

**MINUTES OF 50th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF EQUESTRIAN
FEDERATION OF INDIA HELD ON 07th AUGUST 2011 AT DEFENCE SERVICES
OFFICERS' INSTITUTE, DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI**

1. The 50th Annual General Body Meeting of Equestrian Federation of India was held on 07th August 2011 at Defence Services Officers' Institute, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen Chetinder Singh, AVSM, SM, VSM, President EFI. The meeting was attended by 353 members.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS :-

2.1 Lt Gen Chetinder Singh, AVSM, SM, VSM welcomed the members attending the AGM. He expressed his sense of honour for being elected as President of EFI during the Extra Ordinary General Assembly Meeting held on 16th January 2011. The President articulated his gratefulness to all the members for the support. He informed the members that in spite of best efforts from all quarters, the Indian Equestrian team could not participate at 16th Asian Games Guangzhou and a detailed briefing by the Vice President (Veterinary) would follow.

2.2 The President shared his sense of satisfaction by informing the house that for the first time in the history of sport in the country, an Indian athlete Mr Mustafa Tehrani qualified to compete at World Equestrian Games. Mr Tehrani, he added, deserves and has all our support for his future endeavors. The President recounted the competitions conducted by the Federation and expressed his entire satisfaction over the standards of conduct. He extended his sincere thanks to all those who exhibited enthusiasm, came forward to conduct the events, & worked diligently to make these successful, along with providing convivial & engaging backup for these events. He stressed upon the need to rise above partisan predilections and to focus on growth of the sport, instead.

2.3 He further added that with advent of modern means of communications like E-mail and face book, some members have thrown caution to winds and resorted to irresponsible comments. This malaise needs to be discouraged and the energies be redirected in right direction. The President underlined the need to be cautious while interacting with media. He called upon all the riders and other stakeholders to ensure that equine welfare is accorded prime importance and horse is always well protected & nurtured in all equestrian pursuits.

2.4 **VOTE OF THANKS.** The President proposed a vote of thanks for fourteen Members of the Executive Committee who had completed their tenure & one who had resigned. The vote of thanks was seconded by Col S S Dagar (Retd). Concluding his address, he called upon all members to build on the accomplishments to strengthen the Federation so that we always have our finger on the pulse of our sport and equestrian continues its upward course without losing sight of traditional values that make our great sport grow from strength to strength. Subsequently, he handed over to the Secretary General for further proceedings.

AGENDA No 1 : PASSING OF AGM MINUTES

3. The minutes of the last AGM were passed after being proposed and seconded by Col S S Solanki (Retd) and Col Ravi Girdhar, respectively.

AGENDA NO II : SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.

4.1 NON- PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN CONTINGENT AT 16TH ASIAN GAMES :-

The Vice-President (Veterinary), Maj Gen S S Thakral briefed the house about non-participation of Indian equestrian contingent at 16th Asian Games at Guangzhou. He outlined the sequence of events and other factors leading to non-participation, the details of which were put on the Federation website in November 2010. He stressed upon the fact that India had followed the stringent protocol set by China for its horses with utmost transparency and professional ethics. Indian horses were 'fit' and 'healthy' for participation at 16th Asian Games. It was because of reasons 'other than veterinary' (endorsed both by European Union and international equestrian federation FEI) and deliberate misinterpretation of lab reports, biased and malicious approach on the part of AQSIQ China, that all of the 8 Indian horses have not been given permit for entry into Guangzhou. He informed the house that to obviate such recurrence in future, exhaustive Standard Operating Procedures have been formulated.

4.2 Maj Adhiraj Singh requested the VP (Veterinary) to elaborate on 'forces from behind' and the President intervened to dwell upon the aspect with its nuanced scope. Queries by members viz, Col Sunil Shivdas (the issue of second-string horses for Asian games), Ms Mini Sahlot (trials for Jumping), Lt Col Rajesh Pattu (quarantine and Vet protocol issues) and Mr. Nitin Gupta (procurement of vaccines) were replied to the satisfaction of the house. The President concluded the discussion by stressing that all-out efforts were made to ensure participation of Indian contingent, yet a summation of myriad factors, mostly unforeseeable, led to the non-participation. Sharing the concern of members about the enormity of this event, he owned up the complete responsibility for the non-participation and allied issues.

