

SHIMLA ADC

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

27 JUN 2020

1. A special EC Meeting was held wef 5.00 PM in the Green Room. The meeting was chaired by Lt Gen Raj Shukla, YSM, SM, GOC-in-C ARTRAC and President Shimla Amateur Dramatic Club. The following members attended the meeting:-

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| (a) | Lt Gen Atulya Solankey, SM | - Executive President. |
| (b) | Maj Gen Sanjeev Sharma | - In Attendance
(Designate Executive President) |
| (c) | Maj Gen Rajinder Dewan, AVSM,VSM | - Executive Vice President & Chairperson, Screening Sub-Committee |
| (d) | Brig Pawan Bajaj | - Chairperson, Property & Renovation Sub-Committee (P&RC) |
| (e) | Capt Amit Kashyap (Retd), DC | - Chairperson, Legal Sub Committee |
| (f) | Brig Gaurav Sharma | - Chairperson Entertainment Sub-Committee |
| (g) | Brig R Sundaram | - Chairperson, Finance Sub-Committee |
| (h) | Mr Yatish Sud | - Chairperson Bar & Catering Sub-Committee |
| (i) | Mr RL Jain | - Chairperson Cards Sub-Committee |
| (j) | Mr Umesh Akre | - Chairperson Tambola Sub-Committee |
| (k) | Mr Girish Minocha | - Chairperson Dramatics Sub-Committee |
| (l) | Col Rajeev Bhatia | - Honorary Secretary |
| (m) | Col Vikram Jeet Singh | - In Attendance |
| (n) | Col Amit Tyagi | - In Attendance |
| (o) | Mr RL Sood, Sr Advocate | - In Attendance |

2. The quorum being complete, Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairman P&RC, requested permission to commence the proceedings. He informed the house that the Club was observing all COVID-19 precautions.

Agenda Point No I: Co-opting Army Cdr as the President of Club

3. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, informed the House that Lt Gen Raj Shukla, YSM, SM, has taken over the charge of GOC-in-C ARTRAC since 01 May 20. Lt Gen Atulya Solankey, Executive President, delivered the welcome address and introduced the Army Cdr to the House. He proposed that Lt Gen Raj Shukla, YSM, SM be co-opted as member of Executive Committee and be appointed as President, Shimla ADC.

4. The above Agenda Point was seconded by Mr. RL Jain, Chairperson Cards Sub-Committee and thereby passed.

Agenda Point No II: Update

5. An update on points pertaining to the previous EC Meet was given by Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC. The details are:-

<u>S No</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Update</u>
(a)	Progress of EC Meet held on 07 Mar 20	<p>(i) <u>Ex-Officio Membership.</u> It was informed that Mr Bharat Khera has declined our offer for Ex-Officio Membership.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Deposits with Yes Bank.</u> Account with Yes Bank has since been closed with the maturing of FD. An amount of Rs 20 Lakhs has since been invested with SBI.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Cover Charges.</u> The details as directed have been prepared & shall be presented during the meeting.</p> <p>(iv) <u>MoA.</u> Certain more amdts which are reqd shall be presented during the course of the meeting.</p>
(b)	Club Tie	It was shared with the House that the order for the existing Club Tie with Pocket Square (Qty 200 in a Folder & 50 in a Gift Box)has been given to M/s Olive Green viz the existing dealer.

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(c)	Takeaways from Club by utilising Club Staff	The house was informed that the takeaway for food orders had started from 15 Jun 20. Members have since then utilized the facility in limited numbers. A decision on starting Home Delivery on Trial Basis with Club Staff after grouping Shimla in three pockets was taken after the discussion.
(d)	Limited Opening of the Club	After discussion it was decided to re-open only the Club Restaurant from 02 Jul with COVID-19 restrictions.
(e)	Upgradation of Club Website	The house was informed that Upgradation of the Club Website was in progress. The President remarked that upgrades should incorporate latest technology to make the website more interactive.
(f)	ASTB	The house was informed that the ASTB of Club Property for FY 2019-20 was being progressed and the same would be completed shortly.
(g)	Reciprocal Membership	<p>(i) <u>With Delhi Gymkhana.</u> After the house was informed of reduction in hotel room rates of Chalet, Cedar Grand, & Himland (W) it was decided that Delhi Gymkhana be approached once again for affiliation.</p> <p>(ii) <u>With MB Club, Lucknow.</u> The offer received from the Club was presented & the decision was taken for its acceptance after examining the reciprocal arrangements.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Facilities at Annadale & Bunker.</u> It was decided to offer Guest Room 'Bunker' & Golf facilities at Annadale to members of ADC incl those availing reciprocal facilities. The members however, would be required to pay the Green Fees for availing Golf facilities.</p>
(h)	Balance Sheet Accts as on 31 May 20	The same was presented and there were no observations.

