

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF PAKISTAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION HELD ON 08 JUNE, 2013 AT 1100 HOURS AT OLYMPIC HOUSE, LAHORE.

1. The Emergent Meeting of the General Council of Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) was held on 8th June, 2013 at 1100 hours at Olympic House, Lahore. The meeting was presided by Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M), President POA. The names of the persons who attended the meeting being bonafide and authorized Members are:

Sr. #	NAME	Status/Federation/Association/ Organization Representing / Individual Member
1	Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan HI(M)	President, POA (In Chair)
2	Begum Ishrat Ashraf	Individual Member, POA
3	Mr. Malik Atta Muhammad	Individual Member, POA
4	Mr. Sami Ullah Khan	Individual Member, POA
5	Mr. Naveed Alam	Individual Member, POA
6	Mr. Hafiz Salman Butt	Individual Member, POA
7	Mr. Ihtisham ul Haq	Individual Member, POA
8	Ms. Ambreen Iftikhar	Individual Member, POA
9	Ms. Andleeb Ahmar	Individual Member, POA
10	Mrs. Fatima Lakhani	Lady Member, POA
11	Mrs. Veena Masud	Lady Member, POA
12	Mrs. Nargis Rahimtoola	Lady Member, POA
13	Ms. Sumera Sattar	Lady Member, POA
14	Mr. Wisal Muhammad Khan	Representatives of Pakistan Archery Federation
15	Mr. Nadeem Yousaf	
16	Ms. Sabahat Rasheed	
17	Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt	Representatives of Athletics Federation of Pakistan
18	Mr. Bahre Karam	
19	Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui	
20	Mr. Tayyab Sohail	Representatives of Pakistan Badminton Federation
21	Mr. Ishtiaq Hanif	
22	Mrs. Mariam Manzoor	

23	Mr. Shaukat Javed	Representatives of Pakistan Federation Baseball
24	Mr. Khawar Shah	
25	Ms. Noshi Javed	
26	Sheikh Farooq Iqbal	Representative of Pakistan Bodybuilding Federation
27	Mr. Doda Khan Bhutto	Representatives of Pakistan Boxing Federation
28	Mr. Iqbal Hussain	
29	Mr. Yousaf Butt	
30	Mr. Kamran Amin	Representatives of Pakistan Cycling Federation
31	Mr. Waqar Ali	
32	Ms. Farhat Malik	
33	Col Farasat Ali	Representatives of Pakistan Football Federation
34	Ms. Kiran Ilyas Ghani	
35	Mr. Hasnain	
36	Prof. Paimda A. Malik	Representatives of Pakistan Gymnastics Federation
37	Mrs. Nasreen Malik	
38	Mr. Farooq	
39	Mr. Khalid Rashid	Representatives of Pakistan Handball Federation
40	Mrs. Saqlain Kausar	
41	Mr. Muhammad Shafiq	
42	Mr. Khalil Ahmad Khan	Representatives of Pakistan Ju-Jitsu Federation
43	Mr. Waqar Ilyas Khan	
44	Mr. Akhtar Abbas	Representatives of Pakistan Kabaddi Federation
45	Mr. Zafar Ali	
46	Mr. Muhammad Jahangir	Representatives of Pakistan Karate Federation
47	Mr. Shamim Hashmi	
48	Mr. Rizwan ul Haq	Representatives of Pakistan Rowing Federation
49	Mr. Ayaz Ali Khan	
50	Ms. Wajeha Abid	