4.3 **VISIT EFI DELEGATION TO EQUITANA:-** The Vice-President(Veterinary), Maj Gen SS Thakral briefed the house about the visit of a delegation from the EFI to Equitana, Essen, Germany. It was in response to an invitation received from the Equestrian Federation of Germany, and the delegation from the Equestrian Federation of India visited Germany from 12th Mar to 19th Mar 2011. The visit, he stressed, was of immense academic and practical importance. Among others, the objectives of the visit were exposure to horse industry, technical advancements and equestrian capabilities in developed nations, and Identification of potential riders, coaches and judges for training of Indian riders, coaches and judges. In response to queries by certain members, the President intervened to stress the long-term goals which this visit will serve and establish cooperation between Federations of Germany and India.

4.4 **WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES :-** The World Equestrian Games were held at Kentucky, USA. Five hundred and thirty-two riders and 752 horses from a record 58 countries participated. In the discipline of Endurance, a CEI **** 160km ride was held on 26th September 2010. For first time in the history of Indian sport, an Indian rider Mr Mustafa Tehrani participated in the discipline of endurance. One hundred and eight riders from 29 countries started the 160 km ride. Out of the 55, who finished it successfully, Mr Mustafa Tehrani ranked 30th.

4.5 **ASIAN BEACH GAMES:-** The Asian Beach Games were held at Muscat from 08th to 16th Dec, 2010. The equestrian contingent from India won one individual Gold(Jaswinder, BSF) in Sword (individual) and one individual Bronze (Jaswinder, Punjab Police) in ring and peg.

4.6 **EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY : EFI:-** An Extra-Ordinary General Assembly meeting of EFI was held on 16th January 2011 at DSOI, Dhaula Kuan, New delhi .The single point agenda of the meeting was election of the new President, the post which fell vacant due to resignation of the then incumbent. Lt Gen Chetinder Singh AVSM,SM,VSM was elected as the new President.

4.7 **EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:FEI:-** TheVice President (Development) and the Secretary General attended the FEI extra-ordinary general body meeting at Lausanne,Switzerland from 05th May to 08th May 2011. On the sidelines of the meeting, the VP(Devp) & the Secy Gen interacted with FEI officials of various disciplines for development of sport in our country. The FEI, officially opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, the Olympic capital, on 06th May 2011. Almost 200 officials from various NFs attended the ceremony at HM King Hussein I building, which has been named after the FEI President's late father.

4.8 **FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY -2011 :-** The Secretary General informed the house that the FEI General Assembly will take place at Rio-de-Janerio(Brazil) from 11th - 14th Nov 2011. The Secretary General and the President will attend the meeting.

4.9 **SEMINAR IN TURKMENISTAN :-** On invitation from the Government of Turkmenistan, Lt Col Rajiv Suhag attended the international conference on art of world horse breeding from 22nd - 25th Apr 2011, mainly to showcase Akal-Take breed.The Vice President (Adm) expressed his belief that with his equestrian background, Lt Col Rajiv Suhag will be able to disseminate inputs received at the conference to the environment for long-term gains .

4.10 **TECHNICAL GUIDELINES :-** The Secretary General informed the house that a committee was formed to amend the technical guidelines of all the disciplines. The amendments were debated upon in the ECMs and then put on the website for inputs from members. The final approved version is effective from 02nd May 2011 and is available on the Federation website. In reply to questions by certain members about the stringent guidelines for empanelment of judges, the President assured the house that the efforts made to upgrade the standards of judging in the country (by inviting foreign judges) will not be at the cost of being oblivious to the available talent from India , which even by objective standards, is of superlative quality.

4.11 **DOPE-TESTING :-** The Secretary General briefed the house about the newly introduced facilities for dope testing of horses at NADA. Besides, he underlined the importance of dope Testing of riders.

4.12 **HORSE PASSPORT :-** The Secretary General informed the house that Horse passports have been introduced and made mandatory for participation in events held under the aegis of EFI. That, he added, is a major step to upgrade our documentation procedures to match FEI standards.

4.13 **FEI CLINIC FOR EVENT VET :-** The house was informed that EFI is proposing to conduct an FEI clinic for Event Veterinarians at Hyderabad from 30th Oct to 01st Nov 2011. The expenditure will be borne by EFI.

4.14 **EVENT CONDUCTED, COURT CASE & FUND POSITION :-** The Secretary General recounted the events conducted during the preceding year, the ongoing court cases, and the latest fund position.

15 **MEMBERSHIP** :- The house was informed by the Secretary General that the membership number is on the rise and is indicative of the interest shown by sports lovers in the affairs of the Federation. He called upon the members to deposit their subscriptions in time and intimate the change of address and e-mail id to EFI office.

