

MINUTES OF MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1130 HRS ON 27 NOV 2023
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

1. The following members were present in the meeting: -

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| a. Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**,ADC(Retd) | -President (In Chair) |
| b. Col AC Talwar (Retd) | -Member |
| c. Mr Manoj Kumar Sharma | -Member |
| d. Mr Ganesh Chandra Jena | -Member |
| e. Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd) | -Member |
| f. Ms Bharti Gomase | -Member |
| g. Mr Naveen Chamoli | -Member |
| h. Mr D.S. Mishra | -Member |
| i. Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar | -Member |
| j. Mr Zamir Ahmed | -Member |
| k. Mr Avinash Deoskar | -Member |
| l. Lt Col RK Bhushan (Retd) | -Member |
| m. Col SK Nagpal (Retd) | -Member |
| n. Ms Shivangee Rana | -Member |
| o. Lt Gen RK Gaur | -Member |
| p. Mr R K Baid | -Member |
| q. Mr Rohitashwa Bissa | -Member |
| r. Ms Menka Guryyal | -Non Member |
| s. Mr Tonmoy Mitra | -Member |
| t. Mr Rajkumar Gupta | -Member |
| u. Col S K Nagpal | -Member |
| v. Mr Sachin Tyagi | -Non Member |
| w. Mr Safar Ahmed | -Member |
| x. Gp Capt Jaya Shankar | -Member |
| y. Ms Anuja Sehgal | -Member |
| z. Mr Sensei Raj | -Non Member |
| aa. Ms Shusheela Chamoli | -Member |
| bb. Ms Rajnish Kumar Kaushik | -Member |
| cc. Brig Ravi Kumar | -Member |
| dd. Ms Muhammad Basheer | -Non Member |
| ee. Dr Sushma Bissa | -Member |
| ff. Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) | -Executive Director |

2. Since only 32 members were present at 11:30 hrs on 27 Nov 2023 for the AGM, and as it did not constitute 30 percent of total membership, the meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum. All present were informed and notice was put up on the Notice Board that AGM would now be held at 12:00 hrs on 27 Nov 2023 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

3. The following members reassembled at 1200 hrs on 27 Nov 2023.

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PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

4. At the very outset **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**,ADC (Retd)** President NAF extended a warm welcome to all present. The President informed the house that Chairman Gen (Dr.) VK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, YSM (Retd.) couldn't join yesterday meeting because of his commitment at Uttarkashi (Dehradun) where the **tunnel rescue operations** were taking place. He informed all that the Chairman had called to convey his best wishes to all members of NAF. NAF is proud to register the stellar leadership of our Chairman in rescuing the 41 workers from the collapsed tunnel. We are extremely proud of our Chairman's accomplishments.

5. The President addressed the burning issues being faced by NAF –

- a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that NAF is passing through difficult times. NAF couldn't get funds allotment from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for last three years. Over and above, we are not receiving regular subscriptions from our Chapters which are exacerbating the problems.
- b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** Post pandemic, all Chapters have resumed their commercial activities. Some of our Chapters are doing commendable work and need to be appreciated. Others need to be proactive and need to reach out to the local civil administration and educational institutes. HQ NAF is ready to provide all assistance to remove any hurdles which the Chapters may face. However, we need to find ways to ensure that the Chapters pay their subscriptions in time.
- c) **Proposal for Adventure Park at Ayodhya.** The President informed that there is a proposal to establish an adventure park on a river island in the Saryu River at Ayodhya. He informed the NAF members that he had visited the site which had tremendous potential with a Chapter Director. We have

forwarded a detailed proposal which envisages starting with an adventure camp for school children. Our Bhatinda Chapter will be in charge.

Mrs. Sushma Bissa volunteered to work for this project through Bikaner Chapter as they have expertise in developing world standard adventure parks in the country.

d) **Meetings at Ministry of Tourism.** The President gave an update on the Policy on Adventure Tourism which has been issued by the Ministry. He also informed members about the proposal for a pilot project for skill development of local youth in remote areas had been forwarded by him to the Ministry. The proposal includes 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. We must appreciate that in the last meeting of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, three of NAF Chapter Directors were present through online. In this meeting, Ms Meeta R Lochan, IAS, Secretary (Youth Affairs) asked NAF President to work on the formation of a Federation for Adventure Sports. NAF hq is working on this.

e) **NAF Website & Use of Social Media.** The President informed that a new website has been developed by NAF. All NAF members should visit the site regularly & encourage other to do the same. On similar lines, social media like Facebook, Twitter etc. are also updated on regular basis to propagate NAF activities. NAF members can like, share & comment on posts. The simple action will help develop the NAF brand.

