

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 50th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 05 MAY 2017

1. 50th meeting of the Management Committee of Bombay Sappers Association was held on 05 May 2017 at 1100 hrs in the Hall of Generals at BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig Dhiraj Mohan, Commandant, BEG & Centre, Kirkee & Vice Chairman of BSA.

2. Following were present:-

(a)	Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd)	-	Hony Gen Secy
(b)	Col MM Bhushan (Retd)	-	Member
(c)	Col TG Shankar (Retd)	-	Member
(d)	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	-	Director, BSA
(e)	Col Adhir Mathur	-	Secy-cum-Treasurer
(f)	Lt Col MM Salaskar	-	Member
(g)	Sub Maj (H'Capt) VM Lawate (Retd)	-	Member

3. Director asked permission to proceed with the meeting:-

Agenda for MCM

4. The Director gave out the agenda of points to be discussed in this MCM: -

- (a) Approval of Mins of 49th MCM.
- (b) Present Strength of BSA Members.
- (c) Final State of Income /Expenditure FY 2016-17.
- (d) CA Report & Balance Sheet FY 2016-17.
- (e) Points from Director.
- (f) Points from Members of MC.

Approval of Min of 49th MCM

5. Director proposed that Mins of 49th MCM (Last MCM), which were circulated to all members, be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously. The Director informed that the minutes have been circulated to all units and also uploaded on the BSA website.

Strength of BSA

6. Strength of members, who have paid membership fees, as on date is:-

(a)	Offrs	-	1,599
(b)	JCOs	-	2,504
(c)	OR	-	<u>42,485</u>
	Total	-	<u>46,588</u>

Final Status of Income/Expenditure for FY 2016-17

7. **Income.** The Director gave the final status of income received in FY 2016-17. Which is tabulated below:-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 2016-17</u>	<u>Actual Income Received FY 2016-17</u>
(a)	Interest from FDs	28,80,562.00	29,26,024.00
(b)	Interest from Sweep	4,00,000.00	3,01,271.00
(c)	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	25,000.00	49,961.00
(d)	Donations	8,00,000.00	2,96,760.00
	Total	41,05,562.00	35,74,016.00

8. Director gave following additional info on the displayed figures of income:-

(a) We got some additional interest on FDs after actual day to day interest calculations. However, as the sweep facility has been stopped our income has reduced and Rs 3.01 lacs earned, is due to some unbroken sweep deposits of previous year.

(b) The increased income on duplicate cards was due to abnormally large pension batches in the month of Feb & Mar 2017. Most of the retiring persons get duplicate cards made before proceeding on retirement.

(c) Director explained that we have actually received donations of Rs 5.46 lacs this year, however, Rs 2.25 lacs recd from Capt Dassancharaya (Retd) for institution of GBA Scholarship was transferred to corpus and invested in FDs. Similarly Rs 10,000/- recd from Maj R Dave (Retd) and Rs 15,000/- recd from Brig Naresh Chandra (Retd) in the March 2017 have been taken into corpus.

9. **Expenditure.** The status of actual expenditure till 31 Mar 2017, against budgeted amount was displayed as tabulated below:-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Expdr</u>	<u>Allotment (Approved in AGM)</u>	<u>Actual Expenditure FY 2016-17</u>
1	Edn Scholarship	4,75,000.00	3,76,000.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of Widows)	8,75,000.00	6,00,000.00
3	Distress Grant + Imdt Relief	5,00,000.00	6,10,000.00
4	Grant to Paraplegic	-	15,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of Widows	5,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	3,40,000.00	1,80,000.00
7	Salary	8,00,000.00	7,96,467.00
8	Maint of Cmptr	23,000.00	13,340.00
9	Tele Bill/Internet	15,000.00	18,936.00
10	Office Expdr	20,000.00	13,850.00
11	Audit Fees	32,000.00	30,000.00
12	Misc	25,000.00	8,588.00
13	Aid to GBA Students	4,00,000.00	5,08,785.00
14	New interactive website for ESM and Up gradation of BSA website	1,00,000.00	-
	TOTAL	41,05,000.00	34,70,966.00

10. The Director gave following info on the displayed figures :-

(a) EGCW. The amount being spent on EGCW has now stabilised after we started insisting on previous years mark sheet and a certificate from principals of schools that the child is presently studying. Hence the saving. However with increase in No of widows this year (48 Nos) we will spend a little more next year.

