

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 45th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING (MCM) HELD ON 04 JANUARY 2016

1. 45th meeting of the Management Committee of Bombay Sappers Association (BSA) was held on 04 Jan 2016 at 1100 hrs in the Hall of Generals at BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig Anurag Bhasin, Vice-Chairman, Comdt BEG & Centre, Kirkee, Pune-03.

2. Following were present: -

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| (a) | Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd) | - | Hon Gen Secy |
| (b) | Maj Gen S D Sohoni (Retd) | - | Member |
| (c) | Maj Gen S G Pitre (Retd) | - | Member |
| (d) | Col MM Bhushan (Retd) | - | Member |
| (e) | Brig S R Mazagaonkar (Retd) | - | Director, BSA |
| (f) | Col Anil Negi | - | Secy -cum –Treasurer |
| (g) | Col Mohit Nangia | - | CO Depot Bn/ Member |
| (h) | Lt Col M Salaskar | - | Accounts Officer / Member |
| (j) | Sub Maj (H'Capt) V M Lavate (Retd) | - | Member |
| (k) | Sub Maj Nasim Khan | - | Asst Secy |

Agenda for MCM

3. The Director gave out the agenda of points to be discussed in this MCM.

- (a) Approval of minutes of 44th MCM.
- (b) State of latest strength of BSA Members.
- (c) Details of boards held in FY 15-16 and expenditure incurred.
- (d) Status of Income and donations received and expdr incurred.
- (e) Review of Annual Budget for fin yr 2015-16 and proposal for revised budget.
- (f) Proposal to give financial assistance of Rs. 1.6 lacs to GBA against their projection of Rs. 6.24 lacs
- (g) Misc Points.

Approval of Min of 44th MCM

4. Director proposed that Min of 44rd MCM (Last MCM), which were circulated to all members, be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously. Director also briefed the management committee about the actions taken on decisions taken in the 44 MCM.

Strength of BSA

5. Strength of members, who have paid membership fees, as on 31 Dec 2015, is:-

(a)	Offrs	-	1487
(b)	JCOs	-	2463
(c)	ORs	-	41896
	Total	-	45846

Details of Boards held in Fin Yr 2015-16

6. The Director gave out details of boards held and expenditure incurred on various welfare measures which are given in the succeeding paras.

7. **Children Education Scholarship.** Board held and scholarship amount disbursed as follows:

- (a) Beneficiaries : 439 i.e. 88 JCOs Children & 351 ORs children
(In the Ratio 1:4)
- (b) Amount disbursed : Rs 4, 40,800
- (c) Direct Donation : Rs 17,380/- received as direct donation from Lt Cdr SG Warundi for paying school fees of Master Vignesh Dalvi son of Late Hav AT Dalvi, were paid to APS Kirkee.

8. Director pointed out that this was the only direct donation being recd presently and we are not encouraging such direct donations as the donors sometimes suddenly discontinue the donations and also the periodical donation is received after two or three reminders. The beneficiary suffers, as a result of this delay.

9. **Grant Against Loan for Higher Education (GALHE).** Board was held for 108 Engr Regt scholarship instituted by Maj Gen AL Suri (Retd) and GALHE of BSA. The details are as follows:

- (a) Beneficiaries:12 (all from engineering stream i.e. nine from first year engineering & three from second year engineering applicants)
- (b) Amount Granted and disbursed: Rs. 3, 01,600/-
- (c) Disbursement of 2nd / 3rd Instalment of 108 ER Scholarship carried out after verification of academic results: Rs. 30, 000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each to three students).
- (d) Master Vineet Kumar s/o Sub Munna Singh who was granted 108 Engr Regt scholarship in yr 2014-15 discontinued his studies and refunded the amount of Rs. 10,000/- granted to him as first instalment of Rs. 50,000/- of 108 Engr Regt scholarship.
- (e) Master Nikhil Patil son of late Hav NG Patil was granted Rs. 50,000/- this year as a special case in his place, after taking approval from Maj Gen AL Suri (Retd). His rank was 10th, in this year merit list of first year applicants.

10. The Director informed that the response was very good this year as we received 28 applications in all out of which 12 children were given 108 ER scholarships / GALHE and one child, as explained above, was given 108 ER scholarships as a spec case. However all applications recd were from engineering stream unlike last yr when we got applications from engineering , medical , hotel mgmt and MBA streams.

11. **Distress Grant.** Two boards were held and an amount of Rs. 1,20,000/- was given to 12 beneficiaries as financial assistance which include

- (a) Widows - 1
- (b) ESMs - 6
- (c) Disabled children - 4
- (d) Orphan Child - 1 (pension stopped due to elder sisters marriage, pension papers of younger orphan in process).