6. The President there after asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** to proceed with the Agenda Points.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

7. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on 11 Dec 2022.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 11 Dec 2022, which had been circulated to all

members and on which no comments had been received till date, be considered as ratified. **Minutes of AGM was ratified by Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma and seconded by Col AC Talwar.**

8. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2022-23.** The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2022-23. The copy is attached an Appendix A to this report. The salient points are as follows -

- a) **Amity Programmes** have started from September 2023 for this season. Last year, Amity programmes were done for UG, PG and Schools students, Last year, 12 programmes have been done for UG students, 19 for PG students and 07 for Schools students. A total of 5242 students have been covered in last F.Y till 31st March 2023. Now from September onwards, 12 programmes have been done for PG and ATC students. A total of 2166 students and faculties have been covered.
- b) **Corporate Training – OBT.** M/s Acme India had planned for OBT however the program could not be done because of Pandemic. An advance payment was received in 16 Mar 2021. ED is in touch with their new manager for confirmation of fresh dates.

9. **NAF Activities and Events** - I am pleased to announce the programme NAF conducted during last year -

- (a) **Rajasthan Adventure Day** - On 14 Feb 2023, NAF conducted the One-day programme at various Chapters of NAF on the Third Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissaji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organised a day program on 14 Feb 2023 including a Blood Donation Camp along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, UP-II etc. Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a tribute to Shri. Magan Bissa ji.
- (b) **National Adventure Day** - On the occasions of birth anniversary of our founder Brig Gyan Singh, NAF celebrate 12th April 2023 as **National Adventure Day**. Like last year NAF celebrated one-month long programme starting from 12 March to 12 April 2023 at various locations of NAF

Chapters. These were organized by our Chapters with vigor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, NAF headquarters planned two events:-

- i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2022** - Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2023 which was instituted from last year onwards was organized this year too. We received a total of 10 entries/recommendations for the award. The Jury members of the Award are **Ms Anuja Shegal, EC Member, Mrs. Archana Sardana, World renowned BASE jumper.** The jury members did a great work and winners were decided. The final approval was given by the President, NAF. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2023 are **Ms. Shivangee Rana** in Female Category **Mr. Rohitashwa Bissa & Mr. Ganesh Chandra Jena** in Male Category. They will get a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, a citation and a memento. The memento has been sponsored by Mr. Daya Mishra, Director Bihar Chapter.
- ii) **NAF Social Media Post Competition** - This Social Media Post Competition was organised for NAF family members and all adventure enthusiasts. It was anticipated that NAF will receive social sites visibility through this competition. So it was asked to post whatever they feel like. Posts were required to be tagged to @NationalAdventureFoundation and hashtag #NAFIndia. Topic - Remembering Brig Gyan Singh, Legend Mountaineer. Subsequently, as there was very less response for this competition, it was decided to continue with essay Competition like last year but we couldn't get enough response so it was also cancelled. We shall do the program next year with better planning.

Agenda Points

10. **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 were completed.
- (ii) **Decision.** The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously.

11. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2022-23.**

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

12. New Membership /Affiliation. NAF continues with its 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 to general public.

New Life Members and 02 affiliations were made in NAF from December 2022 to November 2023. 03 New Chapters have been formed during this time. They are –

- (a) Mr. Safar Ahmed, Kerala Chapter – II Kozikode
- (b) Mr. Sridhar Muthusamy, Tamil Nadu – II Sky Park
- (c) Mr S.R. Abbas, Delhi NCR - II

13. Membership/Affiliation Status. As on date, NAF has 430 Life Members and 24 affiliates club. Out of turn membership was give to 2 adventurers due to their extraordinary success in the field of Adventure.

- (a) Mr. Satyarup Siddhanta, Mountaineer, Director, Winners & Achievers LLP
Youngest in the world to climb the highest mountains and Volcanoes of each of the 7 continents.
- (b) Mr. Raj Kumar Baid, Mountaineer, Health & Fitness expert

14. Overseas Membership & Overseas Chapter – An application & request for overseas membership & overseas chapter have been received. I would like to inform the members that Mr Moshiur Khandaker, Executive Director, Bangladesh Adventure Foundation, Mirpur 15, Dhaka has submitted the NAF Life Membership Form. He personally came to Delhi via Kolkatta. He met Mr Barun Ray, Director, West Bengal

Chapter who guided him to Hq NAF. Mr Moshiur has filled the Life Membership Form. He is interested to make few members and then like to become an Overseas Chapter of NAF. The President instructed ED to find more details about overseas memberships so that NAF can take the idea further.

