

MINUTES OF MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1200 HRS ON 22 SEP 2024
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

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

a.	Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**,ADC(Retd)	-President (In Chair)
b.	Col AC Talwar (Retd)	-Member
c.	Gen G L Bakshi(Retd)	-Member
d.	Mrs. Neelofar	-Member
e.	Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)	-Member
f.	Mrs Indu Talwar	-Member
g.	Mrs Swati Acharya	-Member
h.	Mr D.S. Mishra	-Member
i.	Mrs Bimla Negi Deoskar	-Member
j.	Mr Zamir Ahmed	-Member
k.	Mr Avinash Deoskar	-Member
l.	Col C K Singh	-Member
m.	Col SK Nagpal (Retd)	-Member
n.	Capt. Rohini Nair	-Member
o.	Lt Gen RK Gaur	-Member
p.	Mr Naveen Chamoli	-Member
q.	Mr Rohitashwa Bissa	-Member
r.	Dr Sushma Bissa	-Member
s.	Mr Sanjeev Atri	-Member
t.	Mr Tonmoy Mitra	-Member
u.	Mr Raj k Kapur	-Member
v.	Col S K Nagpal	-Member
w.	Col Ravinder Nath	-Member
x.	Mr Mihir Kr Mondal	-Member
y.	Col Aman Yadav	-Member
z.	Mr Safar Ahmed	-Member
aa.	Y Srinivasa Rao	-Member
bb.	Mr Satyarup Siddhanta	-Member
cc.	Ms Anuja Sehgal	-Member
dd.	Mr Sanjeev Kumar	-Member
ee.	Mr Vaibhav Tiwari	-Member
ff.	Mr Charmin Patel	-Member
gg.	Brig Ravi Kumar	-Member
hh.	Ifraeem Ahmad	-Member
ii.	Mr Vikas Unniyambath	-Member
jj.	Safar Ahmed	-Member

kk.	Mr. Gaurav Sharma	-Member
ll.	Mr. S A Z Abidi	-Member
mm.	Mr. Abbas Abidi	-Member
nn.	Ms Sania Abidi	-Member
oo.	Mr. Pankaj Garg	-Member
pp.	Naresh Thakur	-Non Member
qq.	Mrityunjay Sharma	-Non Member
rr.	Lavanya Sharma	-Non Member
ss.	Ms Sanjali Bouri	-Non Member
tt.	Ms Kanika	-Non Member
uu.	Mr. Rushikesh Vandra	-Non Member
vv.	Mr Om Prakash Bhagat	-Non Member
ww.	Lt Col Vishal Sharma	-Non Member
xx.	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

2. Since only 50 members were present at 12:30 hrs on 22 Sep 2024 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 22 Sep 2024 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

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PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all members and thanked them for coming and attending the General Body meeting
4. President addressed the burning issues being faced by NAF –
 - a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed all that Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for last three years had not allotted any grant to NAF under the NPYAD scheme. Over and above, we are not receiving subscriptions from some of our Chapters which is exaggerating our financial problems.

- b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** Post pandemic, Chapters are doing their own commercial activities. However, we have received subscriptions from few Chapters only, while waiting for other Chapters to pay their dues. Keeping the financial constraints in mind, it has been approved by the Executive Council Members to reduce the subscription for current financial year by 50 percent.
5. **Formation of Apex Governing Body (AGB) –** The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been working for formation of Apex Governing Body (AGB) for adventure sports. They have issued a timeline for this. As per this, the AGB was to start functionary by the end of May 2024. However, progress from the Ministry is still awaited.

S. No.	Action	Timeline
1.	Combined proposal for Apex Governing Body (AGB) to be submitted by the Adventure Institutes	12.04.2024
2.	Scrutiny of proposal and discussion with Adventure Institutes on various aspect of the proposal	15.04.2024 to 29.04.2024
3.	Setting up of AGB	30.04.2024
4.	Finalization of norms, SOPs and definition under adventure sports by AGB	15.05.2024
5.	Sharing of directory of trained personnel, audit mechanism and institutions affiliated by AGB	31.05.2024

Once this time table was received by NAF, this headquarter conducted a meeting with various stakeholders and prepared a proposal. The proposal has been submitted to Ministry on 3 April 2024 by NAF. The ED is in touch with Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (NPYAD), Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt of India in connection with the same.

