

MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1130 HRS ON 21 FEB 2026
AT AVI, SECTOR – 29, NOIDA 201301 (UP)

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) Col SK Nagpal (Retd)
d) Col K Pratap Singh (Retd)
e) Dr Anuja Sehgal – Online
f) Gp Capt Jayashankar - Online

Nominated Members

- g) Mr Avinash Deoskar – Online
h) Mr Daya Mishra – Online

Special Invitees

- i) Lt Gen GL Bakshi (Retd), Ex President. - Absent
j) Brig Ravi Kumar (Retd), Ex President. – Absent

Executive

- k) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director

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

Absent Members

- l) Kr K N Singh
m) Col Ravinder Nath (Retd)
n) Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar
o) Dr. Sushma Bissa
p) Mrs. Suman Singh
q) Shri Gajpal Singh Rathore
r) Col R K Bhushan (Retd)

- s) Col AC Talwar (Retd)
- t) Mr. Ashok Dharmani

PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all present Executive Council members and those who were available Online through Zoom Application. He thanked them for sparing their time and attending the meeting. But he requested members to be present for this important meeting especially when they have confirmed in advance as last moment cancellation creates administration hassles. Other EC Members are requested to participate in policy discussions for betterment of NAF.
 - a) **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** – The President briefed EC members about the latest developments with respect to the NPYAD Scheme. He informed that ED is in touch with the Ministry and it is expected that funds may be allocated under the NPYAD Scheme this year. He also informed the EC that he had written to the Chairman to connect with the Ministry for Fund allocation.
 - b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters** – The President informed about the decision of reduction of subscription to 75%. However some of the Chapters are not paying their dues yet and there is a need to remind them on regular basis. ED is being told to send reminder emails on regular basis to Chapter Directors.
 - c) **Director’s Workshop at Kerala** – The President informed that a Director’s Workshop was conducted at Muzhappilangad Beach, Kerala from 02 to 05 February 2026. The host Mr. Safar Ahmad made good arrangements. In this workshop, the **SOPs for Seven Adventure Sports were finalized**. The “Signature Ceremony” for these 7 SOPs were carried out on 4th Feb 2026. Wg Cdr SKJ Nair & his team came with Paramotor. Chapter Directors attending the Workshop experienced Air adventure at Sea Beach.
 - d) **MOU with NIWS** – Mr. Ranjit Singh from NIWS personally met me at NAF HQ and briefed about his activities at Goa. He is very optimistic to collaborate with

NAF for taking up adventure activities across India. He informed that White Water facilities are with NAF which can be utilized by NIWS in collaboration for training and certification of professionals across India.

- e) **SOP for Certification** – This SOP is prepared & sent to all Chapter Directors. Accordingly, Chapters must start issuing certificate to this working staff. The same need to be ratified by EC Members.
- f) **NCC** – I sent a letter to a Maj Gen of NCC. Accordingly, NCC HQ issued an email for getting adventure activities conducted through NAF. Our Chapters are getting the work. They must give subscription too.
- g) **New Chapters & Members** – He requested EC member to encourage the youth to become members of NAF and also recommend to make New Chapters and Affiliates.

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

- 4. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 31 August 2025.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma**, Executive Director NAF, requested for ratification of the minutes of Executive Council Meeting held on 31 Aug 2025, which have been circulated to all Members. **Minute of EC Meeting was ratified by Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar** and seconded by Col S K Nagpal.
- 5. **Report of Executive Director for the period from September 2025 to February 2026.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix**.

Agenda Points

- 6. **Financial Health of NAF** – EC members expressed satisfaction on financial health of NAF. It was decided that NAF must move with confidence and generate revenue from different sources.
- 7. **NAF Workshop @Muzhapillangad, Kerala** – The EC members praised the initiative of organizing Director's Workshop of different locations. It gives a first hand experience and knowledge of our Chapters. It was good decision during this Workshop that SOPs were finalized.

Decision. The President intimated that the ED should send the soft copy of SOPs to all EC Members.

8. **AGM Meeting in August/September 2025** – The President informed that like last year, NAF will conduct the AGM meeting over two days. Prior to AGM meeting, there will be a get together & brain storming by Chapter Director's to sort out various issues. NAF Hq will host an evening for visiting Directors and members.

Decision. The President instructed ED to work on details for conducting AGM 2026 over two days. It was approved by EC Members.

9. **Certification & SOPs for Adventure activities** – The EC members were satisfied that NAF has prepared SOP for Certification of their staff. Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar gave some suggestions to incorporate in SOP for better implementation. Accordingly, with amendments, the certification can be planned by NAF headquarters.

Decision. The President instructed ED to make corrections and finalize the SOP for training & certification.

10. **National Adventure Day** – It was good to celebrate Birthday of our founder Brig Gyan Singh on 12 April 2026 as National Adventure Day. NAF has been doing this since 2021.

Decision. The house approved the proposal and suggested to organize programs for National Adventure Day in befitting manners.

Points by Council Members

11. **Dr Anuja Sehgal** – NAF should maintain a list of Experts in Adventure Activities with their contact details which should be available on NAF Website. She proposed that EC Members should be given the Transport allowance for local movement and for attending the Workshop outside Delhi. Dr Anuja proposed that Chapter Directors should come to Director's Meeting with their presentation and based on that best Chapter should be selected.

Decision. The President agreed that the name of Experts can be made available on website but did not agree for their contact details. Anybody interested in knowing

experts should contact ED. Further, he told ED to look for the feasibility of transport allowance for EC Members.

12. **Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar** – NAF should maintain a close liaisoning with few top leaders in the country so that work related with Government could be done fast. He suggested that when Governor, Mizoram comes in Delhi, he should have a meeting with Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah for in general Security clearance adventure activities.

Decision. The President told ED to start looking for such options and take necessary steps.

13. **Gp Capt Jayashankar** – NAF should use resources for State Festivals, water sports competitions or local activities related to adventure.

Decision. The President told ED to find feasibility and suggest actions.

14. **Col K Pratap Singh** – He again reiterated to organize a meeting with Minister Mr. Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change and Labour & Employment.

Decision. The President told ED to follow up with Col K Pratap Singh

15. **Mr Avinash Deoskar** – He requested that a letter should be written to all District level Collector for Certification of Adventure Operators working in different adventure activities. Mr. Avinash will send a “Concept Note” on this matter to NAF.

Decision. The President told ED to follow up and write an email to Collectors.

16. **Mr Daya Mishra** – He requested that commission and subscription should not be deducted simultaneously when the Chapter does the work.

Decision. The President didn't agree with this and said that it will continue as it is going. He emphasized that all Chapters should give subscriptions in time.

17. **Col Sudhir Nagpal** – He suggested that frequent visit to Ministry should be planned.

Decision. The President told ED to do needful and visit Ministry on regular basis.

18. **Commendations**

- (a) **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)**, has been contributing significantly for the progress of NAF. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director did well during uncertain times and is praiseworthy. In a short period, he has been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF.
- (b) NAF Staff **Mr. Mahesh Chand** has also continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner. **Ms. Bhawna** is taking interest and doing well.

CONCLUSION

19. 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.
20. The meeting was adjourned as there were no more points.

Date: 03 Mar 2026

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director