51	Mr. Fauzi Khawaja	Representatives of Pakistan Rugby Union
52	Mr. Khuram Haroon	
53	Ms. Uzma Zaidi	
54	Mr. Haider Khan Lehri	Representatives of Pakistan Softball Federation
55	Malik Farhan Rashid	
56	Ms. Bushaf Sohail	
57	Mr. Zoraiz Lashari	Representatives of Pakistan Swimming Federation
58	Mr. S. Tauqir Raza	
59	Ms. Shahi Khan	
60	Mr. S. M. Sibtain	Representatives of Pakistan Table Tennis Federation
61	Mr. Kifayat Ullah Khan	
62	Ms. Sabeen Anjum	
63	Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Tabassum	Representatives of Pakistan Taekwondo Federation
64	Mr. Murtaza Hassan	
65	Ms. Ambreen Saad	
66	Mr. Muhammad Jamil Ahmad Rana	Representatives of Pakistan Tug of War Federation
67	Mr. Azam Mian	
68	Ch. Muhammad Yaqub	Representatives of Pakistan Volleyball Federation
69	Mr. Kafaitullah	
70	Ms. Fareeha Khan	
71	Mr. Hafiz Imran Butt	Representatives of Pakistan Weightlifting Federation
72	Mr. Muhammad Rashed	
73	Mr. Amjad Amin	
74	Syed Aqil Shah	Representatives of Pakistan Wrestling Federation
75	Ch. Muhammad Asghar	
76	Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mobeen	
77	Mr. Amir Shahzad Butt	Representatives of Pakistan Wushu Federation
78	Ms. Rukhsana	

79	Mr. Zulfiqar Butt	Representative of KP Olympic Association
80	Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja	Representative of Punjab Olympic Association
81	Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput	Representative of Sindh Olympic Association
82	Mr. Samad Ali	Representative of FATA Olympic Association
83	Mian Rifat Mehmood	Representative of WAPDA Sports Board
84	Mr. Raza Shah	Representative of Police Sports Board
85	Mr. Wajid Ali Ch.	Athletes Commission
86	Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood	Director General, POA

WELCOME NOTES:

2. The Meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood. After the recitation the President was informed that the quorum of the House is complete and thereafter the meeting proceeded.

3. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA thanked all the members of the House for their participation at such short notice in relatively adverse weather conditions. He informed that quorum of the meeting was not only complete but almost full. He remarked that all present have gathered to express their dedication for the promotion of sports and will foster the cause of sports in the country by the grace of Almighty Allah.

4. He, on behalf of the Olympic Family, extended congratulations to H.E. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on assuming the chair of Prime Minister of Pakistan for the third time.

5. The President POA congratulated Mr. Shaukat Javed, having been conferred the Presidential Award by the Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) in recognition of his outstanding contribution for the promotion of Baseball in Asia.

6. The President, POA further congratulated Mr. Khawar Pervez Shah, for becoming Executive Director (West Asia), Baseball Federation of Asian (BFA).

7. The President, POA on this occasion also expressed that he feels proud to congratulate Syed Aqil Shah who has been awarded Sitara-e-Imtiaz for his meritorious services for sports.

8. The President, POA warmly welcomed Pakistan Archery Federation as new bonafide member of POA with Raja Ishtiaqullah Khan as President and Mr. Wisal Muhammad Khan as Secretary General and hoped that Archery will be developed and raised to international standards.

9. At this juncture, the House was apprised that on the request of the General Council of AFP membership under the new management of AFP was provisionally restored by the President POA. The House expressed its satisfaction over the decision of the General Council of AFP confirming to adhere to the Olympic Charter and Constitution of POA. **The House unanimously decided** to restore its membership completely by removing the suspension notified vide letter No. POA-092/AFP/1001 dated 12 February, 2013. The President, POA also welcomed the newly elected management of

Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP) with Begum Ishrat Ashraf as President and Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt as Secretary General.

10. The President, POA welcomed Individual Members stating that inclusion of these imminent personalities made by the House in the last General Council Meeting of POA held on 12th February, 2013 will be beneficial. He was pleased that majority of bonafide members were present and this is a source of strength enough to for fostering the cause of sports in the country.

12. Malik Ata Muhammad, President, World Tent Pegging Federation and a well known personality was welcomed by the President POA. Moreover the President informed the House that he had also been World Champion of Tent Pegging.

13. Welcoming Begum Ishrat Ashraf, President POA informed that she and her family have been renowned legislators and now she has been elected as President, Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP). He expressed his hope that affairs of Athletics will be streamlined and progress will be made towards the desirable standard under her command.

