

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF PAKISTAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2012 AT AVARI HOTEL, LAHORE.**

1. A Meeting of the Executive Committee of Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) was held on 1st July, 2012 at 11.30 hours at Avari Hotel, Lahore under the chairmanship of its President Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M). The following attended the meeting:-

<b>Sr.#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Lt Gen(R ) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M)	President, POA
2.	Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood	Secretary General, POA
3.	Syed Aqil Shah	Acting Vice President, POA
4.	Ch. Muhammad Yaqub	Acting Vice President, POA
5.	Mr. Shaukat Javed	Acting Vice President, POA
6.	Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan	Acting Vice President, POA
8.	Mr. Saeed Iqbal Khan	Acting Vice President, POA
9.	Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Tabassum	Acting Vice President, POA
10.	Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan	Acting Vice President, POA
11.	Mrs. Fatima Lakhani	Acting Vice President, POA
12.	Mr. Muhammad Jahangir	Acting Associate Secretary General, POA
13.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Butt	Acting Associate Secretary General, POA
14.	Hafiz Imran Butt	Acting Associate Secretary General, POA
15.	Mrs. Veena Salman Masud	Acting Associate Secretary General, POA
16.	Mr. Wajid Ali Chaudhry	Acting Executive Member, POA
17.	Ms. Sumera Sattar	Acting Executive Member, POA
18.	Mrs. Nargis Rehimtoola	Acting Executive Member, POA
<b>BY INVITATION</b>		
1.	Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja	Secretary General Punjab Olympic Association
2.	Mr. Ahmed Ali Rajput	Secretary General, Sindh Olympic Association

2. The Meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary General, POA, who after having this honour reported that quorum of the Meeting was complete and requested the President for his permission to start the proceedings.

3. Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), President POA welcomed all the Members to the Meeting. Thereafter the Agenda Items were taken up as under:

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.1**

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST POA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 AT AVARI HOTEL, THE MALL LAHORE**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President, POA informed that the Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated on 26.05.2012, a copy of the same was however, placed with the Working Paper for the perusal of Members of the Executive Committee. He invited comments of the House and there being no comments, the House was requested to accord its approval of the Minutes.

**Decision:** The House unanimously confirmed Minutes of the last Executive Committee of POA held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.2**

### **REVIEW OF THE PLAN OF 4<sup>th</sup> INTER PROVINCIAL GAMES AT QUETTA AND 32<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL GAMES AT LAHORE**

#### **i) 4<sup>th</sup> Inter Provincial Games at Quetta**

The President, POA Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), observed that the dates for these Games were announced without consultation with POA Sports Commission, who alongwith POA Security Committee had to visit Quetta to oversee the situation. After this observation he referred this matter to Syed Aqil Shah, Chairman, POA Sports Commission for his comments.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP, POA, stated that there was some misunderstanding within the fold of Balochistan Olympic Association (BOA) and also between BOA and the Govt. of Balochistan. He referred to a letter sent to him by the Secretary Sports, Govt. of Balochistan to which he regretted to respond to the Govt. instead of BOA. He informed that a meeting of POA Sports Commission was held and the BOA was requested to give specific dates which intimation was considerably delayed. He suggested that in future specific dates must be given one year before the National Games and six months before the Inter Provincial Games.

Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan, Secretary General, BOA, attending the meeting as AVP, POA, stated that he had talked to the Minister for Sports, who is also the President, BOA on the issue of holding the Inter Provincial Games. According to him BOA had a strong desire to organize these Games, but in view of the current situation both the Govt. of Balochistan and BOA feel that these Games cannot be held in the present situation. He further informed that BOA had requested the Home Department for the clearance of security, but till yesterday there was no information from them. He

opined that unless the Home Department gives clearance, no meeting in Quetta will be fruitful. He said that he will try again to get clearance of the Home Department, Government of Balochistan.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, AVP remarked that the Home Department would seldom respond and suggested that the best way is to contact them in person to seek their blessing and support. He enquired whether the Minister for Sports Government of Balochistan was keen to hold the Games in Quetta and whether there was an effective coordination between the Secretary General and President BOA.

Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan Secretary General, BOA replied in affirmative and also stated that funds have already been released for these Games by the Government of Balochistan.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP, asked Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan to be very frank if they are really keen to hold these Games. The later stated that they were keen to organize the Games and there was nothing to hide.