12. **Immediate Grant.** There have been 20 unfortunate death cases of serving soldiers and Rs 2,00,000/- (Rs. 10,000/-each) has been disbursed to the widows /NOK as immediate relief.

13. **Grant to Widows for Daughters marriage.** Two Board were held and **Rs. 3,25,000/- has been disbursed to 13 widows** in this financial year. One / two more boards will be held as and when we receive more applications.

14. **Education Grant to Children of Widows(EGCW).** One board was held recently and Rs 6, 12,000/- granted to 191 children of 126 widows.

15. Director informed that this year we had written to all widows on our records and asked them to send a certificate from the school that the child is studying along with the mark list of last academic year. They were also asked to send

- (a) Details of their bank accounts (saving bank acct no and, IFS Code / cancelled cheque leaf / copy of first page of bank passbook).
- (b) Contact details i.e. correct address and tele / mobile no.
- (c) They were asked to send these details by 31 August 15.
- (d) The board verified these details this year and then only recommended the grants.

16. However we are still to receive details from about 150 more widows as a result of which about 6.5 lacs is still unexpended from the budgeted amount of Rs 13 lacs. The director put fwd following suggestions

- (a) Some applications with requisite documents have been recd after the board was completed. These should be considered for grant of EGCW and the balance amount be utilized for financial assistance to the GBA. As it is we have been able to cater for Rs 1.5 lacs against their projection of Rs 6.24 lacs, in budget approved during the AGM in Sept 2014.

OR

- (b) Send reminders to all widows again to send in details and proof of education of their children.

17. This was discussed at length and it was decided that we send reminders to all the widows by registered post / speed post and give a suitable cut of date and hold a board to give benefit to max widows who may not have received the letters sent earlier.

Status of Income Received

18. The Director gave the present status of income received/to be received for the FY 2015-16.

Ser No	Head of Income	Actual Receipt till Dec	Anticipated Receipt for last 3 month	Total Receipt (Rs)
1	Interest from FDs	22,92,334/-	12,48,638/-	35,40,972/-
2	Interest from Sweep	-	-	2,00,000/-
3	Income from duplicate card charges	7,850/-	2,150/-	10,000/-
4	Donations	3,33,734/-	1,20,266/-	4,54,000/-
	Total	26,33,918/-	13,71,054/-	42,04,972/-

Say 42 lacs

19. He pointed out that the figs of Interest on FDs is more than anticipated earlier , which is because we have invested an additional sum of Rs 43.75 lacs this year in Aug 15 in FDs. However the amount expected in sweep interest has reduced. The anticipated income hence remains in the range of 42 lacs. The receipts in donations are encouraging. The director displayed the list of donations recd which was as follows.

LIST OF DONARS 2015-2016

Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount donated	Date of donation
1	Col R S Sekhon (Retd)	40000	01-Apr-15
2	Lt Col Narendra Singh (Retd)	2000	01-Apr-15
3	Maj Gen V M Tandon, VSM (Retd)	5000	01-Apr-15
4	Lt Col J P Chopra, VRC (Retd)	3000	01-Apr-15
5	Lt Col Raj Kumar (Retd)	24000	04-Apr-15
6	Lt Col Yogendra Prakash (Retd)	10000	01-Apr-15
7	Mr Sona Olikara	7500	01-Apr-15
8	Col Rajinder Kumar (Retd)	12000	11-Apr-15
9	Lt Col Sirajuddin (Retd)	2500	09-May-15
10	Lt Col A K Saxena (Retd)	10001	09-May-15
11	Lt Col Magan Kumar Nigam (Retd)	2000	17-May-15
12	Lt Col Davindra Singh Taunque (Retd)	6000	08-May-15
13	Brig M K Sardana, VSM (Retd)	6000	19-May-15
14	Lt Col O P Gupta (Retd)	2001	15-May-15