6. The above update agenda was proposed to be passed by Mr. Girish Minocha, Chairperson Dramatics Sub-Committee and seconded by Mr. RL Jain, Chairperson Cards Sub-Committee.

Agenda Point III: Dispensation for Delay in Conduct of AGM & Continuation of Existing EC in view of COVID-19

7. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, informed the House that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Annual General Body Meeting for the year 2019-20 which was scheduled on 21 Mar 2020 could not be conducted. It is now planned to be conducted in Sep 20. Hence, six months dispensation for delay in conduct of AGM as also continuation of present EC till fresh elections is reqd. The President directed that feasibility of holding of AGM with local members and the rest via Video Conf; especially those members in Chandimandir and Ambala be explored.

8. The Agenda Point was proposed to be passed by Brig R Sundaram, Chairperson Finance Sub-Committee and seconded by Mr. RL Jain, Chairperson Cards Sub-Committee.

Agenda Point IV: Grant of Hony Membership to the Patron and Vice Patron

9. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, informed the House that the Honorable President of India and the Honorable Governor of Himachal Pradesh were approached for acceptance of Patronship and Vice-Patronship as per the MoA. Whilst the President has declined to become the Patron, the Governor has accepted to be the Vice-Patron of the Club. The Governor was being coopted as the Vice Patron wef 21 Apr; the date of his formal consent. He will however, be formally coopted through an appropriate ceremony in the near future. He also proposed that both the Patron & Vice Patron be offered Club's Hony membership.

10. A discussion ensued, post which it was decided to re-examine the Clause of Patronship & Vice Patronship as the Presidents of India have routinely been declining to be Patron of the Club. The President directed that this issue be examined on file.

Agenda Pt V: Amdt to MoA & Bye Laws

11. The House was informed that as per HP State Govt Societies Act 2006 under which the Club is registered, one half of total members of the Club are reqd to fulfill the quorum for AGM & not 100 members as is the current practice. In addition, as per the same Act, three fifths of the members present for the AGM are required to give consent for passage of amendments to the MoA of the Club. The same was concurred to by Mr. RL Sood, Senior Advocate, who was the Presiding Officer for the Committee to carry out the amdt in the MoA. Brig Pawan Bajaj also informed that necessary alterations would be made. The balance amendments had already been covered in EC Meet held on 07 Mar 20. The amendments presented were passed unanimously by the house. The President however, remarked that he felt that Club's MoA may be too restrictive & the Committee look into the matter.

Agenda Pt VI: Proposed Events 2020-21

12. Brig Pawan Bajaj informed the House about the proposed events planned during the FY 2020-21. The list presented was passed unanimously by the House. Refer Appendix 'A'. After a few suggestions were offered, it was decided to hold additional events for children of all groups especially for the younger & the college going. The President directed that a Virtual Lit Fest be planned; it should be comparable to the Kasauli & Jaipur Lit Fests. The House also agreed to hold

additional play screenings of member plays especially for the children from local schools and civilian non-members.

Agenda Pt VII: Enhancement of Total Membership from 1250 to 1300

13. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, informed the House that to increase the footfall in the Club & to meet the existing dynamics there was a requirement to increase the Club vacancies from 1250 to 1300 with a proportional increase in all categories as per percentages laid down in the MoA. Additionally, he informed the house that there are a large No of retired officers in Cat 'A' & Cat 'B' who need to shift to Cat 'C' but there are no vacancies. Adoption of this enhancement would mitigate this problem.

14. Whilst the house passed the proposal unanimously, Mr. Girish Minocha brought out that increasing the membership is not the answer to increasing footfall. He said there is a need to induct members who are willing to contribute to the Club activities. The President brought out that new members are in any case screened; hence only those who are likely to contribute to the Club activities should be admitted for membership.

Agenda Pt IX: Incr in Club Membership Charges

15. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC put forward a proposal to increase the Club charges to keep them comparable with contemporary Clubs; the details of charges of Shimla, Kasauli, & Naldehra Golf Clubs were presented. The proposal was unanimously agreed upon by all members barring the increase in Application money charges where status quo is to be maintained. Refer Appendix 'B' for details.