Mr. Shaukat Javed AVP, suggested that the Minister for Sports may call a meeting of the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, IG Police and other high officials of the Government to sort out all the related issues concerning the organization of Inter Provincial Games. He observed that the situation obtaining in Quetta these days, is similar to the conditions that were prevailing in Peshawar but the determination of Syed Aqil Shah worked very well and the Games were held befittingly and peacefully.

Mr. Afzal Awan agreed to call a meeting of all high officials and then the final dates will be announced with the consent of POA Sports Commission.

Mr. Ali Ahmad Rajput, Secretary General, Sindh Olympic Association (SOA) observed that certain issues were not clear. The President and Secretary General, BOA must work together for the good of Sports.

Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, Secretary General, Punjab Olympic Association (Pb.OA) offered all help from the Pb.OA for the successful conduct of 4<sup>th</sup> Inter-Provincial Games at Quetta. About the security situation he observed that this is almost identical throughout the country.

Mr. Afzal Awan SG, BOA once again informed the House that the Govt. had released necessary funds to BOA and they are ready to hold the Games. He just wanted some more time so that on his return to Quetta he could talk to the

Minister for Sports and then request the POA Sports Commission and Security Committee to visit Quetta

Ch. Yaqub AVP advised Mr. Afzal Awan that he and the Minister must take a firm decision as soon as possible.

Syed Aqil Shah opined that unless the Corps Commander was involved, BOA could not be able to confirm the Inter Provincial Games because the same commitment from the Corps Commander was available for the Peshawar National Games due to which these Games were held successfully. He suggested that the assurance and support of the Corps Commander Quetta may essentially be sought.

Syed Arif Hasan, President POA remarked that the BOA has also to see as to how much time would be needed to organize the Games, involving all related arrangements, necessary correspondence, issuance of accreditation cards etc which must be completed in time. It would also be needed to be determined as to how equipment is to be borrowed from the PSB. Booking in the hotels, issues of transportation and other related aspects requires time to firm-up. We have little time at our disposal and advised the Secretary General BOA to keep contact with Syed Aqil Shah. He also stated that the participating units must get at least 2 months time for their preparation. He further desired that BOA must finalize everything with the Government officials and the Corps Commander within a week. He however promised that he will talk to Corps Commander himself. He further desired that the visit of POA Sports Commission and Security Committee to Quetta was extremely necessary so as to be aware of the situation and the related arrangements of the Games. He observed that the Minister wrote a letter for the inclusion of certain sport and that must not happen again. Mr. Afzal Awan informed that sport of canoeing was not affiliated with BOA, therefore this event will not be part of Inter Provincial Games.

Mr. Wajid Ali Ch. Chairman Athletes Commission observed that during the period from November to March no Games are possible in Quetta because of the weather conditions.

Syed Arif Hassan, President remarked that BOA has been asked to give their response within one week.

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Butt, Secretary General KPK.OA suggested that an emergent General Council meeting of BOA must be held to take firm decisions regarding these Games.

**Decisions:**

1. The BOA and President BOA will hold a meeting with the Corps Commander, Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, IG Police and other high officials of Government of Balochistan to seek their assurance, support and blessings for the conduct of 4<sup>th</sup> Inter Provincial Games at Quetta.
2. The Secretary BOA will intimate the outcome of the said meeting within one week.
3. No Sport shall be included at the recommendation of any person in the schedule of these Games. Only those sports will be part of these Games which are duly approved by the POA Sports Commission.
4. The BOA will also propose date for the meeting of POA Sports Commission and Security Committee in Quetta with the BOA and the high officials of the Government as mentioned above.

ii. **32<sup>nd</sup> National Games at Lahore.**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA asked Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja SG Punjab Olympic Association to apprise the house of the progress on the conduct of 32<sup>nd</sup> National Games at Lahore.

Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja informed that the Punjab Olympic Association has not so far received any funds from the Government of Punjab for these Games and explained that the Government intends to hold these Games themselves. He further informed that the Punjab Olympic Association has asked the Government to constitute a Finance Committee for the purpose of transparency which may include its representative(s).

Syed Shahid Ali, President Punjab Olympic Association informed that he had a meeting with the Chief Minister (CM) who is keen to have Sports Festival and is also desirous of making the National Games a part of the Festival. He was of the view that the Government wants to organize these Games themselves with certain specific purposes.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP maintained that the Games must be held by Pb.OA. If these Games are organized by the Government it will be a deviation from the past practice including the provisions of Constitution of POA and a bad

precedence will be set. He further stated that if the Organizing Committee is nominated by Pb.OA then it will be OK, but if the Government does so, then it is not acceptable.

Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, SG, reiterated that the Punjab Government wants that the National Games be made part of the Sports Festival and the Pb.OA may only extend technical assistance.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA suggested that the Steering Committee inter alia may consist of Government officials to approve the breakdown of budget but the Organizing Committee must be headed by President, Pb.OA with Government officials and representatives of Pb.OA as its members.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, AVP suggested that Syed Shahid Ali, President, Pb.OA may call on the CM Punjab to decide that the Games be held under the banner of Pb.OA and that the Government may appoint a Finance committee consisting of Governmental officials and representatives of Pb.OA for ensuring transparency. If the Government decides to hold the Games itself, it will be violation of the Constitution of POA.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP asserted that we should not set any precedence to allow the Government to hold National Games. POA is the custodian of National Games and all activities of POA are governed under its Constitution and the Olympic Charter.

Mr. Shaukat Javed, AVP opined that Syed Shahid Ali is quite capable of convincing the Chief Minister. Let him meet the Chief Minister Punjab, some positive outcome will be there.

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan, AVP, informed that in the past the National Games were part of Sports Festival but keeping its official status. He maintained that the Games belong to POA.

Syed Shahid Ali, Stated that the Government want to retain the control of the Games. Mr. Hamza Shahbaz, Chairman of Sports Council and his working is based on other considerations. He further stated that if we try to organize these Games at our own we may not be able to organize them at large scale, because of limited resources available with Pb.OA.

Syed Aqil Shah AVP, supported the contention of Ch. Yaqub that the Finance Committee may include Members from the Government and a representatives from Pb.OA. He also promised to talk to the Chief Minister, Punjab and Hamza Shahbaz and then apprise the POA of the outcome of his discussions with them within a week.

Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, SG, Pb.OA presented an example where Punjab Sports Department organized Sports Festival but the payments were still to be cleared. He stated that Pb.OA has requested the Government to detail their experts to handle finance matters but let the Games be organized freely under the control of Pb.OA. He was of the firm view that the conduct of National Games is not an activity of the Government rather these Games belong to POA who have allocated the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Games to Pb.OA

Mr. Wahid Ali Ch. Chairman Athletes Commission stated that he was summoned by the CM a couple of days ago where other players of different Sports were also consulted on this issue. What he felt from his discussion with them was that the Government wants to organize a Sports Festival themselves and also National Games with the involvement of Punjab Sports Board. He stressed that the Games must be held by the Pb.OA.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA remarked that the National Games having being allocated to Pb.OA must be organized under the banner of Pb.OA. For the release of funds some effective system could be evolved which can mutually be handled by the Government and the Pb.OA. He supported the point that Syed Shahid Ali may call on CM and settle the issue as discussed in this meeting.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP, said that the POA Rules Committee may introduce a Rule that every athlete must have participated/represented his/her respective Province of domicile atleast once in National Games before representing other units/departments

Syed Arif Hasan, President POA remarked that POA Sports Commission should coordinate with the Rules Committee to formulate rules of the National Games.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President, POA laid a proposition stating that suppose HEC has 06 Athletes on their panel and only 2 of them are entered in the National Games. Will the 4 unutilized athletes be allowed to participate from the Provinces of their domicile?

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan, AVP informed that athletes of PIA, Banks and such other organizations not affiliated with POA participate from the Provinces.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, AVP, informed that WAPDA has surplus recruitment of player and quoted an example where only 12 players participate in Volleyball and the rest on the roll of WAPDA are deprived of their participation, despite being much better than the available players with the Provinces.

Syed Arif Hasan, President POA suggested that the Rules Committee in consideration with POA Sports Commission may finalize its recommendations which may be presented to POA for final approval.

Ms. Veena Masud suggested that young Athletes must not be recruited by Services/Departments as age group competitions are organized to remain aesthetical in all respect. She further desired Registration Cards for the representation in the National Games, be used.