15	Lt Col S K Thakur (Retd)	5000	27-May-15
16	Lt Col S G Moghe (Retd)	5000	10-Jun-15
17	Lt Col M S Patnaik	10000	15-Jun-15
18	Brig Avtar Singh Gill (Retd)	10000	17-Jul-15
19	Lt Col D S Aujla (Retd)	50000	23-Jul-15
20	Lt Col S B Shinde, 116 Engr Regt	10000	17-Aug-15
21	Shri Niwas Pattil, (Neelanchal Canteen)	2500	29-Aug-15
22	Shri Surendra Yadav, (Shree shyam dairy & sweets)	5151	02-Sep-15
23	Shri Sachinda Nand Pathak	5100	25-Aug-15
24	Sub Maj Nasim Khan Shabana Khan, GP SM	2500	27-Aug-15
25	Sub Maj Raghunath Tajane	2000	27-Aug-15
26	Sub Maj Sanjay Uttekar	1000	29-Aug-15
27	Nb Sub M S Swami	1001	31-Aug-15
28	Sub Maj Vadiraj K Chanageri	1000	01-Sep-15
29	(H/Capt) Gulab Bhosle	5000	01-Sep-15
30	Lt Col S P Kundra (Retd)	15000	07-Sep-15
31	Brig Naresh Chandra (Retd)	20000	01-Oct-15
32	Maj Gen N P S Bal (Retd)	10000	12-Oct-15
33	Lt Cdr SG Warudi, I.N (Retd)	17380	26-Nov-15
34	425 (I) Fd Coy	24100	30-Nov-15
	Total	333734	

20. The director said that we had anticipated getting donations of up to 4.5 lacs and we will easily be able to achieve this target. However if we can get more donations we can easily cater for and meet the requirements of GBA fully. He drew every ones attention to the donation of Rs 24,100/- received from 425(I) Engr Fd Coy. This was in response to the appeal made by the Vice Chairman for individuals to make contributions to BSA during his address in the AGM. Director felt that if other major / minor units also took a similar initiative we should be in a position to get substantial donations which in turn would lead to better disbursement for our welfare activities. He urged that the Chairman be requested to make a similar appeal during his sainik sammelan during the forthcoming group day. It was also brought out by Maj Gen Pitre that the Director should write to all units informing about initiative taken by 425(I) Engr Fd Coy and also make an appeal for donations from retired officers, by sending a mail on the Group Adjutants email group.

Status of Expenditure and approved Budget

21. Director then projected the status of Expenditure and approved budget in a tabulated form as under:

Ser No	Head of expdr	Budget approved in AGM	Expdr till Dec 2015	Anticipated Expdr for last 3 month	Total Anticipated Expdr till 31 Mar 16/Proposed Budget
1	Edn Scholarship	6,00,000.00	4,61,980.00	-	4,61,980.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	13,00,000.00	6,43,200.00	6,56,800.00	13,00,000.00
3	Distress Grant + Imdt Relief	6,00,000.00	3,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	5,00,000.00
4	Grant to Paraplegic	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	2,00,000.00	3,25,000.00	1,00,000.00	4,25,000.00
6	GALHE	2,25,000.00	2,28,400.00	1,13,200.00	3,41,600.00
7	Salary	7,80,000.00	5,77,204.00	1,98,050.00	7,75,254.00
8	Maint of Cmptr	50,000.00	16,873.00	3,500.00	20,373.00
9	Tele Bill/Internet	10,000.00	5,614.00	4,386.00	10,000.00
10	Office Expdr	20,000.00	10,600.00	9,400.00	20,000.00
11	Audit Fees	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
12	Depreciation	63,000.00	-	63,000.00	63,000.00
13	Misc	20,000.00	14,610.00	5,390.00	20,000.00
14	Aid to GBA	1,50,000.00		1,60,000.00	1,60,000.00
	TOTAL	40,48,000.00	26,48,481.00	14,83,726.00	41,42,207.00
15	Transfer to Corpus (Bal fig)	1,85,000.00			57,793.00
15	Total	42,33,000.00			42,00,000.00

Say 42 lacs

22. The director pointed out the following
- (a) Expdr on education scholarship was less than anticipated.
 - (b) Expdr on GALHE was more than the budgeted amount due to more applications.
 - (c) Expdr on Grant to widows for daughter's marriage is more than anticipated.
 - (d) However there will be a saving in EGCW & Distress grant.
 - (e) The overall budget is under control except that projection of Rs. 6.24 lacs for GBA cannot be fully met. A proposal to partially give aid of Rs.1.6 lacs will be discussed after this (given in succeeding para).
 - (f) This budget is constrained to transfer less than 15% to corpus fund this year as we will be in a position to transfer only available amount of about 57,000/- to corpus as seen above.

23. **Donation receipts & purpose:** Maj Gen SCN Jatar brought out that we are supposed to spend the donation money only for the purpose indicated by the Donor. The Trust which he runs in Pune faced a problem during audit on this count. He therefore suggested that we get a form filled from Donors indicating the purpose for which they desire their donations to be used like welfare activities / corpus / any specific purpose. It was decided that in future we should get a form filled from the donor indicating the purpose for which donation is to be used, like welfare activities of BSA / towards Corpus Fund. He said he will send a sample form to the Director which can be modified suitably. In case donor has not indicated anything, this form can be sent to him along with the receipt & 80G IT certificate with a request to fill up the form and return the same to BSA.