(b) Grant for Professional Courses. As per our decision we are disbursing the grants @ Rs 10,000/- per year to all selected students from this year. Hence 12 students selected were paid Rs 1.2 lacs. Additional Rs 60,000/- was paid to winners of 108 Engr Regt Scholarship of previous years as 2nd /3rd/4th instalments.

(c) Aid to GBA Students. The amount shown includes Rs 15,000/- paid as scholarship to five students, Rs 25000/- paid for library books (Dasannacharya Scholarship) and Rs. 4, 68,785/- paid to subsidise the expenditure of children of widows & ESMs.

(d) Amount of Rs 1.0 lac earmarked for upgrading of software and making a new interactive website was **not spent**, as the necessity for a new website is not felt now, also the existing software is, as of now, functioning properly with our new generation computer, hence up gradation was not done.

CA Report & Balance Sheet FY 2016-17

11. Director displayed the Annual Audit Report of financial year 2016-17 received from our Chartered Accountant as shown below : -

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT FOR THE PERIOD
1st APRIL 2016 TO 31st MAR 2017

RECEIPT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
Opening Balance	3440274	Salary	796467
Membership	1110690	Investments (Fixed Deposits)	2775000
Donation	296760	Immediate Relief	490000
Charges on dupl cards	30200	Miscellaneous Expenses	8588
Non-Encashment of cheque for Education Grant to the Widow's Children (EGCW)	50400	Distress Grant	120000
Interest Of FD	2926024	Office Functioning	13850
Non-Encashment of cheque for GALHE	10000	Grant for Daughter Marriage of Widows	300000
Non-encashment of cheque for Daughters Marriage of widows	50000	Internet and Telephone bills	18936
Refund of BSSI Loan	18127	Education Grant to children of widows (EGCW)	600000
Interest of Saving A/c	19761	Grant for Professional Courses	180000
Interest of Sweep A/c	301271	Aid to GBA Students	508785
Non-encashment of cheque for Immediate Relief	10000	Grant to Paraplegic	15000
		Education Scholarship	376000
		Computer Maintains	13340
		Audit Fees	30000
		Closing Balance	2017541
Total	8263507	Total	8263507

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD
1st APRIL 2016 TO 31st MAR 2017

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	(Rs)	(Rs)		(Rs)	(Rs)
To Salary		796467	By Interest on FD		2970332
To Immediate Relief		490000	By Donation Received		296760
To Depreciation		45708	By Non-Encashment of cheque for education grant to Widow's children		50400
To Education Grant to Children Of widows		600000	By Non encashment of cheques for lmdt Relief		10000
To Telephone and internet		18936	By Non-encashment of cheque for Daughters Marriage of widows		50000
To Miscellaneous Expenses		8588	By Non encashment of Cheques for GALHE		10000
To Office Functioning		13850	By other fund written off		44763
To Grant of Daughter Marriage of Widow		300000	By Duplication Charges Recd.		30200
To Distress Grant		120000	By Interest of Saving A/c		19761
To Higher Education Grant		180000	By Interest of Sweep A/c		301271
To Grant to Paraplegic		15000			
To Computer Maintance		13340			
To Education Scholarship		376000			
TO Audit Fees		30000			
To Aid to GBA Students	508785				
less:Against Last Year's Expenditure	275936	232849			
To Tfr Max @ 15% To Corpus		542749			
Total		3783487	Total		3783487