Ms. Sumera Sattar informed the House that HEC has formulated its rules for participation and the players over and above the number of teams/specific events are allowed to participate from their Province of domicile. For this the Director Sport of the University concerned issues NOC for the purpose.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA drew attention of the House that PST had developed the database with the purpose to provide details of Athletes, Officials, Technical Officials of each Federation which could be available in the Database. Unfortunately it could not materialize in its true perspective. If the House agrees it could be reactivated.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, AVP suggested that if inter-club competitions are held it can provide necessary database provided the athletes are properly registered.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA once again sought approval of the House for putting Database on the Website of POA so that each Federation may know who are their registered and available players.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub AVP suggested that each Federation has to develop its own database and for this POA may write a letter to all the Federations that when this data is available it may be passed on to POA for its Website.

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA remarked that POA will send a letter to Federations for having complete data of each federation thereafter this can be put on the Website of POA and Cards can also be issued. If this data is



available no one can cheat on the issues of his/her age. This will eliminate all objections at National and International levels.

Mr. Wajid Ali Chaudhry, Chairman Athletes Commission, observed that Pakistan WAPDA and Pakistan Railways are the two Departments which offer employment to Athletes. He suggested that other Departments must also follow suit. He further suggested that barring top players, rest of the players may represent from their Province of domicile. He remarked that the data available in the POA Website can render a great service in this direction. If the data of athletes from the lower level to higher level is available it can be checked that no un-registered player participate in any competition.

### **Decisions**

1. The President Pb.OA to call on C.M Punjab and convince him that the National Games be held under the banner of Pb.OA whereas the financial matters may be handled jointly by the Government and Pb.OA officials.
2. The National Games belong to POA and all activities of POA are governed under its Constitution and Olympic Charter, hence National Games allocated to any Provincial Olympic Association must be organized under the banner of that Provincial Olympic Association and Government interference may not be accepted, however its support would be welcome.
3. The Rules Committee in collaboration with POA Sports Commission to draft its recommendations for the approval of POA at appropriate levels particularly on the issues of representation of athletes who are deprived of their participation in the National Games, being surplus of the requirements of the Department, where they are employed.
4. POA to write a letter to National Federations for preparing their database from lower level to higher level for the purpose of including it in the Website of POA for future utilization.
5. Syed Aqil Shah AVP to talk to CM, Punjab and Mr. Hamza Shahbaz on the issue of National Games to be organized by Pb.OA.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.3**

#### **REVIEW OF PARTICIPTION OF PAKISTAN IN 30<sup>TH</sup> LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES 27 JULY - 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012.**

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary General POA, apprised the House that a contingent consisting 39 members will represent Pakistan. Hockey (6 official & 18 players), Athletics (1 male and 1 female athletes + 1 male and 1 female official), Swimming (1 male and

one female athlete + 1 male and 1 female official) and Shooting (1 athlete and 1 official) and 5 contingent officials. It was further informed that a Boxer and Mr. Aisam-ul-Haq and his partner could not qualify for the London Olympic Games 2012. The House was apprised that Pakistan Hockey Team is leaving earlier as they have a contract with Cannoc Hockey Club London for their training. For the booking of Air Ticket for travel of contingent, PSB has been already requested.

Syed Aqil Shah AVP stated that when we go abroad people present Souvenirs and we feel embarrassed not giving anything in return. He suggested that POA must produce items of Souvenirs that must be worth presenting, may be Neckties, Pins with National flag etc.

President POA Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan stated that this time POA will provide some good Souvenirs in an adequate numbers.

Ms. Veena Masud suggested that Athletes must be educated as how to conduct themselves while they are representing their country.

### **Decisions**

1. The House wished success for the Athletes in the Olympic Games and also for earning good name for the country.
2. POA will give some good Souvenirs to the Members of the Contingent.
3. Chef de Mission will educate the Athletes as to how they will conduct themselves during their stay at London.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.4**

#### **PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF PAKISTAN CONTINGENT IN 3<sup>RD</sup> ASIAN BEACH GAMES HAIYANG (P.R CHINA) 16 – 22 JUNE, 2012.**

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary General, POA apprised the House on the participation of Pakistan Contingent consisting of 28 Member delegation representing Beach Handball, Beach Kabaddi, Beach Windsurfing and 4 contingent officials. Talking about performance he informed that Pakistan Kabaddi performed exceptionally well against India but unfortunately lost to Iran who were superior and had an edge over Pakistan Team. However, Pakistan managed Silver medal in Kabaddi. Pakistan Handball team was unfortunate losing in the last 3 seconds and before that they had clear domination over their rivals. However, they managed to get Bronze medal.