14. Welcoming Hafiz Salman Iqbal Butt, the President POA informed that he is a well known personality in the fields of politics and sports and had been the General Secretary of Pakistan Football Federation. His association has always been beneficial for his good advices for the promotion of Olympic values in Pakistan.

15. Welcoming world-renowned athletes of Hockey M/s. Samiullah Khan and Naveed Alam, the President POA informed that both of them have been Olympians and remained World Hockey Champions. Their association with the POA fold will be a source of strength and inspiration for the Olympic Family and most importantly for the young athletes. He particularly appreciated and thanked Mr. Samiullah Khan for coming all the way from a distant place to attend this meeting.

16. Ms. Ambreen Iftikhar Malik and Ms. Andleeb Ahmar were the next to receive welcome gesture of the President POA. Ms. Ambreen Iftikhar Malik has been former National Champion of Wushu and Ms. Andleeb Ahmar is President of Pakistan Women Karate Association.

17. The President, POA congratulated Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput for his successful election as President, Pakistan Gymnastics Federation and Painda A. Malik as Secretary General.

Thereafter the meeting proceeded as under:

ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The House was informed that Minutes of the last General Council Meeting of POA held on 12 February, 2013 were circulated to all concerned vide letter No. POA-132/GCM/1140 dated 1st March, 2013 for their perusal and comments. No comments from any quarter were received within the stipulated time. He, however, invited that if any member has any point, he may please bring forth for discussion. Since there was no point from any member of the House he requested for the confirmation of the Minutes of the last General Council. **The House unanimously confirmed and approved** the Minutes of the last General Council Meeting of POA held on 12 February, 2013.

ITEM NO. 2
ISSUES OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT IN PAKISTAN

The President POA, taking up the agenda item, informed the House that Olympic Movement of Pakistan is confronting multiple issues that started immediately after the elections of POA held on 04th February 2012 duly observed by the representatives of IOC and OCA. At the moment the creation and functioning of an illegal Interim Committee led by Gen Sahi and Mr Qasim Zia and supported and sponsored by the government. The illegal Interim Committee through Ministry of IPC approached the IOC for its recognition. However, the IOC took a serious note of this direct interference of the Government in the affairs of National Olympic Committee of Pakistan by creating an illegal Interim Committee and further declared it unacceptable and ultra-vide according to the Olympic Charter vide its email dated 23 May, 2013. He further informed that the Senate Standing Committee on sports held a meeting at Islamabad where many points came under discussion and unfortunately there was no change in mindset of the management of IPC / PSB resulting in giving a free hand to the illegal Interim Committee. All such developments regarding Olympic Movement in Pakistan are in the knowledge of IOC / OCA. The situation prevailing in Pakistan was discussed in the Executive Board Meeting of IOC held on 28th - 31st May, 2013 in St. Petersburg, issuing last warning to PSB and the illegal Interim Committee vide its email dated 31st May, 2013, reproduced below:-

“NOC of Pakistan

The EB noted with great concern that the situation of the Olympic Movement in Pakistan has deteriorated due to the creation of a parallel body to the NOC by a group of federations supported by government authorities, in particular the Pakistan Sports Board. The IOC has reiterated on several occasions that it will not accept such a body, which stands in clear contrast to the basic principles of the Olympic Charter, and will recognise only the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA), currently headed by Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan, as the sole entity entitled to act as the NOC of Pakistan. All the IOC’s efforts to reach a mutual understanding have been ignored by this parallel body and the government authorities so far. The EB therefore highlighted that if this parallel body (supported by government authorities) continues to disrupt the operations of the legitimate POA, in particular by organising new “elections” outside the POA and by preventing the POA from exercising its activities as foreseen by the Olympic Charter, Pakistan will be suspended from the Olympic Movement with all consequences this implies.”

