

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION**  
**HELD AT 1200 HRS ON 31 Aug 2025**  
**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 ( <b>In Chair</b> ) |
| b.  | Col AC Talwar (Retd)                        | -Member                        |
| c.  | Lt Gen G L Bakshi (Retd)                    | -Member                        |
| d.  | Brig Ravi Kumar                             | -Member                        |
| e.  | Mrs. Neelofar                               | -Member                        |
| f.  | Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)                  | -Member                        |
| g.  | Mrs. Indu Talwar                            | -Member                        |
| h.  | Mr. D.S. Mishra                             | -Member                        |
| i.  | Gp Cpt Jayashankar                          | -Member                        |
| j.  | Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar                        | -Member                        |
| k.  | Mr. Zamir Ahmed                             | -Member                        |
| l.  | Col C K Singh                               | -Member                        |
| m.  | Col SK Nagpal (Retd)                        | -Member                        |
| n.  | Mr. Ajit Singh                              | -Member                        |
| o.  | Mr. Barun Ray                               | -Member                        |
| p.  | Capt. Rohini Nair                           | -Member                        |
| q.  | Mrs. Suman Singh                            | -Member                        |
| r.  | Mr. K N Singh                               | -Member                        |
| s.  | Dr Sushma Bissa                             | -Member                        |
| t.  | Col Ravinder Nath                           | -Member                        |
| u.  | Mr. Mihir Mondal                            | -Member                        |
| v.  | Maj KS Dhami (Retd)                         | -Member                        |
| w.  | Priyadarshini Singh                         | -Member                        |
| x.  | Mr. Safar Ahmed                             | -Member                        |
| y.  | Ms. Rukmini Chandran                        | -Member                        |
| z.  | Y Srinivasa Rao                             | -Member                        |
| aa. | Mr. Ashok Dharmani                          | -Member                        |
| bb. | Mr. Rabindra Kumar Bhuyan                   | -Member                        |
| cc. | Ms. Anuja Sehgal                            | -Member                        |
| dd. | Mr. Manjul Rawat                            | -Member                        |
| ee. | Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma                      | -Member                        |
| ff. | Mr. S A Z Abidi                             | -Member                        |
| gg. | Mr. Abbas Abidi                             | -Member                        |
| hh. | Ms. Sania Abidi                             | -Member                        |
| ii. | Ms. Sudeshna Palkar                         | -Member                        |
| jj. | Ram Chandra Bhardwaj                        | -Member                        |
| kk. | Raj Kumar Vaid                              | -Member                        |

ll.	Mr. P Thomos	-Member
mm.	R K Sharma	-Member
nn.	Mr. Praveen Anwala	-Member
oo.	Diksha Roopwani	-Member
pp.	Rakesh Kumar Singh	-Member
qq.	Mr. Yomesh Singh	-Member
rr.	Alok Chaudhary	-Member
ss.	Lt Col G M Khan	-Member
tt.	Mr. Taka Tamut	-Member
uu.	M Sanatomba Singh	-Member
vv.	Mr. Lahu Ughade	-Member
ww.	Mr. Pankaj Garg	-Member
xx.	Mr. Kashi Ram	-Member
yy.	Bhagwan Das Roopwani	-Non Member
zz.	Manish Raushila	-Non Member
aaa.	Naresh Thakur	-Non Member
bbb.	Rahul Meraa	-Non Member
ccc.	Nabilal Pathak	-Non Member
ddd.	Yash Dharmani	-Non Member
eee.	Raj K Kapoor	-Non Member
fff.	Mr. Akash Thomas	-Non Member
ggg.	Mr. Ajay Pandey	-Non Member
hhh.	Gulfan Ahmed	-Non Member
iii.	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

2. Since only 61 members were present at 12:00 hrs on 31 Aug 2025 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 12:30 hrs on 31 Aug 2025 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

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o.	Mr. Barun Ray	-Member

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q.	Mrs. Suman Singh	-Member
r.	Mr. K N Singh	-Member
s.	Dr Sushma Bissa	-Member
t.	Col Ravinder Nath	-Member
u.	Mr. Mihir Mondal	-Member
v.	Maj KS Dhami (Retd)	-Member
w.	Priyadarshini Singh	-Member
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iii.	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

3. **Condolences & Remembrance** – We fondly remember our members, who passed away during this period.
- a) Capt. M S Kohli (Retd.), (11 Dec 1931 – 23 June 2025)
  - b) Lt Col Babu George, Chapter Director, Karnataka – I (24 March 1959 – 08 Nov 2024)
  - c) Dr. Harish Saxena, NAF Life Member, Ex. Chairman, Youth Hostel (26 Dec 1945 – 04 Feb 2025)
  - d) Mr. Yogendra Kumar Gurwara, Chapter Director, Hyderabad, (15 Sep 1946 - 28 Aug 2025)

### PRELIMINARIES

#### **Welcome Address by President**

4. **Welcoming the Attendees.** The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*\*, ADC (Retd)** stated that he was pleased & pleasantly surprised to see the attendance for the AGM. He thanked all for taking out time & attending the meeting. He expressed satisfaction that NAF is doing something right for youth & adventure professionals. He requested all present to take the idea of NAF forward and spread the message of adventure to youth all over the country as we approach NAF's Golden Jubilee in 2029.