Agenda Pt X: Increase in Cover & Event Charge

16. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, informed the House that the Cover Charges had been introduced in 2019 during the Annual General Meeting held on 31 Mar 19 to increase the footfall of the Club. There has been an increase in the footfall since. He proposed to incr the Cover Charges to Rs 300 and Event charges to Rs 100 for it would not only boost footfall but also bring additional revenue to the Club. The proposal was unanimously agreed upon by all members.

Agenda Pt XI: Enhancement of Fin Power

17. A proposal was put forward to increase financial powers of all members of the EC. (Refer Appendix 'C'). The proposal was agreed upon unanimously.

Agenda Pt XII: Grant of Institutional/ Corporate/ NRI Membership

18. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, proposed to offer institutional/ corporate/ NRI membership to deserving pers/institutions. Mr. Umesh Akre, Chairperson, Tambola Sub-Committee stated that it was a good idea to give institutional membership. It was also decided to look at Corporate Membership in order to improve the financial health of the Club. Some apprehensions were voiced by Mr Girish Minocha about getting new members who were not up to the decorum of the Club. The President opined that no new members would be elected without proper screening. The point was thereafter passed unanimously. The MoA Committee was directed to carry out necessary amendments.

Agenda Pt XIII: Appt of Hony Treasurer

19. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P& RC, informed the House that as per the MoA, the EC can nominate any member as an Hony Treasurer. The same would be useful as the Hony Treasurer would be in a position to assist the Hony Secy in looking at accounts of the Club. Prior to 2009, the Manager of Mall Branch of ICICI Bank, Shimla was a Hony Treasurer. This proposal was agreed upon.

Agenda Pt XIV: Assets & Upgrades

20. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P& RC, informed the House of the plan for assets procurement & upgrade of facilities. He informed that for each asset & upgrade, a Committee had been formed. The plans were approved unanimously. Refer Appendix 'D' for details.

Agenda Pt XV: Grant of Hony Membership to Executive President

21. The House agreed under the provns of Para 25(A) of MoA, to confer Hony Membership to Lt Gen Atulya Solankey, SM, the outgoing Exec President. Accordingly, Lt Gen Atulya Solankey, SM was conferred with Hony Membership by the President.

Agenda Pt XV: Co-opting the Executive President

22. Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, proposed to co-opt Maj Gen Sanjeev Sharma, HQ ARTRAC as the Executive President of the Club. The same was unanimously accepted by all members. Accordingly, Maj Gen Sanjeev Sharma was co-opted as the Executive President of the Club.

Open House

23. **Expansion of Club Activities & Facilities.** Mr. RL Jain requested that the management should look at creating additional facilities like a Health Club, Tennis, Table Tennis, Guest Rooms etc after procuring land. The DC, when asked his views, remarked that the same was a good idea but at present there was no land available. Mr. Umesh Akre remarked that the Club could explore nearby properties where such facilities could be housed. It was thereafter decided to constitute a committee of members to take this idea forward.

24. **Easing of Dress Restrictions.** Mr Girish Minocha remarked that he had observed that many members who walk casually on the Mall do not visit the Club but go elsewhere because of dress restrictions. Hence, further relaxation of dress restrictions could be considered to boost footfall. Based on inputs by the members, dress restrictions are to be further modified as follows:-

- (a) Open Collar/Collared Tee Shirts with Jeans will be allowed in the **Green Room** on days of Tambola and on Sundays.
- (b) Open Collar/Collared Tee Shirts with Jeans will be allowed in the **Dining Hall** on all days.

(c) Track Suits with Sports Shoes, sneakers will only be allowed in the **Dining Hall and South Court** between 5 to 7 PM daily.

25. **Purchase of a Juicer**. The Members suggested & decided to buy a Juicer for the Club.

Closing Remarks by the President

26. The President in his closing remarks expressed his gratitude on being co-opted as the President of the Club. He thanked the outgoing Executive President for his stellar contribution to the Club & wished him all the best for his new appointment. He also thanked Maj Gen Rajinder Dewan, AVSM, VSM, the Executive Vice President & Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC Committee for having steered the Club in an extremely able manner. He remarked that the present lull due to COVID restrictions should be utilized to carry out maximum upgradations. He also imposed caution that whenever the Club does re-open, the new SOP should be scrupulously & diligently followed. He further added that the EC needs to '**think big**' & innovate in chalking out plans for the future in order to take the Club to greater heights. He concluded by saying that he was open to ideas and in case anyone wished to contact him directly, he was most welcome to do so.

Vote of Thanks

27. A Vote of Thanks to the Chair was proposed by Brig Pawan Bajaj, Chairperson P&RC, and seconded by Mr. Yatish Sud, Chairperson Bar & Catering Sub-Committee.