The President POA further apprised the House that Honourable Islamabad High Court vide its decision dated 7th February 2013 has issued restraining orders against the working of illegal Interim Committee. Contempt notices have also been issued to PSB / IPC and the illegal Interim Committee. The House was further informed that the illegal Interim Committee made an effort to get itself legalised by moving a case in the court of Senior Civil Judge Islamabad which was not only turned down but at the same time Honourable Judge also imposed a fine of Rs.50,000/- on Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chairman of the so-called Interim Committee for deceiving the court. He subsequently appealed in the next higher Court which also turned down his appeal but reduced the fine to Rs 25,000/-. The President drew special attention of the House that the members of the House will have to face great amount of pressure from the illegal Interim Committee through IPC. The House will have to ensure that it comprehensively adheres to the Olympic Charter and will continue to do so by rejecting this illegal body. He hoped that the matter will soon be addressed and resolved by the incumbent government and requested the House to stand firm all the way. He stated that the POA shall be appealing to the Prime Minister of Pakistan to look into the deteriorating situation of sports in general and Olympic Movement in particular, passing instructions to stop the illegal actions and activities of the governmental institutions and that of the so-called Interim Committee.

He further apprised that despite several intimations by the IOC regarding Olympic Movement of Pakistan, the PSB / IPC and illegal Interim Committee are not paying any heed to stop their negative activities, and therefore, Pakistan may be suspended by the IOC and Pakistani sports federations and players may get isolated from the International Sporting Arenas. He requested the House to thoroughly comprehend the situation and suggest measures deemed appropriate to be taken by the POA.

At this point, Syed Aqil Shah desired to clarify some misunderstanding created by Senator Haji Ghulam Ali during the meeting of Senate Standing Committee of Sports of which Mrs. Aqil Shah is the chairperson. He told that Senator Haji Ghulam Ali floated the idea that Syed Aqil Shah be made President, POA which he strongly refutes and thereby declared it a conspiracy. He assured that he stands with Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan and will remain with him all the way for the protection of the Olympic Movement in Pakistan.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqoob welcomed the newly inducted Individual Members to The House. Seconding views of the President, he requested the House that whosoever has any links with the incumbent Government should play their role to clarify that National Sports Policy was formulated by the DG PSB which is a Governmental organization. He apprised the House that after 18th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, Sports has become a provincial subject. PSB has only one issue of two terms of tenure of office bearers but according to IOC, no governmental institution can ban the POA or the Federations, which in essence operate as a NGO's. The Government can neither impose any ban nor can change the Constitutions of the Federations, and accordingly PSB has no authority to take any action in this regard. He clarified that it has always been the desire of the bureaucrats sitting in the Government to take over everything under their domain. He further added that there were three candidates for the presidential election of President POA where Mr. Qasim Zia (one of the contestants) proposed that whosoever wins the election should formulate his own cabinet. Election process was also monitored by the representatives of IOC and OCA. After elections, the other presidential candidate namely Maj Gen (R) Muhammad Akram Sahi maneuvered against the elections of the executive committee by using a person who was not even a member of the House. Referring to his conversation with Mr. Qasim Zia, where he reminded him of his words and that it was his proposal that was adopted by the House and that now he was negating it, to which the later replied that it is all politics. It has become an egoistic issue and only therefore they intentionally pulled in the PSB to start a foul game, worsening the Olympic Movement in Pakistan. He emphasised that in accordance with IOC instructions, PSB or the Government cannot make any amendment(s) in the Constitutions of the Federations and National Olympic Committee. The Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in its decision directed that National Sports Policy, 2005 is binding for only those Federations who seek benefit from the government in the shape of funds. He further stated that the House is comprehensively authorised and empowered to take any appropriate measure to protect the Olympic Movement in Pakistan.

Mr. Shaukat Javed opined that a group of individuals, who lost the POA elections, are desperately trying to overwhelm the POA with support of the Government. They knowingly misinterpret the orders of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding tenure restriction and created an Interim Committee. He also requested the House to remain united and assure the President POA of their support towards the stance of IOC / OCA / POA. He informed the House that it is all due to the effective endeavour of the President POA that IOC has not sanctioned Pakistan so far. He advised that Federations should not amend their constitutions in order to avoid PSB's restriction of tenure of two terms since PSB cannot interfere in any matter related to sports as ordered by Honourable Lahore High Court. He also welcomed and congratulated all the Individual Members to the Olympic Family.

Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja informed that the Interim Committee is using the logo of POA and IOC, which is violation of Olympic Charter. He suggested that IOC should be appealed to ban these people, who unfortunately were once part of the Olympic Movement, operating to support the illegal Committee.

Mr. Naveed Alam informed the House that PSB is transgressing its authority and violating its constitutional limits since 2008. He pointed that PSB appoints President and Secretary General of Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) destroying democracy and as such PSB is not authorised for such appointments. He remarked that POA should have taken action against such an illegal induction in the democratic structure of PHF. Referring to the Interim Committee he stated that ban should be imposed on the members of this Committee as they are a group of people backed by the PSB who are willing to intrude in the legal domain of POA to embezzle the IOC funding.

Mr. Khalil Ahmad Khan, referring to the authority vested in POA Constitution, suggested to take stern action against the miscreants. He pointed out that in the last General Council Meeting of POA, since ban was imposed on some people but lamented that the concerned Federation/Associations could not take any action against them so far.

Prof. Painda A. Malik, was of the view that the current scenario of unrest has been master minded by Khawaja Farooq Saeed.

The President POA proposed that an appeal to be made to the Prime Minister of Pakistan informing him of the current situation of Olympic Movement in Pakistan. Mr. Idrees Haider Khawaja further proposed that the appeal to protect Olympic Movement in Pakistan may be disseminated through media. **The House unanimously decided to**

- i. Repose confidence in President POA and assured him of its full support at all time;
- ii. Send an appeal to the H.E. Prime Minister of Pakistan apprising him of the full facts relating to the Olympic Movement of Pakistan and the implied consequences thereto (in personal and through media).
- iii. Condemn the over stepping of the functions by the IPC and PSB to create an illegal Interim Committee of POA.
- iv. Pursue that the subject of sports should be transferred to the provinces and the National Sports Policy should be abolished in accordance with the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

ITEM NO. 3

UNCONSTITUTIONAL ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF POA

The House was apprised that the Honourable High Court of Islamabad has already issued restraining order on 07-02-2013 against the working of the illegal "Interim Committee". The contempt notices have also been issued by the Honourable Islamabad High Court on 14-02-2013 to IPC, PSB and the illegal "Interim Committee". The court of Senior Civil Judge Islamabad also imposed a fine of Rupees Fifty Thousand on Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chairman of the so called "Interim Committee" for deceiving the Court. However this so called committee is flouting these decisions venturing to hold elections of Pakistan Olympic Association. The House was further informed that IOC has categorically warned against any such illegal initiative either by the government (Ministry of IPC / PSB) or the Interim Committee and would lead to IOC sanction. Since the House, has already imposed ban on the eight members of the Interim Committee, was suggested that concerned Federations may be directed to initiate appropriate actions against these miscreants, informing their respective International Federations of the actions.

President POA informed the House that there is always only one National Olympic Committee (NOC) of a country worldwide, which the International Olympic Committee (IOC) duly recognises and which has the sole authority to arrange participation of athletes/delegation in the mega events. Unfortunately against all norms and ethics, PSB created an illegal Interim Committee of POA. This action of the PSB is unique in the world that a governmental body has created an illegal Interim Committee that leads to parallelism and violation of the Olympic Charter. IOC/OCA letter of 5 Feb 2013 clearly clarifies the position of the POA as the sole legitimate body representing the IOC in Pakistan. In this connection, the stance of IOC / OCA sent vide emails of 23 May, and 31 May, 2013 already communicated to the House.

It was proposed to the House that in case any affiliated federation / member takes part in the elections of the illegal Interim Committee then it shall stand disaffiliated with POA. **The House unanimously decided that:**

- i. National Federations, to whom the Seven members of the Interim Committee are concerned, should initiate similar actions as were taken by the General Council of POA in its meeting held on 12 February, 2013, and inform their respective International Federations to pursue for similar actions.
- ii. The incumbent government should be approached to take notice of the several warnings issued by IOC and abide the decisions of the Courts, passing necessary instructions to IPC/PSB to dysfunction the illegal Interim Committee and declare its activities and outcome, if any, illicit.
- iii. Any Federation/Member taking part in the elections planned by the illegal Interim Committee shall stand disaffiliated / suspended.
- iv. Show cause notices be issued to persons by the Federations who have violated instructions.