5. **Points by the President –**

- a) **Reprogramming of Annual General Meeting** - The President intimated that most Directors had expressed the need of a full day meeting at Delhi during the AGM. The necessity was discussed during the Director's workshop @Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, henceforth one day will be kept exclusively for Chapter Directors during AGMs. It's a good decision for the cohesiveness of NAF Directors.
- b) **Collaboration with NCC.** The President informed the members that a letter has been sent from NCC Headquarters in Delhi to all NCC Group HQs in various states to employ NAF Chapters for conducting adventure training of NCC cadet. The Chapter Directors are availing the opportunity.

c) **Publication of NAFER 2025** – After a gap of two years this year NAFER 2025 has been published. The members and Chapter Directors have shared their activities, articles and other activities related to adventure sports in general. The NAFER 2025 will be launched shortly.

d) **MOU with NIWS** – A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed with the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS – IITTM), Goa, a center under Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India on 17 July 2025. Three meetings have already taken place between the two organizations to understand activities, talents & resources of each other.

**Decision** – The President informed all that Directors were requested to utilize this MOU for conducting organized training/course in their respective states. Chapters must inform the Tourism and Sports Depts in their respective states of this MOU. Similar action will be taken by NAF HQs. He Directed the ED to put up a draft letter for the states in this regard.

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

### CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

7. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on 22 Sep 2024.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 22 Sep 2024, 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 Col Ravinder Nath and seconded by Col AC Talwar.**

8. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2024-25.** The Executive Director presented his report for the FY 2024-25. The copy is attached at Appendix 'A'. The salient points are as follows –

(a) **Tamil Nadu Workshop** – A Workshop was conducted at Camp Splendour near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from 07<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025. This Workshop was hosted by Tamilnadu & Puducherry – I (Coimbatore) Chapter Director Mrs. Shyamala Jayashankar and Gp Cpt Jayashankar. The workshop was well

received. EC Member and Chapter Directors appreciated the Workshop. Lot of issues were discussed and resolved.

9. **NAF Activities and Events** – NAF conducted its annual program as per schedule.
- a) **Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD)** - It was conducted by NAF Chapter across India on the Fourth Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissa ji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organized a day program on 14 Feb 2025 including a Blood Donation Camp along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, Bihar and UP-II etc. Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a tribute to Shri. Magan Bissa ji.
- b) **National Adventure Day (NAD)** - This year also we celebrated NAF Adventure program NAD-2024 starting from 21<sup>st</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025. On this occasion, programs were conducted at various Chapters. Two Awards were initiated by NAF headquarter.
- i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025** – Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025 which was instituted from 2021 onwards. This year we received a total of 10 entries/recommendations for the award. The Jury members of the Award were Dr. Sushma Bissa, Col Ravinder Nath, Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar. The final approval was given by the President, NAF. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2025 will be given a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, a citation and a memento. The memento has been **sponsored by Mr. Daya Mishra**, Director Bihar Chapter. The cash prizes were sponsored by **Camp India Adventures, The Himalayan Adventure Institute, Kempty Falls Mussoorie & Alpinestar Holiday Pvt Ltd.**
- ii) **NAF Social Media Post Competition** – This Social Media Post Competition is being organized for NAF family members and all adventure enthusiasts. However, due to poor response this was cancelled to this year.

### Agenda Points

10. **Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.**

Appointment of the New Chartered Accountant, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar & Co for the financial year 2024-2025 to cover the services being rendered for Income Tax, Audit, GST & TDS matters and other related issues were completed.

**Decision.** The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously. It was ratified by Mr. Col Ravinder Nath & seconded by Mrs. Indu Talwar.

11. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2024-25.**  
The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the AGM Members present. It was ratified by Dr. Sushma Bissa and seconded by Col Ravinder Nath.
  
12. **Announcement of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025** – The ED read out the citation one by one and the award was presented to the awardee by the President along with cheque and memento. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2025 were
  - a. **Ms. Pooja Mehra, Uttarakhand**
  - b. **Mr. Lahu Kondiba Ughade, Pune, Maharashtra**
  - c. **Dr. Kangabam Romeo Meetei, Manipur**
  - d. **Mr. Rabindra Kumar Bhuyan, Odisha.**

13. **Talk by Senior NAF Member**

- (a) **Presentation by Dr Romeo Meetei** – The presentation was practical in nature connected with what he did for last 40 years. He talked about the idea of “Women Empowerment through Adventure Sports”. He told the story of two women from villages in Arunachal Pradesh Anshu Jamsenpa and Tine Mena.