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YR ENDING MAR 2017

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Assets	Amount	Amount
	(Rs)	(Rs)		(Rs)	(Rs)
TRUST FUND - Corpus Fund		42172519	FIXED ASSETS		
Opening Balance	40519080		(As Per Annexure No -1)		260356
Add: Transfer to Corps Fund @15%	542749				
Add: Life Membership Subscription	1110690				
Amount set apart u/s 11 (2)	1494067	1218131	INVESTMENTS		
Less : Against last year's expenditure	275936				
			SHORT TERM FIXED DEPOSITS		
Other Fund	298422		LONG TERM FIXED DEPOSITS	40750000	40750000
Less:Written off to the Extent off	44763	253659			
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE			CURRENT ASSETS		
Balance of last year		537685	Loans to BSSI	397031	
			(-) Repayment of Loan	18127	378904
			Bank Balance	2017541	
			Interest Receivable	773194	
			Telephone Deposit	2000	2792735
Total		44181995	Total		44181995

ANNEXURE – 1

Fixed Assets As On 31ST MARCH 2017

Sr. No.	Particulars	Opening Balance	Additions During The Year	Total Amount Rs.	Deletions During The Year	Rate of Depreciation	Depreciation For The Annual	Closing Balance
1	Epbx System	3,615.39	-	3,615.39	-	15%	542.31	3,073.08
2	TATA Sumo	298,422.12	-	298,422.12	-	15%	44763.00	253,659.12
3	Inverter	4,026.51	-	4,026.51	-	10%	402.65	3,623.86
	Total Amount Rs.	306,064.02		3,06,064.02	-		45,708.00	2,60,356.00

12. Utilization of Savings from Previous Years The Director drew attention of the members to the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet and pointed out that, the expenditure on aid to GBA Students is Rs. 5.087 lacs out of which Rs. 2.759 lacs was adjusted against last year's amount set apart under Section 11 (2), which was Rs. 14.94 lacs. Hence, we have Rs. 12.181 lacs balance now, which is to be expended before 31 Mar 2019. In addition, we have Rs. 5.37 lacs, which is excess of income over expenditure of previous years. These both amounts are available for any major expenditure in future (all the figures mentioned above are highlighted in the balance sheet and income /expdr statement).

Proposed Budget 2017-18

13. Anticipated Income FY 2017-18. The Director displayed the figures of anticipated income for the next financial year based on the income figures of FY 2016-17. They are as shown below: -

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 2016-17</u>	<u>Actual Income FY 16-17</u>	<u>Anticipated Income 2017-18</u>
(a)	Interest from FDs	28,80,562.00	29,26,024.00	30,73,388.00
(b)	Interest from Sweep	4,00,000.00	3,01,271.00	1,00,000.00
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	Total	41,05,562.00	35,74,016.00	38,73,388.00

14. The Director pointed out that the figures of donations can be substantially increased if all the Bombay Sappers Units send in voluntary contributions this year. The trend has already been set by all ranks of 115 Engr Regt who have voluntarily contributed Rs. 69,400/- on the occasion of its raising day.

15. Anticipated Expenditure/Budget for FY 2017-2018. The Director gave out the proposed budget for 2017-18 based on the actual expenditure of FY 2016-17. The proposal is as given below:-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Expdr</u>	<u>Budget 2016-17</u>	<u>Actual Expenditure FY 2016-17</u>	<u>Budget 2017-18</u>
1	Edn Scholarship	4,75,000.00	3,76,000.00	4,00,000.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	8,75,000.00	6,00,000.00	8,00,000.00
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4	Imdt Relief		4,90,000.00	5,00,000.00
5	Grant to Paraplegic	-	15,000.00	-
6	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	5,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
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13	Misc	25,000.00	8,588.00	15,000.00
14	Aid to GBA students including scholarship amount	4,00,000.00	5,08,785.00	4,61,000.0
15	New interactive website for ESM/ Upgradation of BSA website	1,00,000.00	-	-
16	Maduri Gupta Scholarship	-	-	50,000.00
17	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	-	-	15,000.00
	TOTAL	41,05,000.00	34,70,966.00	38,73,000.00