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AGENDA NO III : PASSING OF AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS- 2010-2011

5. Members put forth their observations and queries about the audited statement of accounts. The treasurer, Vice-President(Finance) and the Chartered Accountant replied to the queries to the entire satisfaction of the house. The accounts, as at appendix to AGM Notice, were passed after being proposed and seconded by Brig NS Rajpurohit and Col S S Solanki (Retd).

AGENDA NO IV : APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE.

6. During the discussions on the proposed budget, it was pointed out by some members that the expenditure incurred on monthly pay to the Assistant Secretary be met through grant from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The Secretary General explained that the necessary actions have been taken; the case is being followed up with the Ministry, and is likely to be approved shortly. The queries about the expenditure incurred on the officials and attending FEI and AEF meetings were replied to the entire satisfaction of the members. The budget as at Appx to the AGM Notice, was passed after being proposed and seconded by Col S S Solanki (Retd) and Col Subodh Garg respectively.

AGENDA NO V : CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

7. The calendar of events as at Appx to the AGM Notice were debated upon in the house. It was noted with concern that there are not enough bidders to conduct the events and the Federation has been requesting Clubs/Army organization for conduct of the shows.

AGENDA NO VI : NEW MEMBERSHIPS.

8. The AGM was informed about the new members duly ratified by the ECMs of various categories as at appx to the AGM notice. Col Sunil Shivdas raised a query about the antecedents of a new member, Sh S S Sangwan and the Secretary General assured him that it will be duly verified.

AGENDA NO VII : PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES

9. The amendments to statutes, as at appx to the AGM notice, were debated upon during the AGM with inputs from various members- ranging from acquiescence, analytical criticism and opposition, mostly in the light of proposed Sports Bill. Among others, Sh R S Dundlod, Ms Sunaina Mishra, Col Sarpartap Singh(Retd), Col U S Rathore(Retd) and Col Subodh Garg participated in the discussions, among others. In light of the disparate views and contradictory proposals, the matter was put to vote, and decided in favour of the amendments by a voice vote.

AGENDA NO VIII : POINTS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS.

10.1 The Secretary General informed the house that no points were received from the members by 30th Apr, as stipulated by the Statutes. In spite of that, the President allowed members to raise any point whatsoever.

10.2 Mr P Rao congratulated the President for delivering a 'frank and positive' address to the house. He stressed the need for proactive measures in the fields of Farriery, equine welfare, grading of horses and EFI/FEI clinics.

10.3 Col Dushyant Bali raised the issue of a an altercation between some members during JNEC-2009-10. Lt Gen Jagdish Chander (Retd), member Discipline and Dispute Resolution committee, assured the house that the matter was dealt with to its logical conclusion from committee.

10.4 Col SK Dagar(Retd) suggested that the President may visit the EFI office on an announced schedule to facilitate more extensive interaction with the members.

11. There being no other point ,the Secretary General requested the President ,Election Commission to start the election process.

AGENDA NO IX : ELECTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SELECTION COMMITTEE.

12. The election commission announced the posts for which the voting was necessitated. The results were declared by the election commission as at Appx 'A'.

Case No : 074/EFI/2010

Station : New Delhi

Dated : 10 August 2011

Sd/-xx-xx-xx-xx
(Sameer Lanba)
Colonel
Secretary General

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NEW ELECTED MEMBERS

1. Vice President (Technical) - Maj Gen Balbir Singh
2. Member (Medication) -Maj Gen Shri Kant Sharma
3. Vice President (Finance) - Col A J Singh
4. Secretary General - Col Sameer Lanba, VSM
5. Treasurer -Lt Col KS Shekhawat
6. Member Discipline (Dressage) - Col Sunil Shiv Das
7. Member Discipline Jumping - Col Tarseem Singh Warraich
8. Regional Member(East) - Brig P S Narwal
9. Regional Member (North) - Col (Retd) S K Dagar
10. Regional Member (South) - Mr BVP Rao
11. Member Western zone - Col (Retd) U S Rathore
12. **Selection Committee**
 - (a) Col P P Singh
 - (b) Col Deep Ahlawat
 - (c) Col S S Kashyap
 - (d) Col R K Swain

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1	22	013	14	ADD - NEW PARA	<p>AGE OF OFFICE-BEARERS</p> <p>THE OFFICE-BEARERS (PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL & TREASURER) SHALL CEASE TO HOLD THE POST ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF 70 YEARS.</p>	
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