6. Updates from Ministry of Tourism

a) **National Board of Adventure Tourism.** Many meetings were conducted by Ministry of Tourism to address issues related to adventure tourism across the Country. Consequent to these meetings Ministry of Tourism has issued a National Strategy for Adventure Tourism vide CM No. 1401/2/2021-NT dated 29.04.2022 which has been circulated to all Chapters. Ministry has designated Indian Institute

of Travel & Tourism Management (IITTM) as Nodal Agency. NAF is in touch with Ministry of Tourism on regular basis.

b) Draft Model Adventure Tourism Safety Law. A draft Model Adventure Tourism Safety Law was circulated in July 2024 by the Ministry of Tourism. The copy of the draft was also received by NAF. After study, research & discussion with experts working in the field of Adventure Safety, suitable comments were prepared & sent to Central Nodal Agency and Ministry of Tourism on 16 Aug 2024. The reply is awaited.

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

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

8. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on 13 Dec 2023.** **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 13 Dec 2023, 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.**
9. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2023-24.** The Executive Director presented his report for the FY 2023-24. The copy is attached at Appendix 'A'. The salient points are as follows –
 - (a) **Publication of NAFER 2023** – After a gap of 2 years, last year, NAFER 2023 was published. It was well received by members and adventurers. It is requested to all the members and Chapter Directors to share activities, articles and other activities related to their Chapter and adventure sports in general for the next year NAFER 2025.
 - (b) **Nagpur Workshop** – A Workshop was conducted at Gyan Bharti Adventure Park, Wardha, Maharashtra over from 22 to 24 Feb 2024. This Workshop was conceived, developed & managed by Nagpur Chapter Director Mrs.

Bimla Negi (National Adventure Awardee), Mr. Avinash Deoskar and Mrs. Bharti Gomase. The Workshop was very fruitful. Chapter Directors appreciated the initiative. Number of issues were discussed and resolved. Feedback on the Workshop has been forwarded to all Chapters vide our email dated 12 Mar 2024.

(c) **Citizen Schemes** – Even though overall numbers have gone down; NAF has continued to conduct programmes under this scheme. A few details of the programmes conducted in this period are as follows: -

i) **AMITY Programmes** - Amity Programmes started from 21 Aug 2024 for UG & PG students. Currently 104 students from UG & 292 students from PG have been covered. Last year, Programmes were done for UG, PG and Schools students, a total of six programmes have been done for UG students, 12 for PG students and seven for Schools students. A total of 3790 students have been covered in last F.Y. till 31st March 2023. The last two UG programs were conducted in April 2024 with a total 316 participants.

ii) **Hot Air Balloon at Jaipur** – Mr. Bhavik Lilani from M/S SS Park Advertising Company representing Rajasthan Royal Cricket team requested for designing, manufacturing and flying a Hot Air Balloon at Jaipur for one month in April 2024. The program was done very successfully. The event was widely covered in TV channels and it was first time a Hot Air Balloon was flown during IPL match at Jaipur from Rajasthan Royal side. The program was well received by all.

iii) **Operationalization of Adventure Sports Club @ Noida** – A Proposal for operationalization of Adventure Sports Club at Noida has been submitted to Mr. Sanjeev Arora C/o Indus Aeronautics Foundation, Noida. On his request, the site survey has been done by the President & Chapter Directors. Final confirmation is awaited from Mr. Arora. The proposal is submitted to activate two adventure activities: -

- Parasailing
- Hot Air Balloon

It was also suggested that Paramotoring activities can be done at this Adventure Park depending on the demands from local clientele. The details are being worked out.

10. **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 2024 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)** - Like last 3 year, this year also we celebrated NAF Adventure program NAD-2024 starting from 12th March to 12th April 2024 on this occasion, programs were conducted at various Chapters. Two Awards were initiated by NAF headquarter.
- i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2024** – Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2024 which was instituted from 2021 onwards. This year we received a total of 23 entries/recommendations for the award. The Jury members of the Award were Ms Anuja Shegal, Col Ravinder Nath, Cdr Rajiv Sardana and Mrs. Archana Sardana. The final approval was given by the President, NAF. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2024 were **Ms. Swati Acharya** in female category **Mr. Gaurav Sharma** and **Mr. Satyarup Siddhanta** in male category. They were 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. In a unique initiative, **Dr Sushma Bissa** & her Family (three generations) carrying the legacy of Late Shri Magan Bissa ji, trekked to Everest Base Camp together. All the winners were felicitated by NAF.
- 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. We received a total of 11 entries/recommendations for the award. The Jury members of the Award were Ms Anuja Shegal, Col Ravinder Nath, Cdr Rajiv Sardana and Mrs. Archana Sardana. The winner of NAF Social Media Post Competition for the year 2024 were Ms. Sanjali Bouri & Ms. Kanika. They were given a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-, a citation and a memento. The memento has been sponsored by Mr. Daya Mishra, Director Bihar Chapter.