16. The Director pointed out that he has projected the budget for distress grant and immediate relief (given to NOK/widows of personnel who expire during service) separately instead of the previous practise of combining both these expenditures under distress head. He also pointed out that

the budgetary provision for grant for professional courses is based on actual expenditure which will be incurred. He reminded the members, that we will be instituting the Madhuri Gupta Scholarship from this year for which Rs. 50,000/- has been catered for (this amount has already been received from Col NC Gupta (Retd)).

17. The aid to GBA has been restricted to Rs. 4.60 lacs in the budget however this figure can be reviewed as and when more donations from units are received. The Vice Chairman pointed out that whenever he visits units he always stresses on the welfare schemes under taken by BSA and how Bombay Sappers remain connected through BSA for ever i.e. from Birth(recruitment in Bombay Sappers) to Tomb. He said he will bring out the examples of not only Officers donating large amount for the noble cause but will also emphasis on the trend set by some JCOs and Other Ranks who have come forward and given written instruction to the their banks to transfer fixed amount every year to BSA.

18. The Director proposed that the suggested budget for FY 2017-18 to be approved so that the same can be projected during the next AGM for final approval by the General Body. The passing of the budget was proposed by Col MM Bhushan (Retd) and seconded by Col TG Shankar (Retd).

Points from Director

19. Receipt of Donation from 115 Engr Regt. Director informed that 115 Engr Regt had sent in a voluntary contribution of Rs 69,800/- on the occasion of their raising day. He informed that this gesture was well appreciated by the Colonel Commandant who has written a DO letter to CO 115 Engr Regt congratulating him for this initiative.

20. Progress on Institution of Madhuri Gupta Scholarship. The Director also informed that Col NC Gupta (retd), the donor has now taken an important decision of donating the amount required in INR to avoid taking clearance from the Min of Home Affairs. The Donor has expressed his desire to start the scholarship from this academic year. He was informed that an amount of Rs 31 lacs will have to be invested in FDs to earn an interest of Rs 2 lacs annually for the scholarship. (Scholarship of Rs 1 lac each to two students, to be earmarked and set aside every year). Also to start the scholarship this yr an amount of Rs. 50,000/- will be required. The Donor has already deposited Rs. 50, 000/- in March 2017 & another Rs. 2 lacs in April 2017. He has committed to deposit the complete amount by Dec 2017. The SOP of the scholarship was sent to him, which he has accepted but has suggested some minor changes and had one query. These are as follows:-

(a) In Para 3, the first line to be amended to read as **“Total amount of Rs 31.5 lacs will be transferred by RTGS/NEFT progressively in financial year 2017-18.”**

(b) He wants Para 12 to be reworded as “BSA will keep Col NC Gupta (Retd) (the Donor)/Atul Gupta (Son,NOK) informed about the scholarship awardees of each year and the progress of previous awardees/any major changes in SOP periodically.

(c) The donor wanted to know whether non-combatants of BEG were members of BSA. He has already been informed that only combatant Bombay Sappers serving /retd are members of BSA.

21. Director proposed that the SOP and the suggested amendments be approved by the MC, so that the donor can be informed accordingly. All members were in agreement with this. The proposal to pass the SOP with amendments was made by Col TG Shankar (Retd) and seconded by Sub Majj (H’Capt) VM Lawate (Retd).

22. Progress on Institution of Gen NSI Narahari Scholarship. Director informed that the Col SS Rajan (retd) had been informed about the discussion and decision taken by the MC about taking permission from Gen Narahari to institute the scholarship and that the minimum corpus should be Rs 10 lacs. No reply has been received so far from him.