Lt Gen Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA observed that the athletes of the other nations whom we train beat Pakistan's athletes afterwards. In this regard he quoted China Hockey and Iran Kabaddi Teams which were basically trained by Pakistan. He however praised those countries having better Infrastructure/facilities, with better Coaching and Athletes Care

system and broad base activities of sports. On the contrary we have limited resources and limited base and we often find it difficult to make a good choice of Athletes.

### **ACTION**

The House offered congratulation to the Medal Winning teams of Kabaddi and Handball.

### **AGENDA ITEM No.5**

#### **REVIEW OF THE SITUATION OF OLYMPIC MOVEMENT IN PAKISTAN**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA informed the House that after the Elections of POA many issues have cropped up for obvious reasons. He said that approach and actions of the Government are contrary to the Olympic Charter, the Constitution of POA, the Constitution of International Federations and the Constitutions of National Sports Federations. There has been filed a court case against the fairness of POA Elections in the Hon'able Lahore High Court, Lahore whereas the Observers of the IOC and OCA present in the Elective Meeting have already declared these elections fair and transparent. Reports of the said case were also given to the International Media. Monitoring Cell of IOC took notice of this case and reported to the International Relation Division of IOC and resultantly POA was asked by IOC to keep IOC apprised of each development taking place in this context.

The President POA referred to the decision of the Hon'able Lahore High Court Lahore on the petition of 4 National Sports Federations to the house where the issue of 2 tenures of office bearers was set aside in favour of the Federations. PSB and Ministry of Sports filed an appeal in the Hon'able Supreme Court against this Judgment which was accepted. After receiving Judgment of the Hon'able Supreme Court, the PSB in a undue haste issued a Press release quoting the orders of the Hon'able Supreme Court and declared all the key office bearers (Presidents, Secretaries General & Treasurers) who had completed their 2 terms as sacked. The Hon'able Supreme Court clarified in the orders that POA was not affected by the impugned Judgment and remain unaffected by the present decision.

The PSB also held its Executive Committee Meeting on 18.05.2012 to discuss the single point Agenda "the Course of action for the implementation of the decision of the Hon'able Supreme Court regarding National Sports Policy". During the deliberation PSB tried to establish that the 2 tenure policy was also applicable on POA. Some of the Executive Committee members also indicated to create a parallel NOC Pakistan (Pakistan Olympic Association). The President POA informed that being present there he did insist to record his view point which was not recorded in its total perspective. All efforts were directed to prove that POA is a body under the Government. Income Tax exemption letter of POA was also referred in the meeting. Coincidence that this letter was also sent to IOC by the Govt. representative. The Chair decided

to refer to case to Law Division, Government of Pakistan for legal opinion mentioning that subject judgment is also applicable to POA. The situation was brought to the notice of IOC and OCA who vide email of 23 May, 2012 took cognizance of the situation as contained in the press release of PSB and issued a joint letter which was circulated to all concerned for their information and necessary action.

The President POA issued a comprehensive letter on the subject of Autonomy of the Olympic and Sports Movement in Pakistan to the Presidents and Secretaries General of all affiliated National Federations on May 30, 2012 and copies of which were endorsed to Syed Shahid Ali, IOC Member in Pakistan, Mr. Pere Miro Director International Relations IOC, Mr. Husain Al-Musallam, Director General OCA, Mr. Jerome Poivey, Head of International NOC's Relations, IOC, Mr. Haider A. Farman, Director OCA and all concerned International Federations.

Islamabad Olympic Association (IOA) wrote a letter saying that POA had insulted the Flag of Pakistan and the matter should have been discussed in the General Council meeting of POA. As many as 17 people signed on a paper attached with this letter. The President POA observed that when he glanced on the list of signatories, he found that Secretary, Ski Federation was in South Korea when the letter was signed. Secretary General, Kabaddi was in Azad Kashmir attending an official duty when the letter was signed. The Squash Federation informed that these signatures were for requisition of a meeting of the POA. The letter of IOA was issued on 2 June, 2012. Quite interestingly Brig (R) Arif Mahmood Siddiqui, President IOA put the date as 14.04.2012 under his signature. This establishes that the signatures were obtained previously for some other purpose, but used to aggravate the current situation. The President POA desired that Ethics Commission of POA to sort out the issue regarding legitimacy of the said letter as well as the authenticity of signatures put on the attached list of the National Federations referred to in the letter of Islamabad Olympic Association.

