

**BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 53<sup>RD</sup> MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 23 APRIL 2018**

1. 53rd Meeting of the Management Committee of Bombay Sappers Association was held on 23 April 2018 at 1100hrs in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig Dhiraj Mohan, Commandant, BEG & Centre, Kirkee & Vice Chairman, BSA.

2. Following were present:-

- |     |                                   |   |                    |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| (a) | Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd)          | - | Hony Gen Secy      |
| (b) | Maj Gen SG Pitre                  | - | Member             |
| (c) | Col MM Bhushan (Retd)             | - | Member             |
| (d) | Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)        | - | Director, BSA      |
| (e) | Col Rajvinder Singh, VSM          | - | Secy-cum-Treasurer |
| (f) | Maj S Eswari                      | - | Member             |
| (h) | Sub Maj (H'Capt) VM Lawate (Retd) | - | Member             |
| (j) | Sub P Suryavanshi                 | - | Offg Asst Secy     |

**Agenda for MCM**

3. Director asked for permission from the chair to progress the meeting. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the MCM:-

- (a) Approval of Minutes of 52<sup>nd</sup> MCM.
- (b) Present strength of BSA Members.
- (c) Details of Board held for various schemes.
- (d) Expenditure Status of FY 2017-18
- (e) Anticipated income and proposed budget for FY 2018-19.
- (f) Misc Points
- (g) Points from members of MC.

**Approval of Min of 52<sup>nd</sup> MCM**

4. Director proposed that minutes of 52<sup>nd</sup> MCM (Last MCM held on 21 Dec 2017), which were circulated to all members, be approved. The approval was proposed by Col MM Bhushan (Retd) and seconded by Maj Gen Pitre (Retd). The Director informed that the minutes have been circulated to all units and also uploaded on the BSA website and the whatsapp group of ESMs.

## **Strength of BSA**

5. Strength of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 20 Apr 2018 is:-

(a)	Offrs	-	1656
(b)	PBOR	-	<u>45911</u>
	<b>Total</b>	-	<b><u>47567</u></b>

Increase in Life Membership since Dec 2017 – 166 (which includes 22 Young Offrs).

## **DETAILS OF BOARDS HELD FOR VARIOUS SCHEMES IN FY 2017-18**

6. Director Informed that BSA has spent a total amount of Rs 24.74 lacs in the previous financial year on our welfare schemes. He explained that we held two boards for the EGCW scheme and three boards to consider applications recd for financial assistance under the Distress Scheme. He displayed the details in a tabulated form as given below:

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>No of Beneficiary</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>	<b>Date Board held</b>
1.	Distress Grant Bd No 1	03 ESM/Widows	30,000.00	Jun 2017
2.	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	05 Wards of Widows staying in GBA	15,000.00	Aug 2017
3.	Education Scholarship	61 JCO and 239 OR	3,03,800.00	Sep 2017
4.	EGCW- Board No 01	207 children to 119 widows	7,00,800.00	Oct 2017
5.	Distress Grant Board No 02	06 ESM/widows	60,000.00	Oct 2017
6.	Widows Daughter Marriage	02 widows	50,000.00	Oct 2017
7.	Grant for professional courses	10 awardees	1,00,000.00	Nov 2017
8.	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	2 awardees	50,000.00	Nov 2017
9	Grant for professional courses (awardees of previous year)	12 awardees	1,20,000.00	Nov 2017
10.	108 Engr Regt Scholarship(awardees of previous year)	06 awardees	60,000.00	Nov 2017
11.	Widows Daughter Marriage	01 widows	25,000.00	Nov 2017
12.	EGCW – Board No 02	30 children to 16 widows	98,800.00	Jan 2018
13.	Aid to GBA	-	3,95,612.00	Jan 2018
14.	Distress Grant Board No -03	04 ESM/widows	40,000.00	Jan 2018
15.	Widows Daughter Marriage	01 widows	25,000.00	31 Mar 2018
16.	Immediate Grant	40 Widows	4,00,000.00	31 Mar 2018
		<b>Total</b>	<b>24,74,012.00</b>	

**Income / Expenditure Details of FY 2017-18.**

7. **Income.** Director gave out the details of anticipated and actual income in the Fin Year 2017-18 in a tabulated form as shown below:-