ITEM NO. 4 **IMPOSING ADHOC ON NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION BY PSB**

The House was apprised about a news appearing in the print media quoting that PSB had imposed adhoc on five Federations including Baseball, Rugby, Taekwondo, Volleyball and Wushu. This is an attempt to engineer genuineness purportedly raising the number of voters in the elections planned by the Interim Committee (under the umbrella of PSB) by obtruding the tenure restriction clause of the National Sports Policy, 2005. The House was further apprised that the PSB had been restrained to take any action as ordered 24 September, 2012 of the Honourable Lahore High Court, in the petition CM No. 3/2012 of Pakistan Football Federation Vs. Government of Pakistan directing PSB "**not to interfere in the affairs of Football or any other matter concerning sports, meanwhile**". The House was also informed that Pakistan Football Federation and Pakistan Federation Baseball have challenged the authority of PSB in accordance to the 18th Amendment whereafter the sports have become the domain of Provinces. The orders of the Honourable Lahore High Court Lahore are equally applicable on all other Federations and PSB cannot take any action whatsoever till the final decision of the Honourable Court is announced.

The PSB in fact is trying its level best to dislodge the legal structure of POA and for the imposition of ban by the IOC to frustrate the operations of POA, disregarding the fact that such an action will damage the image of Pakistan at International level. Pakistani athletes will suffer and will be the ultimate losing end once Pakistan will be totally isolated from the international sporting community. The respected members of this House still remember the statement of DG PSB that the **IOC ban on Pakistan will be a lesser evil.**

Hafiz Salman Butt suggested that all members of this House may take a categorical decision to inform PSB that we are not affiliated with it. All the Federations must write a letter to PSB in this context too. He expressed that all present deserve appreciation as they stand with POA instead of PSB.

M/s. Shaukat Javed and Idris Haider Khawaja suggested that an appeal be made to the Auditor General of Pakistan for conducting special audit of the funds of PSB, particularly the amount of Rs.80 Million given to Interim Committee for the already held 32nd National Games at Islamabad.

Mr. S. M. Sibtain observed that the words of “Recognition and Affiliation” are frequently used in different contexts. He clarified that the Federations have their recognition with PSB and affiliation with POA. Government can only recognize and nothing beyond that. He recalled the time when officers of the PSB never interfered in the affairs of National Federations nor went abroad with the Contingents.. Talking about the requirement of No Objection Certificate (N.O.C.) from the government to participate internationally he stated that it started when the government laid an embargo that any person can go abroad once within a span of two years, but this order has been abolished long ago. He opined that there is need to get the N.O.C from the government through PSB. Referring to the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court he stated that we have to determine what the Supreme Court has actually directed.

The President remarked that PSB has made amendments in its constitution empowering itself to control the Federations. He suggested that on the same analogy, rules and policies can be redrafted with much better mutual understanding and in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

Hafiz Salman Butt stated that Federations couldn't attain independence because of the recognition or affiliation with PSB and mainly depending on the grants from the PSB. He urged that Federations should explore sponsorship to become self sufficient otherwise the state of affairs will remain the same

Prof. Painsa A. Malik informed the House that his Federation has decided to disaffiliate itself from PSB, which was highly applauded.

Ch. Muhammad Yaqub seconding Hafiz Salman Butt on his principled stance added that this nuisance was prompted during the regime of the previous government. But as the new government has taken over so we should inform the concerned authority to comprehend the pivotal role of the Federations and the distortion created by PSB and this must also be disseminated through media. He was of the view that there is a high chance that Rs.80 Million might get misused staging the replica of 32nd National Games. He opined that the facilities at Islamabad Sports Complex should be allowed to be used by the public being their fundamental right but the PSB, the government agency, is only exploiting the rightful, misusing its authority. Referring the authority vested in the Presidentship of POA he stated that no Sports Minister can attend mega events at international level without the consent of POA. He expressed his disappointment in current scenario, regretfully predicting that this will only hamper the national sports and eventually will be the great loss to sports in Pakistan. **The House unanimously decided that**