28. There being no other points, the meeting was closed.

(Rajeev Bhatia)
Colonel
Honorary Secretary

Aug 20

Appx 'A'
(Refer to Para 12 of Minutes)

PROPOSED CLUB EVENTS: 2020-21

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Estimated Expdr (Rs)</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Special EC Meet	Jun	8,000	To Welcome & Co-opt President
2.	Five Mono Acts (Gp of Rajat Kapoor from Mumbai)	Aug/Sep	2,75,000	(a) Adv Rs 75000/- paid, bal sponsorship money to be paid (b) Governor will be invited as Chief Guest & also formally co-opted as a Vice Patron (c) In case of delay by the gp from Mumbai, a play by a local gp can be org once restns are lifted
3.	EC Meet : Pre AGM	Aug	3,000	-
4.	AGM (FY 18-19)	Sep	2,00,000	Special EC Meet
5.	Cards Tournament	Sep	15,000	-
6.	Gazal Evening	Sep	30,000	Incl Happy Hours
7.	Member's Play(Hindi)	Oct	2,00,000	Could be co-opted with the vis of the COAS
8.	Lit Fest 2020	Oct	1,50,000	Modalities being worked out
9.	EC Meet	Nov	3,000	-
10.	Diwali Celebrations	Nov	1,00,000	Incl Happy Hrs
11.	Member's Play(English)	Nov	2,00,000	Could be co-opted with the vis of the COAS
13.	Hindi Play	Dec	2,0000	-
14.	X-Mas Celebrations	Dec	15,000	Only children
15.	New Year Celebrations	Dec	2,50,000	-
16.	Musical Evening	Feb	30,000	Incl Happy Hours
17.	Cards Tournament	Feb		-
18.	Wine & Tandoori Night	Mar		Incl Happy Hours
19.	Gazal Evening	Mar		-
20.	AGM(FY19-20)	TBD	1,50,000	-

Grand Total Rs 20, 39, 000

Note: Happy Hours on Spl occasion Wed & Sat

Appx 'B'**(Refer to Para 15 of Minutes)****INCR IN CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHS**

<u>Cat</u>	<u>Cost of Appl Form (Incl 18 % GST)</u>	<u>Security Money (No GST)</u>	<u>Entrance Fee (Incl 18%) (in Rs)</u>	<u>Total (in Rs)</u>
Gp Members (excl Chandimandir & Ambala)	Nil	-	3,000/- (Incr 1500/-)	3000/- (Incr 1500/-)
Cat A' to 'C Less Gp Members	11,800/- (No Change)	50,000/- (Incr 25,000/-)	59,000/- (Incr 29,500/-)	1,32,600/- (Incr 54,500/-)
Cat D	11,800/- (No Change)	1,00,000/- (Incr 50,000/-)	1,53,400/- (Incr 76,700)	2,77,000/- (Incr 1,38,500/-)

Incr in Card Fees

1. Rs 200/- to Rs 400/- (Single Member)
2. Rs 400/- to Rs 800/- (Couple)

Appx 'C'
(Refer to Para 17 of Minutes)

INCR IN FIN POWERS

<u>Cat</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed (Rs)</u>
Hony Secy	10,000/-	1,00,000/-
All Chairman Sub-Committees	25,000/-	1,00,000/-
Exec Vice President	50,000/-	2,00,000/-
Executive President	1,00,000/-	3,00,000/-
President	Over 1,00,000/-	5,00,000/-

Note: Beyond Rs 5.0 Lakhs has to be approved by EC

Appx 'D'
(Refer to Para 20 of Minutes)

PROPOSED PROCUREMENTS/ UPGRADES: 2020-21

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Resp as Presiding Offr</u>
1.	Purchase of 3 X Tower ACs	Mr. Ankush Das, Cat 'D'
2.	Kitchen Upgradation	Mr. Yatish Sud, EC Member
3.	Purchase of Crockery with Crest	Mr. Baljeet Singh, Cat 'D'
4.	Retractable Roof for South Court	Mr. Umesh Akre, EC Member
5.	Upholstery of Dining Hall	Mr. Dinesh Kapoor, EC Member
6.	Buffet Corner	Mr. Umesh Akre, EC Member
7.	Exhaust System	Mr. Umesh Akre, EC Member
8.	Table Ware	Mr. Dinesh Kapoor, Cat 'D'
9.	Upgradation of Dining Hall Washroom	Mr. RL Jain, EC Member