**ACTUAL INCOME FY 2017-18**

<b><u>Ser No</u></b>	<b><u>Head of Income</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated Income FY 2017-18</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Income FY 17-18</u></b>
1.	Interest from FDs	30,73,388.00	32,57,043.00
2.	Interest from Sweep	1,00,000.00	21,762.00
3.	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	50,000.00	69,551.00
4.	Donations	8,00,000.00	7,82,821.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40,23,388/- say 40 lacs</b>	<b>41,31,177.00</b>

8. He explained that the income from sweep interest has reduced because the scheme to automatically transfer amounts to sweep interest has been stopped for institutional saving accts. Some amounts which were already held under sweep only are earning interest. The income from duplicate cards was more because of unusually large number of personnel proceeding on pension in Nov, Dec 17 and Jan18. He displayed the list of Donors of Fin Yr 2017-18 which is appended as Appx- 'A'.

9. **Expenditure.** The details of expenditures incurred in Fin Year 2017-18 was displayed as shown in tabulated form below:-

**ACTUAL EXPENDITURE STATUS FOR FY 2017-18**

<b><u>Ser No</u></b>	<b><u>Head of Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Budgeted amt</u></b>	<b><u>Total Expdr till 31 Mar 18</u></b>
1.	Edn Scholarship	4,00,000.00	3,03,800.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	8,00,000.00	7,99,600.00
3	Distress Grant	1,50,000.00	1,30,000.00
4	Imdt Relief	5,00,000.00	4,00,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	3,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	2,90,000.00	2,80,000.00
7	Salary	8,50,000.00	8,26,850.00
8	Maint of Cmptr	30,000.00	22,443.00
9	Tele Bill/Internet	20,000.00	25,648.00
10	Office Expdr	20,000.00	36,274.00
11	Audit Fees	32,000.00	33,000.00

12	Depreciation	-	-
13	Misc	25,000.00	1,16,952.00
14	Aid to GBA	5,18,000.00	3,95,612.00
15	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	50,000.00	50,000.00
16	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40,00,000.00</b>	<b>35,35,179.00</b>

**Note: - Maruti Ertiga vehicle has been purchased for Rs. 11, 33,298/- in the month of Sep 2017 from saving of previous years.**

10. Director drew the attention of the MC to following points:

(a) Education Scholarships. The expenditures on our various educational schemes were as anticipated and as per amounts provided in the budget except for the Edn scholarship scheme.

(b) Grant to Widows for Daughters marriage. We received only four applications from widows for financial assistance for their daughter's marriage, hence only 1.0 lac were spent. However we have already recd three applications in April 2018 hence we need to provide about 2.5 Lacs for this purpose in the current fin Yr.

(c) Office expdr. This is more than anticipated due to expdr of Rs 9,500/- spent on printing of Info brochures, in Hindi & English, which were distributed to all the spectators attending the parade held during Bombay Sappers Reunion in Jan 2018. Also Rs 11,800/- was spent on printing of Life Membership cards in Dec 2017.

(d) Misc. Head. The expenditure of Rs 1.16 lacs against budgeted amount of Rs 25,000/- is because an unanticipated amount of Rs 90,000/- was used to felicitate the 4 x Veer Naris and 12 x handicapped children during the Bombay Sappers Reunion 2018. This was as per decision taken in the 52<sup>nd</sup> MCM.

**Anticipated income and proposed budget for FY 2018-19.**

11. **Anticipated Income for Fin Yr 2018-19.** The figures of anticipated income were displayed in a tabulated form as shown below:

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Actual Income FY 17-18</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 2018-19</u>
1.	Interest from FDs	32,57,043.00	30,88,245.00
2.	Interest from Sweep	21,762.00	50,000.00
3.	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	69,551.00	60,000.00
4.	Donations	7,82,821.00	7,00,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,31,177.00</b>	<b>38,98,245.00 say 39 lacs</b>

12. Director informed that the anticipated Income from FDs has been calculated on actual. He also informed that eighteen of our FDs which are earning an interest @ 7.5% pa are maturing during the period July 2018 to Feb 2018. They will be reinvested at then prevailing rates of interest. However for calculation purposes we have assumed that they will be reinvested @ 6.75% interest per annum which is the present rate. However this rate is likely to fall which will result in reduction in income shown at ser 1 above.