- i. PSB is not authorised to either dictate or abet holding of fresh elections of the Federations misusing Two Tenure Restriction and except the General Bodies of the Federation, solely empowered to decide to amend their respective Constitutions in any manner, so PSB shall not be allowed to interfere in the authority of Federations and to take any such decisions impacting the governance of Federations including but not limited to so called elections. The action of PSB of

imposing adhoc on the democratically elected federations being illegal shall be defended at any cost and at every forum.

- ii. The Government should be requested, in pursuance of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, to create a National Sports Authority to handle and coordinate issues of sports at national level in consultation with POA and respective Federation.
- iii. All Federations must explore sponsorship opportunities to generate funds in order to achieve their goals as well as completion of development programme instead relying on the PSB and face intensive exploitation by the later.
- iv. POA should chalk out the policy for the issuance of No Objection Certificates (N.O.C.) for the teams participating in International events as PSB, due to its association with illegal Interim Committee, is declining the issuance of N.O.C. depriving the athletes of their basic right to participate in International Games.

ITEM NO. 5

HOLDING OF 32ND NATIONAL GAMES BY THE ILLEGAL "INTERIM COMMITTEE" (ALREADY ORGANIZED BY THE PUNJAB OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION IN DECEMBER, 2012)

The House was apprised that the illegal Interim Committee, backed and funded by PSB, is going to hold replica of 32nd National Games from 28 June, 2013 at Islamabad committing another violation of the decision of the Court of Law as well as IOC / OCA. He informed that these Games were duly allotted by POA to Punjab and have already been organized in a befitting manner by the Punjab Olympic Association in December, 2012 at Lahore. As provided in the Article IV-5 of the Constitution, Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) is the only organization which may, at the discretion of the House, authorise any Provincial Olympic Association to hold the National Games on all Pakistan basis, a responsibility that it has been fulfilling since 1948. He proposed that the affiliated Federations / Units participating in these unauthorised Islamabad Games be suspended. Similarly those Federations / Units whose office bearers will take part in the elections either by contesting or voting in the illegal elections to be held under so-called Interim Committee will face the same fate.

Ch Yaqoob lamented the decision to issue the grant of Rs.80 Million released by the PSB to the illegal Interim Committee for organising of National Games already held in Lahore as 32nd National Games, remarking that this is all due to mutual understanding of and for personal motives of the miscreants.

Shaukat Javed regretted that PSB has illegally issued an amount of Rs.80 Million to this illegal Interim Committee for organizing 32nd National Games, which have already been held in December, 2012 at Lahore by the Punjab Olympic Association.

Idress Haider Khawaja suggested that since the quorum of the House is complete therefore we should adopt a joint stance and request H.E. Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to take notice of illegal issuance and spending of Rs.80 Million on the Games which already have been organized. He asked the House to commit unanimously that none of the athletes and officials who respect the Olympic Charter, will participate in the replica 32nd National Games at Islamabad.

Mr. Khawar Shah proposed that those units which did not participate in the 32nd National Games at Lahore must be penalized suggested that we may approach FIA to investigate the illegal issuance and spending of Rs.80 Million to repeat 32nd National Games.

Mr. Riffat Mahmood, DG, WAPDA Sports Board suggested that the organization of 32nd National Games by the Interim Committee should be challenged in Courts of Law.

Lt Gen Retired Syed Arif Hasan informed that court has already issued verdict declaring the status of Interim Committee as an illegal body as well as IOC has already declared it a non Olympic entity created against the Olympic Charter and therefore it cannot perform any function or take decision in any matter related to POA. **The House unanimously resolved and decided that**

- i. The 32nd National Games have already been held in December, 2012 in Lahore and the replica of these Games will be illegal.
- ii. Special audit of the funds of PSB for the last 5 years and that of Rs.80 Million allocated for the 32nd National Games (already held in Lahore 2012) be carried out by the Auditor General of Pakistan to determine fairness.
- iii. To take disciplinary action against those Units/Federations/Individual Members affiliated to POA if they participate in the illegal National Games and elections of the POA by illegal Interim Committee and that of the Federations by the PSB.

