day on 12 Apr

2021. NAF must celebrate and organize programme on regular basis to inspire, motivate, connect and dream.

The President informed members that all should contribute through their views, ideas and resources to make NAF stronger, vibrant and national organization in real sense.

4. The President thereafter asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma, (Retd)** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

## **CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **Agenda Items**

5. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 22 Nov 2020.** Executive Director NAF, requested that the Minutes of the last Executive Council Meeting held on 22 Nov 2020, which 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 then ratified by Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd) and seconded by Mrs Indu Talwar.**

6. **Report of Executive Director for the period of Dec 2020 to Mar 2021.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix**. He read out then two-page report and intimated about various ongoing activities of NAF.

### **Discussions on Other Points**

7. **Financial Health of NAF -** It was affirmed that health of NAF stands poor and it needs measures to restore them.

8. **Annual Subscription from Chapters -** It is informed that headquarters has received subscriptions from 11 Chapters out of 36 functional ones. Efforts are on to encourage and motivate. NAF needs to do some innovative ways to get subscription.

9. **Ministry Programmes -** There is no allotment for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Proposals for FY 2021-2022 are to be sent in April 2021.

10. **Corporate OBT** - Efforts were being made to get OBT/Adventure programme from TCS, AICTE, SAIL and other Corporate. In this connection, after our efforts and meetings, M/s ACME India has shown interest for OBT. It is now being planned for last week of May 2021.

11. **Training & Certification** - Executive Director informed the house about the progress in the direction to achieve this task of Training & Certification. It was agreed by all that we need to earmark few Chapters as training centre for specific adventure activities. Executive Director needs to work on this with the guidance from President to prepare a list of Chapters, Experts, contents, syllabus and various programmes.

**Decisions** – NAF need to collect required data from Chapters like Experts, areas of adventure activities and available resources to create Training Centers.

13. **Automation of Membership** - The new membership form will soon be available on the NAF website. It is expected to be completed in a month time. Those who wish to become life member of NAF can apply through our website. After filling all the details and making the payment, they can download their membership card. We shall have required check and balances for making new members.

**Decisions** – Automation of Membership need to be followed up with website service provider. All necessary precautions need to be taken while making new membership.

14. **Termination of Chapters** - The President informed the members that NAF Chapter Mizoram and Andhra Pradesh - I have not paid the subscription from last two years ie 2019-20 and 2020-21. They have not given any reply of the Show Cause notice issued by NAF. In fact, membership of NAF Chapters Mizorm and Andhra Pradesh-I was being terminated with immediate effect.

15. **Points raised by Executive Members** - Gp Capt SS Puri raised issues regarding NAF. His main points were –

- (a) Since Govt not likely to release grants for the current year, we may initiate a Corpus Fund by Rs 5 k contribution by each member and 20 K by the Chapters;
- (b) Haryana Tourism, Sohna had approached us for a proposal to sublet their Sohna resort for Adventure activities only. He suggested that NAF representatives can visit the site and meet officials from Haryana Tourism.

**Decisions** – These suggestions could be followed up accordingly.

16. Ms Anuja Sehgal suggested that NAF should look for alternative sites in and around Delhi NCR for doing adventure activities. She mentioned about Noida Stadium and she gave the reference of Mr Jagjit Singh for Noida NAF Chapter.

**Decisions** – This need to be checked from Mr Jagjit Singh. He may give details about adventure sites in Noida Stadium.

17. Lt Gen RK Gaur (Retd) spoke about his long association with NAF. He acknowledged the great work done by Lt Gen GL Bakshi (Retd) in bringing NAF to its present high level and hoped that the current team will take it even to greater heights. However, he added that since he was now getting old and could not participate actively in NAF activities he would like to resign from the EC membership. The President thanked him for his contribution and guidance.

18. Since, there was no point from the members the meeting was closed.

19. **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 & OBT Programmes. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director had in a short period been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF.
- (b) The NAF Staff **Neelam Rawat** and **Mahesh Chand** had also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

## **CONCLUSION**

20. 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.



Place: Delhi  
Date: 31 May 2021

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD DEC 2020 TO MAR 2021**

1. It gives me great pleasure in sharing about NAF activities with the EC Members, the report for the period Dec 2020 to 31 Mar 2021.

**Progress Report**

2. **Annual Subscription.** In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, as a onetime measure, annual subscription for Chapters was reduced to 75 percent for the year 2020 based on their category as per the decisions of last Executive Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Some chapters have paid Annual Subscription but some are still due. It is a pleasure to announce that approximately more than one-third Chapters have paid their subscription few are on in pipeline. Suggestions from council members are welcome to expedite process.