13. Regarding donations, the director informed that letters have been sent to all veteran officers requesting for donations and the response is good. We have already recd an amount of Rs 37,500/- in April 2018 itself. He also informed that there is a growing trend of committing an annual donation to BSA by giving standing instructions to the bank (with copy endorsed to BSA). An amount of Rs 22,900/- has already been committed by few persons. List of donations recd in April 2018 and list of committed donations is appended as **Appx –‘B’ & ‘C’**. In addition Brig Gobinder Singh (Retd) who has donated Rs 5,000/- in Mar 2018, has informed on telephone that he has instructed his bankers, to transfer Rs 5,000/- to BSA every month. That amounts to a committed annual donation of Rs 60,000/- every year.

14. **Proposed Budget for 2018-19.** Based on the anticipated income of Rs 39 lacs, the director proposed a budget for the Fin Yr 2018-19 in a tabulated form as given below.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2018-19**

<b><u>Ser No</u></b>	<b><u>Head of expdr</u></b>	<b><u>Total Expdr till Mar 18</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
1	Edn Scholarship	3,03,800.00	3,50,000.00
2	Edn Grant for Children of widows (EGCW)	7,99,600.00	8,00,000.00
3	Distress Grant	1,30,000.00	1,50,000.00
4	Imdt Relief	4,00,000.00	4,00,000.00
5	Grant to Widows for Marriage of Daughters	1,00,000.00	2,50,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	2,80,000.00	3,30,000.00
7	Salary	8,26,850.00	8,60,000.00
8	Maint of Cmptr	22,443.00	30,000.00
9	Tele Bill/Internet	25,648.00	25,000.00
10	Office Expdr	36,274.00	25,000.00
11	Audit Fees	33,000.00	35,000.00
12	Misc	1,16,952.00	30,000.00
13	Aid to GBA	3,95,612.00	5,00,000.00
14	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	50,000.00	1,00,000.00
15	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,35,179.00</b>	<b>39,00,000.00</b>

15. The Director informed that this proposal is based on the anticipated income of Rs 39 lacs and based on expenditures of last few years on various schemes and heads. However this can be reviewed before the AGM for this year is held.

16. Maj Gen SG Pitre and Hony Gen Secy Maj Gen SD Sohoni complimented the director for good financial control and management of the BSA funds throughout the year.

**Misc. Points**

17. **Madhuri Gupta Scholarship.** Director said that the Col NC Gupta (Retd) has deposited the complete amount of Rs 31lacs as per his commitment and the complete amount was invested in FDs with SBI as and when the amounts were recd at the prevalent rates of Interests for a period of 10yrs. The details of investments made are as tabulated below.

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Date of Deposit</u>	<u>Amount in lacs</u>	<u>Rate of interest</u>	<u>Interest pa. in lacs</u>
(a)	24 Apr 2017	2.50	6.50 %	0.1300
(b)	19 Aug 2017	14.00	6.25 %	0.8750
(c)	13 Dec 2017	4.50	6.00 %	0.2700
(d)	10 Apr 2017	10.00	6.75 %	0.6750
<b>Total</b>		<b>31.00</b>		<b>1.9500 lacs</b>

18. The Director informed that keeping in view the slight increase in interest rates in the month of April 2018, it was decided to prematurely close the FDs at ser a, b & c above after paying a small penalty for foreclosure and reinvest the same amount of Rs 21 lacs @ Rs 6,75% per annum. The same was done and the interest which will accrue from the fresh investment will be Rs 2.05 lacs as shown below, This will take care of Rs 2 lacs reqd every yr for disbursement to awardees.

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Date of Deposit</u>	<u>Amount in lacs</u>	<u>Rate of interest</u>	<u>Interest pa. in lacs</u>
(a)	20 Apr 2018	21.00	6.75%	1.3837
(d)	10 Apr 2018	10.00	6.75 %	0.6750
<b>Total</b>		<b>31.00</b>		<b>2.0587</b>

**Farewell to Brig Dhiraj Mohan**

19. Director informed the MC that Brig Dhiraj Mohan is going on permanent posting in May 2018 hence this will be the last MCM which will be chaired by Brig Dhiraj Mohan, as the Vice Chairman of BSA, He then requested Hony Gen Secy Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd) to say a few words.

20. Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd), Hony Gen Secy, in his short talk complimented Brig Dhiraj Mohan on his tremendous achievements, since he took over as the Commandant and as the Vice Chairman of BSA. He made special mention of tasks like the Elphiston Rd, Currey Rd and Ambivli FOBs constructed at Mumbai and the assistance provided in dredging of the Khadakvasla Dam, These unique tasks were successfully completed in record time under his able leadership. These have brought the Bombay Sappers in the national limelight and brought us a great name. He also mentioned the initiative taken by him in conceptualising and starting the RSI Kirkee which is a great boon to veterans staying in South Pune and saves the time and effort to go to the main RSI near Southern Command.

21. He also mentioned the important functions of great magnitude organised successfully during his tenure such as

(a) Bombay Sappers Reunion 2018

(b) Veterans Rally in Jan 2017 & Jan 18 organised in BEG & Centre & ESM rally at Satara in Nov 2017 and attended by more than 3000 ESMS each time.

(c) 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day Celebrations at PCMC wherein an Equipment & Weapons Display, Band Display and know your Army stalls was org by BEG on 11 & 12 Aug. This was extended by a day on popular demand. This venue was visited by more than 1.1 lac persons in three days.

22. He brought out that due to his personal indulgence and support our sportsman have done wonders at the national and international levels, which can be seen by the huge medal tally and our achievements in the recent CWG games.

23. He made special mention of his contribution to BSA wherein he initiated the purchase of a new Maruti Ertiga Vehicle for BSA members and extending the EGCW scholarship up to graduation level which will go a long way in ensuring that wards of widows go for higher education.

24. Lastly he also complimented him for starting a new tradition of inviting all veteran members attending the Annual General body Meeting (AGM) for lunch in their respective messes. This has increased the attendance in our AGMs as this becomes convenient for members coming from far away to attend the AGM. Finally he wished Brig Dhiraj Mohan a very successful tenure in his new appointment, mentioning that it is indeed a matter of pride to be assuming the prestigious appointment of DDG in MO3.

25. Brig Dhiraj Mohan in reply thanked the Management Committee and especially the senior veteran for their valuable advice and guidance during his tenure as Vice Chairman and Commandant of BEG & Centre. He took this opportunity to present to the veteran members, the draft copy of the **Project Report** and the **Coffee Table Book** giving details of the unique task of FOBs at Mumbai, for their perusal and suggestions. He went on to explain in details as to how the project was entrusted on us at short notice and how the ensuing challenges in planning designing and tendering without taking any shortcuts were overcome by the entire team. He praised the efforts put in not only by the uniformed persons of the Bombay Sappers but also gave credit to the motivated efforts put in by the civil contractors and their skilled workers who worked tirelessly to ensure that we completed the task in the tight time schedule, which was the crux of the complete exercise.

26. He also took this opportunity to update the veterans of the MC about the latest achievements of Bombay Sappers in various fields including excellent performances in all arms courses as well as in CME by our men. He also mentioned the achievements by our officers in getting nominated for prestigious courses.

27. He mentioned that he made special efforts to spread the awareness about the BSA in units during his visits and tried to convince the men that association of all persons born in the Bombay Sappers starts from the womb (since his enrolment) and stays strong even after his death due to the bond which is maintained with the families through BSA.

28. He concluded by saying that this was indeed an eventful and a satisfying tenure for him which was all due to the excellent team which worked with him.

29. There being no other points the meeting was declared closed.

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

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Bombay Sappers Association, C/O Headquarters  
Bombay Engineer Group & Centre, Kirkee, Pune-411003

03 May 2018

**Distribution:-**

Chairman, The Bombay Sappers Association  
Vice Chairman, Secy-Cum-Treasurer, Honorary Gen Secretary,  
All members of the Management Committee, Dir BSA Northern Region, All Bombay Sappers Units  
Website of BSA