A meeting was called by the IOC and OCA at Lausanne on 04.06.2012 which was attended by Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Joint secretary, representing the Government of Pakistan and Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA. The meeting desired the Governmental Representative to report back to IOC of the actions of the Government relating to withdrawal of its interference in the autonomy of the NOC and that of the National Federations in violation of the provisions of Olympic Charter to normalize the situation in Pakistan. The Government provided incomplete information and rather wrote an undesirable letter on 26-06-2012 whereas the information was required to be sent to IOC by 25.06.2012. The IOC maintained that any clauses imposing restrictions by the Government on tenures of the office bearers of National Federations as well as approving, amending and repealing their Constitution were not accepted and desired the Government to change them and inform the IOC immediately. IOC maintained

that the tenure issue is the prerogative of the National Federations only, as per procedure laid down in their Constitutions through the meetings of their General Councils/General Assemblies.

The President, POA apprised that a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of PSB as well as a meeting of National Federations were now being held on 05-07-2012 at Islamabad. National Sports Federations affiliated with PSB have been invited to attend this meeting, as special invitees. The issue of implementation of National Sports Policy in pursuance of Judgment of Hon'able Supreme Court, as per information received, shall be discussed in this meeting.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP remarked that the defeated party in the Elections is thinking that the POA may be derecognized by the IOC. He requested the IOC Member in Pakistan to play his part. He further observed that IPC has no mandate for the affairs of the sports in the country, after the Devolution Plan approved under the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub stated that Syed Shahid Ali as IOC Member in Pakistan is responsible to report such issues to IOC. He referred that Mr. Qasim Zia in a joint meeting of the 3 candidates for the position of President POA, proposed that election of the President should be through secret ballot and after his election the President should propose his own team of office bearers and Executive Committee Members for smooth working of POA. He assured that even after the elections we all will work together.

Syed Aqil Shah, AVP, also stated that before the election he was highly pressurized by Maj Gen (Retd) Akram Sahi to favour him.

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Butt, Secretary General, KP Olympic Association informed the House that in Haiyang, the PSB officials showed their intention to take over POA and that the PSB has the plan to go to any extreme.

Syed Shahid Ali, expressed that he wrote many times to POA to keep him in the loop. The IOC also insisted on this. He further stated that President, IOC visited Pakistan as his personal guest. All this was to coordinate with POA. Unfortunately he is only consulted when there is some crisis.

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan AVP stated that the house has full faith in the IOC Member and the President POA, and suggested to authorize President to take any action he deems appropriate to protect the Olympic Movement in Pakistan, as required by the Olympic Charter and Constitution of NOC Pakistan. In this context he referred to the proceedings and decisions of the POA Emergent General Council Meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 which states that we should take every possible measure to safeguard autonomy and independence of National

Sports Federations and that of the POA as guaranteed under the IOC Olympic Charter as well as Constitutions of the POA and Federations. There will be no compromise on Ministry of Sports, Government of Pakistan Notification No.SRO(1)-2009 dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, authorizing the PSB to approve, amend and repeal the Constitutions of National Sports Federations and Associations as well as the tenure issue which is the prerogative of the General Council of the Federations.

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan, also referred to the decision taken in another POA General Council meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 in which the President POA was authorized to take strict actions against the National Sports Federation which does not obey the orders of the POA or does not abide by its Constitution as provided under Article-VI(6)-v of the Constitution of POA.

The house unanimously agreed and supported the proposals of Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan which were also in line with the previous decisions of the General Council of POA as well as that of IOC Olympic Charter and POA Constitution.

Mr. Shukat Javaid, AVP suggested that we should attend the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July as called for by PSB and apprise them about the requirements of Olympic Charter. He further requested and urged the IOC Member to play his Role to resolve the crisis.

Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Tabbasam AVP, stated that invitation for dinner of IOC Member after the Elections to normalize the situation was a proof of his concern and sincerity to the Olympic Movement in Pakistan.

### **Decisions**

- i. The House appreciated the efforts of President, POA for the protection of Olympic Movement in Pakistan and authorized him to take any step/measure to protect the autonomy of POA and the National Sports Federations in line with the provisions of the Olympic Charter, the Constitutions of International Federations and that of the NOC Pakistan (POA). The President, POA was further empowered by the House to suspend/ban any individual(s) or Organization(s) violating their own Constitution, POA Constitution, Olympic Charter and accepting interference of Government.
- ii. POA Ethics Commission to determine the Constitutional legitimacy of the letter of IOA and sort out issue of genuineness of signatures of the authorized office bearers of National Federations on the list made a part of the letter of Islamabad Olympic Association which states that they accept the directions of the

PSB/Government for approving, amending or repealing Constitutions of all the National Federations and Associations as well as accepting the authority of the PSB to remove any of the office bearers of National Games and Sports Organizations affiliated with PSB, without incorporating the same in their Constitutions and without the approval of their General Councils.