3. **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.**

- (a) **FY 2019-20.** There is no allotment for FY 2019-20.
- (b) **Submission of Proposals for the Financial Year 2020-21.** Proposals for the conduct of Adventure Programmes during the Financial Year 2020-21 was submitted to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports on 08 Oct 2020. Till date allotment has not been issued by the Ministry. I visited ministry on 16 Mar 2021, and met Dy Secretary Mr Saurabh Kumar Shah, Mr Dhamija, Mr Manish Kumar etc. It was informed by the Ministry that this year also no allocation is made. From next year, it may be online action.

4. **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 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, due to lockdown no programmes have commenced as Institutions are closed due to COVID-19.

- (b) **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).** Demonstration was conducted at AICTE HQ on 15 Aug 2019. AICTE had given a good response. A letter was written from NAF side to all the Universities /Colleges affiliated to AICTE reminding them to encourage students to take part in Adventure activities. However, no response received due to COVID-19 and still it becomes difficult to connect because School and Colleges are in lockdown phase.
- (c) **Corporate Training – OBT.** M/s Acme India has planned for OBT on 17-18 Apr 2021. Advance payments have been received.

**5. Emerging Activities and Events.** We all have been passing through trying times since last one year. NAF is also not exceptional. With sudden change in top leaderships, NAF has tremendous challenges and opportunities. All our executives' council members need to be proactive to initiate and work on issues that will help NAF to revive, survive and prosper.

- (a) **Training & Certification.** As discussed during the Zoom meeting with Chapter Directors on 05 Feb 2021, HQ NAF needs to have a compiled data of experts in various adventure activities available with the Chapters. This data will enable us to identify/nominate Chapters as Training Centre for different kinds of adventure activities. This is the first step towards our vision of creating a training institute for adventure activities. Our websites will accordingly advertise the same and make them popular. We have interacted with the Chapter and compiling further steps. This will help us to create new revenue model for NAF and its Chapters.
- (b) **Rajasthan Adventure Day.** On 14 Feb 2021, NAF conducted the One-day programme at various Chapters of NAF on the First Death Anniversary of Mr Magan Bissa ji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organised a day program on 14 Feb 2021 along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, UP-II etc. **NAF President Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*, ADC (Retd) inaugurated the one-day program through online mode.** Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a talk about their experiences with Mr Magan Bissa ji. They remembered the great contributions and professional

competencies of Mr Magan Bissa Ji. The event was highly emotional and inspirational for all our members, affiliates and chapters.

- (c) **National Adventure Day.** On the occasions of birth anniversary of our founder Brig Gyan Singh, NAF has decided to celebrate one-month long programme starting from 12 March to 12 April 2021 at various locations of NAF Chapters as National Adventure Day. These were organized by our Chapters with vigor and enthusiasm.

6. **CAG Audit.** Audit by CAG authorities is pending since last 4 years and likely to be conducted in next 1- 2 months. Reminder letter has been sent in Mar 2021.

7. **New Addition in NAF Family.** One life member from Karnataka, One life member from Noida, three Life members from Himachal Pradesh have been added during this time. One club from Kerala M/S Andreno Tourism Club has been given affiliation of NAF. The query from Dharmshala, Himachal Pradesh has been received about opening of a Chapter. The work is under process.

8. **Membership Status.** As on date NAF has 358 Life Members.

Place : Delhi  
Dated: 09 Apr 2021



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



## **BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BRIG GYAN SINGH, NAF FOUNDER**

NAF chapters conduct adventure activities on the occasion of Brig Gyan Singh Birth Anniversary.

- (a) One day adventure sports camp was organised by NAF Chapter UP-II on 21 Mar 2021 at Manbodhan Prasad Public School, Shyam Nagar, Kanpur
- (b) NAF Chapter Himachal Pradesh conducted one month adventure programmes at Kufri, Shimla.
- (c) NAF Chapter Uttarakhand conducted Rock Climbing, Trekking, Rafting and Outdoor orientation camp.
- (d) NAF Chapter Bihar conducted 4 activities in 4 sites on different days.
- (e) NAF Chapter TN & Puducherry conducted Kayaking, Trekking, Jetski rides, trampolines, archery at Trimurthy Dam, Tamil Nadu.
- (f) NAF Chapter West Bengal Paschim organised a free Medical camp in cooperation with Asarfi Charitable Hospital and conduct a day programme on 12 Apr 2021
- (g) NAF Chapter Rajasthan (Bikaner) organized a Hot Air Ballooning event at Bikaner.
- (h) NAF Chapter Rajasthan III (Jaipur) and NAF Affiliate The Mountaineering and Adventure Institute of Rajasthan conducted adventure activities at camp site Jhalana Hills from 25 Mar to 25 Apr 2021.