

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION**  
**HELD AT 1100 HRS ON 22 SEP 2024**  
**IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL**  
**5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021**

1. The following were present in the meeting: -

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

**Elected Members**

- (b) Col Ravinder Nath  
(c) Dr. Sushma Bissa  
(d) Mrs Indu Talwar  
(e) Ms Anuja shegal  
(f) Col SK Nagpal (Retd.)  
(g) Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar

**Nominated Memebrrs**

- (h) Mr Avinash Deoskar  
(i) Col K Pratap Singh (Retd.)  
(j) Col AC Talwar  
(k) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd.) - Executive Director

**Special Invitees**

- (l) Lt Gen GL Bakshi, Ex President  
(m) Brig Ravi Kumar, Ex President.  
(n) Mr. Daya Shankar Mishra  
(o) Lt. Gen R K Gaur (Retd.)

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

### **Absent Members**

- (a) Capt KA Pillai (Retd)
- (b) Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar (Retd)
- (c) Shri Gajpal Singh Rathore
- (d) Col R K Bhushan (Retd)
- (e) Kr KN Singh
- (f) Maj KS Dhami, SM (Retd)
- (g) Mrs. Suman Singh

## **PRELIMINARIES**

### **Welcome Address by President**

3. The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM\*\*, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all Executive Council members and thanked them for coming and attending the meeting.
4. The President addressed the burning issues being faced by NAF –
  - a) **Financial Health of NAF** - The President informed that NAF couldn't get grant from Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for last 3 years. Over and above, we are not receiving subscriptions from our Chapters exaggerating the problems. **He informed the members that NAF was currently functioning by utilizing the interest earned on the corpus instead of reinvesting it. After a brief discussion the same was unanimously approved by the Executive Council members.**
  - b) **Annual Subscription from Chapters.** Post pandemic, Chapters are doing commercial activities. We have received subscriptions from few Chapters while waiting to receive from many other Chapters. Keeping the financial constraints in mind, it is proposed to reduce subscription so that our Chapters can pay easily. This point will be taken as agenda point subsequently.

5. **Formation of Apex Governing Body (AGB)** – The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is working extensively for the formation of Apex Governing Body (AGB). They have issued a timeline for this. As per this, the AGB was to start by the end of May 2024. However, the 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 timeline 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. The ED is in touch with Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (NPYAD), Ministry of Youth Affairs, Govt of India.

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.

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

## **CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **Agenda Items**

7. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Executive Meeting held on 26 Nov 2023.**  
**Wg Cdr KK Verma**, Executive Director NAF, requested for ratification of the minutes of Executive Council Meeting held on 13 Dec 2023, which have been circulated to all Members. **Minutes of EC Meeting were ratified by** Brig Ravi Kumar (Retd.) & seconded by Col K Pratap Singh (Retd.)
8. **Report of Executive Director for the FY 2023-2024.** The Executive Director presented the report as attached at **Appendix 'A'**.

### **AGENDA POINTS**

9. **Appointment of 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 was carried out.

**Decision** - Appointment of CA was approved and ratified by Ms Indu Talwar & seconded by Col Ravinder Nath.

10. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2023-24.**  
The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the EC Members. It was duly ratified by Mr. Avinash Deoskar and seconded by Dr. Sushma Bissa.
11. **Mutual Adjustment of Settlement of Legal Case** for Property Tax for DGL-102. An amount of Rs.3,22,000/- have been received from M/s SPG shopping, Mr. Rajeev Gupta as final out of Court settlement.

**Decision** – The house congratulated President and his team for resolving this long pending legal matter. The settlement was duly ratified by EC Members. A resolution needs to be prepared to close the case. ED was instructed to take steps accordingly.

- 12. Annual Subscription from Chapters** - We have received subscriptions from few Chapters while waiting to receive from many other Chapters. Keeping the financial constraints in mind, it is proposed to reduce subscription to 50% of the present amount so that our Chapters can pay easily.

**Decision** – The house agreed with the proposal for current financial year. EC Members felt that it is good idea and now Chapters should be able to pay the subscriptions in time. ED was instructed to take steps accordingly.

**13. Points by the Council Members**

- (a) **Gen R K Gaur** – Gen Gaur confirmed to organize a meeting with Mr. Prakash Tiwari, adviser to Ministry of Environments, related to environmental conservation.

**Decision** – The President reported the ED to follow up with this meeting and connect with Mr. Prakash Tiwari asap.

- (b) **Col K Pratap Singh** – Col Singh said to organize a meeting with a Minister Mr. Bhupender Yadav, Union Cabinet Minister for Environment & Forest.

**Decision** – The President told to ED to follow this meeting and connect asap.

- (c) **Ms Anuja Sehgal** – She suggested that NAF can collaborate with Mr. Bhupender Yadav, Union Cabinet Minister for Environment & Forest. Climate Change, Disaster management Association and health organization.

**Decision** - The President told to ED to review this points for the benefits of NAF and take actions accordingly.

- (d) **Mr. Daya Shankar Mishra** – He suggested that MOU with KV, NCC, DAV, AICTE etc. can be initiated. However President told that departments can be connected as we did with AICTE in the past.

**Decision** - The President agreed to make another attempt to connect with NCC, KV, DAV, DPS, and AICTE etc. He directed ED to take necessary action and arrange his meetings.

- (e) **Lt Gen GL Bakshi** – Working is important in this challenging time. Without losing hope, efforts must go on. NAF must keep doing the focused work related to Adventure Sports involving all Chapters.
- (f) **Mr Avinash Deoskar** – He proposed that the adventure operators, adventure Park etc. in the Country should be affiliated with NAF after Chapter Directors are assigned the task to inspect them. He suggested to prepare an audit steps for the inspection so that operators are ready to work with NAF. Even if we don't get funds from Govt, we must do things ourselves to earn money & we must call our self as adventure sports specialist/experts.

**Decision** - The President told to ED to review this points and take necessary actions. He also requested Mr. Avinash Deoskar to prepare Audit steps & procedure for inspection of operators.

- (g) **Gp Capt Jayashankar** – Although, he was not present, he conveyed through telephonic message to ED that his Chapter is ready to host EC/ Director's workshop at this location, Camp Splendour 368/1A, Thirumoorthy Temple Road, Udumalpet, TamilNadu, India. He suggested suitable time in Feb – March 2025.

**Decision** - The President told to ED to review this point and finalize a program/ date after consulting all stake holders.

#### 14. Commendations

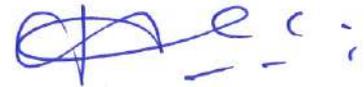
- (a) **Col Sudhir Nagpal (Retd)** had been playing a yeoman's role as the 'Editor of in-charge for conducting Amity Programmes. His contribution to the well-being and progress of the NAF was highly commendable. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director did well as Editor of NAFER. His work is praiseworthy and in a short period been able to get a grasp on the functioning of NAF. He is able to deliver good for NAF & its members through various programs & initiatives.

- (b) The NAF Staff **Mr Mahesh Chand and Ms Bhawna** continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

## CONCLUSION

15. 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.
16. The meeting was adjourned as there was no point.

Date: 7 Oct 2024



Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)  
Executive Director