- iii. Syed Shahid Ali IOC Member in Pakistan to play his Role to defend the cause of Olympic Movement in Pakistan in letter and spirit in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO.6**

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

- a. National Beach Games were decided to be held in Karachi in the last Executive Committee Meeting of POA. With the personal efforts of President POA, 02 Observers namely Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, President, SOA, and Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput, SG, SOA were sent to observe 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Beach Games so as to equip themselves on the organizational and technical matters for the conduct of National Beach Games in Karachi in 2013. Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput was specially invited to this meeting. He was requested to apprise the House of his visitation. He had already circulated a paper on the visit of Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah and himself and expressed that it was fine experience to ascertain all the sports requirements of Beach Games, their technical conduct and other important related issues.
- b. Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA, asked POA Sports Commission to finalize sports for the National Beach Games to be held in March 2013 Karachi. He particularly emphasized to keep limited number of Sports on the programme of these Games, so that the same could be conveniently and efficiently organized. For this purpose Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput was required to coordinate with Syed Aqil Shah, AVP, POA and Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan AVP, POA with all details as early as possible. Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput stated that he was keen to finalize the sports/games at the earliest so that he may prepare a case for approval of the Sind Government for funds, necessarily required for creating the spectators stands and preparing Venues. He promised to provide information to POA Secretariat and POA Sports Commission very soon.
- c. Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA drew attention of the House that POA had written a letter to all Provincial Olympic Associations to organize Olympic Day activities. In response, Punjab, declined for want of funds for the purpose and Sind

took initiative for organizing as many as 09 events in a befitting manner. He had all praise for Ms Veena Masud and SOA for their untiring efforts. The House also offered their appreciations and congratulation to Ms. Veena Masud and Sindh Olympic Association.

- d. Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA further informed the House that a school boy from Karachi motivated by Ms Veena Masud has sketched a painting which is worth placing in the Olympic Museum and it will be a rich treasure of Olympic Museum of POA. The same boy had earlier prepared a painting which was entered in the painting competition for the London 2012 Olympic Games. His painting was included in the final selection but unfortunately he could not get any place in the final round.
- e. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary General, POA informed the House that for the last 3 years no increase in the Salaries of POA staff has been given. Moreover complete review of the Organization is also needed in terms of responsibilities, positions, pay package and logistics. He further suggested that 20% increase in line with the announcement of the Government may please be allowed to all POA employees.

### **Decisions**

1. POA Sports Commission in coordination with Sindh Olympic Association will finalize the number of Sports/Disciplines/Events to be included in the first National Beach Games in 2013 at Karachi, as well as provide complete details of modalities to be followed in the conduct of these Games with Draft Rules to the Commission.
2. Painting of school boy namely Ameer Hoti will be framed and made part of Olympic Museum of POA.
3. The House authorized the President POA to engage / arrange the staff and Logistics as per POA requirement based on the recommendations of Committee comprising the following:-
  - i. Mr. Abdul Khaliq Khan, - Chairman  
Acting Vice President, POA
  - ii. Mr. Muhammad Shafiq - Member  
Acting Treasurer POA
  - iii. Mr. Muhammad Jahangir - Member  
Acting Associate Secretary General POA
  - iv. Hafiz Imran Butt - Member  
Acting Associate Secretary General POA
  - v. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood - Secretary  
Secretary General POA



4. KP Olympic Association shall organize Olympic Day activities right now as declared by the President and Secretary General of KP Olympic Association.

The House offered **Fateha** for the departed soul Mr. Abdul Qadeer Ex-Caretaker of POA and prayed for his boon and benevolence.

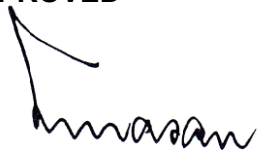
There being no other point to discuss Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), President POA thanked all the members for their valuable discussions and contributions.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(MUHAMMAD KHALID MAHMOOD)  
Secretary General POA

**APPROVED**



**Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan**  
President, POA