Points by Members

15. **Ms. Bimla Negi Deoskar** – The President asked Mrs. Deoskar to brief about her “Trans Himalayan Expedition 2023” under the banner of Ministry “FIT INDIA” movement with Ms. Bachendari Pal as leader of expedition. Mrs Deoskar explained about adventure & accident. She encountered during the expedition. She thanked defense personal for their help. Mrs. Bimla narrated her accident details. She disclosed her Hip Joints of left side. It was very painful but she had to bear with the pain for more than 48 hours before she landed in military hospital at Shimla. She was in hospital for few days and her dislocation was corrected. Her pain reduced and she was able to sit on wheelchair for mobility. Thanks to her husband Mr. Avinash who drove her wheelchair to different places. Overall experiences were real adventure. In this expedition, I learnt that body reacts as you think.

16. **Mr. Rohitashwa Bissa** – He suggested that Certification of Adventure Park should be done by NAF. Bikaner chapter has capability to develop & certify. The NAF chapter is capable of developing world class Adventure Park in the country.

17. **Brig. Ravi Kumar** – He informed that he worked with NAF for 16 years. He believes that NAF has potential to do big things. NAF needs to focus on its core strength and expand with time.

18. **Col K Pratap Singh** - He suggested that draft should be taken to Ministry & let them issue a relevant letter for all. This way NAF can achieve its objectives in this knowledge scarce situation.

19. **Mr. Avinash Deoskar** - He emphasized the need for developing standard curriculum for training in different adventure activities along with audit & safety needs. It was agreed that a two days' workshop for the same will be held at Nagpur on 23rd & 24th Feb 2024. All Directors are invited for this workshop. The participants are requested to

plan their arrival on 22 Feb and departure on the evening 24th or morning of 25th Feb 2024. The details of the program will be shared with participants in due course of time.

20. **Ms. Anuja Sehgal** – She feels that idea of NAF can be taken to schools, colleges & other institutions like Amity University. Different adventure activities can be planned for institutions. She volunteered to take the ideas to schools and colleges across the country. The President agreed to the proposal for the idea & requested Ms. Anuja Sehgal to take it to next level. She could become Vice President (Business Development) of NAF.

21. **Dr. Sushma Bissa**– She informed the house about various expeditions done in last one year along with Ms Bachendari Pal, senior member of NAF were successful and inspiring. She is happy that parts of these activities are covered in this year NAFER 2023. She felt that NAF can take advantage of adventure activities being done by members. She agreed to connect NAF with other organizations. The President agreed for the ideas and requested Dr Sushma ji to take things forward for NAF.

Decisions – The President directed Executive Director to follow these suggestions given by members so that NAF can achieve its millstones.

22. **Commendations.** The President brought out that:-

- a) **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)** had been playing a yeoman's role as the 'Editor of in-charge for conducting Amity Programmes. His contribution to the well-being and progress of the NAF was highly commendable. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director did well as Editor of NAFER and it could be published in time. His work is praiseworthy and in a short period, he has been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF.
- b) The NAF Staff Mr. **Mahesh Chand** had continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner. The newly joined staff Ms Bhawna after the resignation of Mr Sagar Rao has started taking interest in NAF activities.

CONCLUSIONS

Remarks by the President

23. The President stated that while financially we may not have received funds but in other manner it had been a reasonably fruitful and successful year for the NAF. The President further exhorted all to be more responsive and interacting, to draw strength from each other. He advised all to keep in touch with the NAF National HQ as well as the Chapters.

Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

24. Executive Director thanked the President, for presiding over the AGM and all the members present for extending full cooperation towards the successful conduct of meeting. He thanked Gp Capt Jayashankar from Banaglore, Mr Safar Ahmed from Kerala, Dr Sushma Bissa from Bikaner, Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar from Nagpur and all others who joined for this AGM. NAF gets its strength from its Directors and members. He also thanked the awardees of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2023, Ms Shivangee Rana, Mr Rohitashwa Bissa and Mr Ganesh Chandra Jena. ED thanked them all for making this AGM successful.

25. 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

26. There being no other points, the meeting was declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair. All the members were requested to move for lunch organized at ground floor.

Date: 8 December 2023

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director