24. **Transfer to corpus.** Maj Gen SCN Jatar also remarked that, although it is permitted to transfer 15% of annual income to the corpus, it is not obligatory because the IT Act says that the Trust must spend a minimum of 85% of its income on the objectives to claim IT exemption. This, inter alia, means that 15 % of the income is the max permitted percentage for transferring to the Corpus and not the minimum. It would therefore mean that the expenditure could be 100 % of the income without any amount being transferred to the Corpus.

25. It was decided that the present approved budget should be reviewed in March when a clearer picture will emerge.

Aid to GBA

26. The director said that the GBA had projected a requirement as follows:

(a)	Subsidy for fees and uniform etc for 19 children	:	Rs. 5.52 lacs
(b)	Special NDA coaching fees	:	Rs. 0.72 lacs
	Total	:	Rs. 6.24 lacs

27. The above subsidy in fees etc was projected to be paid from BSA on the total expdr for each child @ rate 25% for wards of ESM and 75% of expdr on wards of widows /disturbed family.

28. The director brought out that, as we had catered for Rs 1.5 lacs in our approved budget He recommended the following:

(a) Aid to wards of ESM Nil

(b) Aid to 11 wards of widows / disturbed family @ Rs.14,500/- each Rs.1, 59,500/-
Say 1.6lacs

GBA Fees	Rs. 7,000/-
Books & Stationary	Rs. 7,500/-

Total	Rs 14,500/- each

29. The issue was discussed at length and following additional points were brought out.

(a) Col Nangia explained that the overall expdr of GBA was to the tune of Rs 20 lacs. The expenditure towards fees, uniform etc itself ranges between Rs 43,000/- to 63,000/- per child, depending on the class the child is studying. Hence he felt that the projection of GBA should be met in full.

(b) He also brought out that Maj Gen SCN Jatar has been helping GBA in a big way by donations of 5/6 lacs every year.

(c) A point was raised by the Vice Chairman that the seats of GBA are not fully subscribed and there is a lot of pressure from the formation HQs to allot these vacancies to children of Non Bombay Sappers, hence we should encourage more and more Bombay Sappers to enrol their children.

(d) A suggestion was made by Maj Gen Pitre that our regts should pay Rs. 20,000/- a year for children of PBOR of their units enrolled in GBA. This will bring in some relief in the expdr of GBA.

30. It was finally decided that we should give a financial aid up to Rs. 5 lacs. GBA should project a revised demand of up to 5 lacs giving the list of beneficiaries and amounts to be given to each child / ward. It was also decided that savings from other heads will be diverted to GBA. In case it is not possible then savings as projected in last year's balance sheet will be used to cater for requirement of GBA .

Misc Points from Members

31. **Rotation of Management Committee Members** : Maj Gen SCN Jatar said that he and some other members are well above 80yrs in age and also in the committee for a long period. He therefore felt that we should at least replace 30% of existing members by finding replacements. After some discussion it was decided that we should invite recommendations / volunteers from amongst the Bombay Sapper Officers to join the management committee. This could be done through the medium of the Gp Adj't's email gp, the BSA website and letters to units. The members to be selected should be preferably located in Pune, for ease in their participation in various activities of BSA.

32. **Old retired JCO & ORs to be brought in our fold:** Col M Nangia, CO Depot Bn, brought out that the record office has got details of nearly two lacs retired Bombay Sappers, who should be contacted and brought in our fold. Other members pointed out that such an exercise was carried out earlier for retired officers but the response was Luke warm. As far as PBORs are concerned, we as it is, are extending all the facilities and our welfare schemes to the retired ESM from Bombay Sappers, keeping the aims of BSA in mind. Therefore there is really no requirement of undertaking such a massive exercise of writing to all retired PBORs.

33. **Contribution for courses for retiring personnel from BSA.** Col M Nangia felt that there is a need to start some special courses for retiring personnel which should be funded from BSA. It was decided that a proposal giving details should be made for the consideration of the MC.

Vote of Thanks

34. A special Vote of thanks was given by Hony Gen Secy Maj Gen SCN Jatar to the Outgoing Vice Chairman, of BSA, Brig Anurag Bhasin, Commandant BEG & Centre. He is moving out shortly on posting. The Hony Gen Secy praised Brig Bhasin for his positive and constructive contribution to BSA during his tenure and wished him all the best in his future tenures. Brig Anurag Bhasin thanked all the members for their cooperation and support in running the affairs of BSA during his tenure.

35. The meeting was declared closed thereafter.

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