23. Proposal for Changes in Education Grant for Children of Widows. Director informed that presently EGCW is being paid to widows' children up to Class XII only. He said as mentioned earlier the expenditure has now stabilised at about Rs 6 to Rs 7 lacs. He also pointed out that in previous years, we used to spend up to 12 lacs to 13 lacs on EGCW. Hence he proposed that we could extend this facilities to children of widows studying up to graduation level. He brought out that after analysis of previous 3 years boards, it is found that on an average, No of children completing Class XII is 22. So in case we give a grant of Rs 5000/- per year to college going children of widows we will incur an additional expenditure of about 1 lac only. The proposal was discussed and some points which came out were as under:-

(a) There may be cases where a widow has remarried and the same should be ascertained before granting EGCW. It was decided that the sentence be added in the application form as declaration from the widow that she has not remarried.

(b) The scheme should be tried out on a trial basis for two years and reviewed thereafter. This was agreed to by all members.

(c) A certificate from the principal of the college will have to be submitted by the widow, that the student is attending regular classes in college for a particular course. This was also agreed to by all members.

24. The proposal was thus accepted for implementation on a trial basis for two years.

25. Condition of The BSA Vehicle. Director brought out that the BSA Tata Sumo Grande vehicle, which is being run on a no profit no loss basis for our members, was purchased in July 2010 from a donation received from the State Bank of India. The vehicle has completed 2.4 lac kms till now and the maintenance cost has increased in the last two years. He said the cost on maint in 2014 -15 was Rs 27,056/- whereas in years 2015-16 & 16-17 it has gone up to Rs 95,525/- and Rs, 71,159/- respectively. This is due to replacement of all tyres, repair of injectors, replacement of bearings etc. to quote a few. The vehicle in fact, is running in loss at times. The Director proposed the following measures:-

(a) Increase the per km rates from Rs 11/- per km to Rs 12/- per km with immediate effect as the rates have not been revised in the last 04 yrs and there has been considerable increase in the cost of diesel since then.

(b) Consider buying a new vehicle. He suggested that a Board of Officers be ordered to study the different types of vehicles of similar type and capacity available in the market and their cost. The board should recommend the vehicle, which could be considered for purchase.

(c) The Director also brought out that Rs. 12 lacs set apart under Section 11(2) are available and could be utilised.

26. The proposal was discussed and points which emerged were as follows:-

(a) A large No of commercial vehicles are being used upto 4 lac kms, without engine change etc. So we should give this a thought before buying a new vehicle.

- (b) Maintenance on small things will keep on increasing and we may not get a good resale value afterward.
- (c) There have been two/three incidents when vehicle broke down during outstation duties, causing problems for members travelling in the vehicle.
- (d) It was pointed out that in Jan 2018 we have the Bombay Sappers Reunion coming up in the Centre, so it may be better if we have a good vehicle available by then.

27. After some discussion, following was agreed:-

- (a) A Board of Officers be ordered with Col Amit Sakhare, CO Depot Bn as the Presiding Officer to recommend the type of vehicle and cost to be incurred for purchase of a new BSA vehicle.
- (b) Rate of the BSA vehicle be revised upwardly to Rs 12/- per km with immediate effect.

Points from Members

28. There being no other points from the members, Vice Chairman proceeded to give an update on the BEG & Centre for info of all members.

29. The Vice Chairman informed that the following new facilities have come up in the Centre Campus:-

- (a) Modifications and improvements have been carried out in Sylhet with an additional covered facility near Vividha for dining during big parties. Also an air conditioned dining hall has been done up in the main Sylhet building.
- (b) Seventeen new officers' family quarters under MAP have been commissioned out of which eight have been completed near the old transit mess location.
- (c) One bungalow next to Sylhet has been converted to have 04 additional guest rooms

30. There being no other points, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting as closed.

Sd/-XXXX
(Brig SR Mazagaonkar, Retd)
Dir, BSA

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12 May 2017

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