ITEM NO. 6

PARTICIPATION IN THE 4TH ASIAN INDOOR & MARTIAL ARTS GAMES 2013, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA AND 2ND ASIAN YOUTH GAMES 2013, NANJING, CHINA & POSTPONEMENT OF 3RD ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES, 2013.

The House was apprised that three international events are scheduled in 2013. The 3rd Islamic Solidarity Games to be held in June, 2013 in Indonesia had been postponed. 4th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games and 2nd Asian Youth Games are taking place in June/July and August, 2013. The PSB was taken into confidence while submitting Entry by Number of athletes in these three events where PSB agreed in principle to finance the contingents. However, later on, the scenario has been changed entirely as PSB is supporting the illegal Interim Committee and. it attempted to send Pakistani contingent with the support of Foreign Office but fails to do so due to the fact that no contingent can be send abroad for the games without consent of POA. Further, PSB has discontinued correspondence with POA in this context. Thus, the POA has been left with no choice but to finance the following contingents its own resources:-

i. **4th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games Incheon, South Korea 29 June – 6 July, 2013**

Sr.#	Sport	Athletes	Officials	Total
1	Billiard & Snooker	5	1	6
2	Bowling	4	2	6
3	Kabaddi	7	2	9
4	Swimming	4(2+2)	2	6
Contingent Officials			4	4
Total		20	11	31

ii. **2nd Asian Youth Games Nanjing, China 16 - 24 August, 2013**

Sr.#	Sport	Athlete	Official	Total
1	Football	18	4	22
2	Handball	14	3	17
3	Rugby	12	3	15
4	Shooting	5(2+3)	2	7
5	Squash	6(3+3)	2	8
6	Swimming	10(4+6)	4	14
7	Tennis	3(2+1)	2	5
8	Weightlifting	5	2	7
9	Contingent Officials		5	7
Total		73	27	100

iii. **Islamic Solidarity Games:** Contingent to be decided later once the dates of the event is finalized by the organizers.

In national interest, **the House unanimously approved** participation in these three Games authorising President and Management Committee of POA to incur related expenditure as deemed necessary and appropriate.

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ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- i. The Chair informed the House that membership of Islamabad Olympic Association (IOA) was suspended on account of violation of Olympic Charter and the Constitution of POA. To safeguard the interests of athletes belonging to Federal territory, a new management has been elected by the bonafide stakeholders who believe in the supremacy of Olympic Charter and vow to strengthen the Olympic Movement in Pakistan. This new management has now approached POA for restoration of its membership and due recognition under its umbrella. Mr. Khalil Ahmed Khan being acting Chairman of Constitution & Affiliation Committee of POA apprised the House that the new management fulfils the requirements of recognition al laid down in the Constitution of POA. **The House unanimously approved** to restore the membership of IOA and recognised the new management of IOA headed by Mr. Muhammad Shafique as President and Ramzan Ali Kasuri as General Secretary.
- ii. **The House unanimously approved** the expenditure, amounting to Rs. 84.679 million, incurred to run POA affairs at National / International level and Olympic House administration during the period from July 2011 to May, 2013 as per statement at Annexure A.

- iii. While discussing the increase in the litigation pertaining to POA and Olympic Movement in Pakistan, **the House unanimously authorised** the President POA to engage and more senior Legal Counsels at remuneration to represent POA and Olympic Movement, in light of the IOC / OCA directions, in the Courts of Law in an effective manner. Media campaign should also be managed to project our view point inline with the IOC directives.
- iv. On the recommendation of President POA, **the House unanimously approved** to allocate 33rd National Games to Balochistan Olympic Association to be held in the year 2014.

There been no other point for discussion. A vote of thanks by the House to the President, POA and the President also thanked all for their participation and appreciated keen interest shown by them and candid opinions leading to good decisions.



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