Agenda Points

11. Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.

(i) Appointment of the New Chartered Accountant, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar & Co for the financial year 2023-2024 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. It was ratified by Mr. Avinash Deoskar & seconded by Mrs. Indu Talwar.

12. NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2023-24.

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.

13. **Expenditure on Marketing Campaign for NAF** – The house discussed about the possibilities of marketing campaign for NAF so that new members can join and new Affiliates and Chapters are added. It was felt that there is tremendous scope for same. It will also enable NAF to get business from institutions and corporates.

14. **Decision** - The expenditure for marketing was unanimously approved by NAF Members. The President told to ED to put up a proposal for the same.

Points by Members

15. **Lt Gen R K Gaur** – The President requested Gen Gaur to brief the NAF members about his vision and direction. Gen Gaur narrated the stories related to NAF Founder Brig Gyan Singh who was a true inspirational personality. Brig Gyan Singh used to work very hard and wanted that this organization spread in every corner of this country. Gen Gaur urged all to work hard and take the idea of Brig Gyan Singh forward.
16. **Lt Gen G L Bakshi** - The President requested Gen Bakshi to brief the NAF members about his vision and direction. Gen Bakshi is very hopeful for NAF and felt that it is a matter of time when NAF will be able to do some extraordinary work in the field of adventure. He narrated his own story from NDA to emphasize that we should never give up and continue working with dedication, results will follow.
17. **Mr Satyarup Siddhanta** – The President requested Mr Satyarup to brief the NAF members about his achievements and motivate them. Mr Satyarup spoke about adventure activities in general, its scope and opportunities for youth in this field. He told that with will power extraordinary things can be done. In his case even though he was asthmatic and despite failed attempts he could finally summit Mt Everest. He is happy that he took time but he climbed the Everest. He climbed other difficult mountains in subsequent years and became the youngest mountaineer in the world and the first from India to climb both the Seven Summits and Volcanic Seven Summits, an achievement recognized by Guinness World Records.
18. **Ms Bimla Negi Deoskar** – The President requested Mrs. Deoskar to brief about her experience during the Trans Himalayan Expedition with Ms. Bachendari Pal. She narrated in detail her accident during the Expedition and thanked defense personal for their help. Mrs. Bimla narrated how she dislocated her hip joint. 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 to different places

including for the closing ceremony at Kargil War Memorial. Her message was loud & clear, never give up and keep going.

19. **Mr Rohitashwa Bissa** – He suggested that separate email should be explored for NAF Members.

Decision - The President told to ED to review this point and explore the possibility to have separate emails.

20. **Col K Pratap Singh** - He suggested that letter should be sent to Ministry & let activities go on at NAF Chapter for certification, Safety audit etc.

Decision - The President agreed and accordingly, letters have been dispatched to Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of Tourism vide email dated 4 Oct 2024. These steps need to be taken in due course too for various other activities of Chapters.

21. **Mr Avinash Deoskar** - He emphasized the need for developing standard curriculum for training in different adventure activities. He suggested to prepare an SOP for inspection so that operators are ready to work with NAF.

Decision - The President agreed and directed ED to follow up. He also requested Mr. Avinash Deoskar to prepare the SOP for inspection of operators.

22. **Ms Anuja Sehgal** – She feels that NAF should move in skilling, training & certification. NAF can also think of collaboration with National Disaster managements & Red Cross etc.

Decision - The President told to ED to review this point and put up a proposal.

23. **Col Vishal Sharma** – He confirmed that SOPS are available with him for various adventure activities. He is ready to share them with NAF.

Decision - The President thanked him and directed ED to collect available SOPs.

24. **Dr. Sushma Bissa**—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 ED to follow these suggestions given by members so that NAF can achieve its milestones.

25. **Mr Vaibhav Tiwari** – He volunteered to do social media marketing for NAF. He was of opinion that there are plenty of opportunities over there to become a better brand in adventure field.

Decision - The President thanked him and directed ED to follow up with Mr Vaibhav.

Commendations. The President mentioned that:-

26. **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)** had been playing a yeoman's role as overall 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 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.
27. The NAF Staff Mr. **Mahesh Chand** had continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner. The newly joined staff **Ms Bhawna** has quickly learnt her job and is taking keen interest.

CONCLUSIONS

Remarks by the President

28. 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 young professionals from adventure field has joined NAF as member and as an affiliate.

Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

29. 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 the awardees of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2024, Ms. Swati Acharya, Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Mr. Satyarup Siddhanta & Dr. Sushma Bissa. ED thanked them all for making this AGM successful.

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

30. 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: 14 October 2024

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