**Mrs. Anshu Jamsenpa**, Padma Shri awardee and Tenzing Norgay Adventure Awardee from Arunachal Pradesh, is a shining icon of women empowerment. She holds the **Guinness World Record** to summit **Mount Everest five times**, including a rare double ascent in a single season. Her achievements symbolize determination, mental strength, and the spirit of Indian women rising to global heights.

Another inspiring story is that of **Ms. Tine Mena**, the **first woman from the North East to summit Mount Everest**. Her life journey, depicted in the CBSE curriculum through the story “*Tine Mena and the Faraway Mountains*”, motivates thousands of young students across the country. She has become

a role model for young girls, proving that with passion and perseverance, even the most distant dreams can be achieved.

These extraordinary mountaineers, guided by their mentor and strengthened by discipline and spiritual practices, have not only brought pride to India but also shown how adventure sports can serve as a platform for empowerment—instilling courage, discipline, and leadership, while inspiring future generations to rise above limitations and conquer their own “Everest” in life. He informed all that NAF is the right platform for these extraordinary accomplished individuals.

- (b) **Presentation by Dr Sushma Bissa** – She narrated her life story as a woman entering in the field of adventure. Initially she faced lot of problems. People working in the adventure field were not ready to accept women doing the mountaineering or even driving motorcycle or four wheelers. She explained how she maintained the balance between conservative ideas of elders in the house and then get associated with adventure activities. She urged all young boys and girls to get involved with mountaineering and other adventure activities at young age. It gives confidence and helps to build a strong personality. It also helps to move from one place to other. Adventure helps us to see the world.

#### **Launch of NAFER 2024-2025**

14. The Executive Director invited Lt Gen G L Bakshi and Brig Ravi Kumar on dais for launching the NAFER 2024-2025. The annual magazine NAFER 2025 was launched by the President, Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, Lt Gen G L Bakshi, Brig Ravi Kumar and Wg Cdr KK Verma. A copy of the NAFER was distributed to all members present during AGM.

#### **Election of President and Nine Members of Executive Council for the Next Three Years 2025-2028**

15. The Executive Director then proceeded with the next agenda points i.e. Election of the President and Nine Members of the Executive Council of the Foundation for the next three years i.e. up to the AGM in 2028. He explained in detail the procedure to be followed in this regard. He explained that according to the Bye Laws of the Foundation, the result of the election was to be decided by the “Show of Hands”. He

also explained that the Govt Servants were not eligible for Election for a second term, according to rules. He further explained the details of the modalities of the elections to be followed.

16. **Shri Barun Ray**, Director West Bengal Chapter NAF was requested to extend assistance to hold elections and preside over the election proceedings. **Shri Barun Ray** kindly agreed to do so.
  
17. **Election of NAF President for the Next Three Years 2025-2028.** Lt Gen Bakshi (Retd) and Col Ravinder Nath (Retd) among others, proposed the name of Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*\*, ADC (Retd) for the President of the Foundation. Since there were no other names proposed for the appointment of President NAF, Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*\*, ADC (Retd) was unanimously declared elected President of the Foundation for the next three years i.e. up to the AGM in 2028.
  
18. **Election of Nine Executive Council Members for the Next Three Years 2025-2028.** Since the President, NAF heads the NAF Executive Council, he is unanimously elected as a member of the NAF Executive Council along with nine elected members for a term of three years i.e. up to the AGM in 2028: -
  - (a) **Elected Members** - The name of following members was received and thus unanimously elected as NAF Executive Council members.
    - (i) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar, VM (Retd)
    - (ii) Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar
    - (iii) Kr KN Singh
    - (iv) Mrs. Sushma Bissa
    - (v) Dr. Anuja Sehgal
    - (vi) Col Ravinder Nath (Retd)
    - (vii) Col K Pratap Singh (Retd)
    - (viii) Gp Capt Jayashankar
    - (ix) Col SK Nagpal (Retd)
  
  - (b) There was no objection or comment raised by any member, **Mr. Barun Ray** declared all nine members and President elected for three years, up to the AGM in 2028. The election was endorsed by the members unanimously.

## Commendations

19. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director did well and he is able to take NAF idea forward. His work is praiseworthy and he has been able to do some good work for NAF.
20. The NAF Staff Mr. **Mahesh Chand and Ms Bhawna** had continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

## CONCLUSIONS

### Remarks by the President

21. The President stated that NAF had a reasonably fruitful and successful year. A number of young professionals had joined NAF as members. He requested more to join.

### Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

22. The 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 congratulated the awardees of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025. ED thanked all for making this AGM successful.

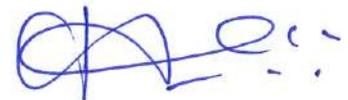
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23. There being no other points, all the members were requested to move for lunch organized at ground floor.



Date: 16 Sep 2025

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