LIST OF DONATION- 2017-18

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Name of donor's</b>	<b>Amount donated</b>
1	Brig Avtar Singh Gill (Retd)	30000.00
2	Lt Col MK Khosla (Retd)	15000.00
3	115 Engr Regt	69400.00
4	Lt Col RC Sharma (Retd)	20000.00
5	Col MM Bhushan (Retd)	5000.00
6	Mrs Chandrakanta Nagrath	11000.00
7	Col AS Chonker, VSM	10000.00
8	Mr.Sona Olikara	7500.00
9	Lt Col Shrikant Joshi (Retd)	5000.00
10	Ex Sub Arun Kadam (Retd)	3000.00
11	Ex Hav SR Ghumare (Retd)	200.00
12	Ex Nk KM Jagtap, 267 Engr Regt (Apr 2017 pension batch)	2501.00
13	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	10060.00
14	Brig M K Sardana (Retd)	10000.00
15	108 Engr Regt	158000.00
16	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	10060.00
17	Ex Hav SR Ghumare (Retd)	200.00
18	Ex Hav SR Ghumare	200.00
19	Pension batch- Jun 2017	2900.00
20	109 Engr Regt	130000.00
21	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10000.00
22	Ex Hav SR Ghumare (Retd)	200.00
23	Lt Col MS Patnaik (Retd)	10000.00
24	Col Sk Kalsy (Retd)	10000.00
25	Ex Hav SR Ghumare (Retd)	200.00
26	Ex Hav Liman BS	2000.00
27	Lt Col DS Taunque (Retd)	8000.00
28	Lt Col SP Kundra (Retd)	25000.00
29	Sub Arun Kadam (Retd)	5000.00
30	Lhav Ruskar PV (Retd)	1000.00

31	Pension batch- Nov 2017	6600.00
32	Spr Kale Sambhaji Kishan (Retd)	100.00
33	Brig Naresh Chandra (Retd)	20000.00
34	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	20000.00
35	Col Manmohan Bhushan (Retd)	5000.00
36	Mrs Chandrakanta Nagrath	11000.00
37	Pension Batch Jan 2018	3600.00
38	Sub Ranjit Singh (Retd)	100.00
39	Lt Gen AK Puri (Retd)	10000.00
40	Brig SC Arora (Retd)	10000.00
41	Hav Kokitkar VM (Retd)	500.00
42	L Hav Raskar Prashant Vitthal (Retd)	1000.00
43	Brig AK Sahni (Retd)	5000.00
44	Lt Col GM Mahajan (Retd)	25000.00
45	Brig PH Narurkar (Retd)	30000.00
46	Brig (Dr.) Surjit Singh Pabla (Retd)	10000.00
47	Col DK Prasad (Retd)	10000.00
48	425 (I) Fd Coy	11000.00
49	Lhav Dildar Singh (Retd) Pension batch Mar 2018	500.00
50	Smt Kanwaljit Kaur Wife of Lt Col Kanwaljit Singh	10000.00
51	Maj Rajendra Dave (Retd)	10000.00
52	Col MB Sayanakar (Retd)	5000.00
53	Brig Gobinder Singh (Retd), AVSM	5000.00
54	Sub Arun Kadam (Retd)	2000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,82,821.00</b>

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1	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	200000.00
2	Lhav Sawant SD	500.00
3	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	200000.00
4	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	500000.00
5	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	200000.00
6	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	500000.00
7	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	450000.00
8	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	400000.00
43	Pension Batch Feb 2018	3100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,53,600.00</b>

LIST OF DONATION- 20178-19

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Name of donor's</b>	<b>Amount donated</b>
1	Lt Col BN Pathak (Retd)	10000.00
2	Col PM Saklani (Retd)	10000.00
3	Brig Vijay Kumar Arrorra (Retd)	10000.00
4	Mr. Sona Olikara	7500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37,500.00</b>

**LIST OF DONARS GIVEN STANDING INSTRUCTION TO THE BANK**

<b>Ser No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of donor's</b>	<b>Amount Donated</b>
	January		
1.	01 Jan	Sub Ranjit Singh (Retd)	500.00
2.	01 Jan	Col MB Sayankar (Retd)	5000.00
3.	20 Jan	Sub Ranjit Singh (Retd)	100.00
	February		
4.	25 Feb	Lhav Raskar Prashant (Retd)	1000.00
	March		
5	05 March	Sub Arun Kadam	2000.00
	April		
6	01 April	Brig Pradeep Mehta, VSM (Retd)	5000.00
7.	04 April	Hav SR Ghumare (Retd)	200.00
8.	05 April	Sub Arun Kadam	3000.00
	Oct		
9.	05 Oct	Sub Arun Kadam	5000.00
10.	16 Oct	LHav Raskar Prashant	1000.00
	November		
11	25 November	Spr Kale Sambhaji Kisan (Retd)	100.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>22,900.00</b>