

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 55th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 05th JANUARY 2019

1. 55th Meeting of the Management Committee of Bombay Sappers Association was held on 05th January 2019 at 1100hrs in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig PS Jaiswal, Commandant, BEG & Centre, Kirkee & Vice Chairman, BSA.

2. Following were present :-

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

3. Brig S R Mazagaonkar (Retd) Director, at the outset welcomed Col Punit Bhardwaj, CO, Depot Bn as member of the BSA Managing Committee (MC). The Director further accorded a warm welcome to Sub Maj Lakhbir Singh, Gp Sub Maj, who joins the MC as Assistant Secretary

Agenda for MCM

4. Director then took permission of the chair to proceed with the MCM. He gave out the agenda points to be discussed in the MCM :-

- (a) Approval of Minutes of 54th MCM.
- (b) Present strength of BSA Members.
- (c) Details of Boards held for various schemes in FY 2018-19.
- (d) Income and Expenditure Details of FY 2018-19.
- (e) Misc points from Director.
- (f) Points from members of MC.

Approval of Min of 54th MCM

5. Director proposed that minutes of 54th MCM (Last MCM held on 17 Jul 2018), which were circulated to all members, be approved. 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. The approval was proposed by Col MM Bhushan (Retd) and seconded by Hony Gen Secy Maj Gen SD Sohonii (Retd).

Strength of BSA

6. Strength of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 05 Jan 2019 is:-

(a)	Offrs	-	1,700
(b)	PBOR	-	<u>46,756</u>
	Total	-	<u>48,456</u> (Increase since 16 Jul 2018 579).

Details of Boards held for various schemes in FY 2018-19.

7. The Director informed that as planned in last MCM and AGM, various boards were held. Details were furnished which are given below:-

(a) BSA Education Scholarship Scheme.

(i)	Beneficiaries	:	177 OR and 44 JCO
(ii)	Amount disbursed	:	Rs. 2,18,600/-

(b) Education Grant to the children of Widows (EGCW)

(i)	Beneficiaries	:	89 children of 51 widows
(ii)	Amount disbursed	:	Rs. 3,18,800.00

(c) BSA Grant for Marriage of Daughter of Widows :

(i)	Beneficiaries	:	10 widows
(ii)	Amount disbursed	:	Rs 2, 50,000/-

(d) Immediate Grant. : To widows/NOKs of service personnel expiring on duty.

(i)	Beneficiaries	:	33 widows/NOKs
(ii)	Amount disbursed	:	Rs 3, 30,000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

(e) Grant for Professional course :

(i)	Beneficiaries	:	10 awardees of 2018-19
(ii)	Amount disbursed	:	Rs 1, 00,000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

(f) Madhuri Gupta Scholarship :

- (i) Beneficiaries : 02 awardees of 2018-19
- (ii) Amount disbursed : Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. 25,000/- each)

(g) Disbursement of installments to awardees of previous years : Installments of Rs. 10,000/- each was given to previous awardees of **Grant of Professional courses** and Rs. 25,000/- each to awardees of **Madhuri Gupta Scholarship**.

- (i) Beneficiaries : 20 awardees
- (ii) Amount disbursed : Rs. 2, 30,000/-

Five awardees are yet to be given their installment as we have not received their latest results. Generally medical students have their semester exams late in Oct/Nov hence their results come in late.

(h) Aid to GBA Students : A sum of Rs. 3, 70,208/- has been granted as a financial assistance to the GBA students.

(j) BSA Distress Grant

- (i) Beneficiaries : 06 ESMs and 02 widows
- (ii) Amount being disbursed : Rs. 80,000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

8. Director pointed out that we had budgeted, an amount of Rs 3.5 lacs for the education scholarship but only 2.18 lacs could be disbursed due to less no of applications, especially from the Engr Regts and other minor units. He said that out of the total 221 applications only 65 applications were recd from our units (i.e. an average of two per unit) whereas we recd 24 applications from MES and other ERE units and 132 from ESMs. This only shows that there is lack of awareness about the BSA schemes in our serving members. The matter was discussed and Vice Chairman directed that the Director BSA should be given a slot during the forthcoming Training Conference to give a presentation on BSA and its activities. It was also decided that veteran officers of the MC will be invited for lunch, so that COs and OCs will get an opportunity to interact with them.

9. Director pointed out that we have spent very less on the EG CW scheme as of now, but we will shortly be holding another board and we will be in a position to expend the budgeted amount. This happens every year because many widows do not apply on their own in time and we have to send reminders along with blank application forms (especially to the recently widowed ladies). So we hold a second board for such cases.

STATUS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN FY 2018-19

10. The Director further presented the income received and expenditure incurred so far in FY 2018-19. He pointed out that both our income and expenditure is under control. Details were as given below :-

INCOME SO FAR IN FY 2018-19

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 2018-19</u>	<u>Actual Income so far in FY 2018-19</u>
1.	Interest from FDs	31,08,121.00	21,64,769.00
2.	Interest from Sweep	50,000.00	1,54,381.00
3.	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	60,000.00	26,201.00
4.	Donations	8,00,000.00	5,10,501.00
	Total	40,18,121.00 Say 40 Lacs	28,55,852.00 Say 28.56 lacs

EXPENDITURE SO FAR IN FY 18-19

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of expdr</u>	<u>Budget Approved in 20th AGM</u>	<u>Total Expdr till Dec 18</u>
1	Edn Scholarship	3,50,000.00	2,18,600.00
2	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	8,00,000.00	3,18,800.00
3	Distress Grant	1,50,000.00	See note below
4	Imdt Relief	4,00,000.00	3,30,000.00
5	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00
6	Grant for Professional Courses	3,30,000.00	2,80,000.00
7	Salary	8,60,000.00	6,98,000.00
8	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint & hosting charges)	30,000.00	20,638.00
9	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	16,579.00
10	Office Expdr	25,000.00	5,000.00
11	Audit Fees	35,000.00	-
12	Misc	30,000.00	34,685.00
13	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	3,70,208.00
14	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
15	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Total	39,00,000.00	26,57,510.00

Note: Board for Distress Grant to ESM for Rs 80,000/- approved and being disbursed by bank transfer shortly.

11. **Donations.** He pointed out that we have received a donation of Rs 8.80 lacs as targeted but Rs 3.70 lacs has been added to our corpus as desired by the donors, hence figure shown as donations above in income is Rs 5.1 lacs. In addition we received Rs 6 lacs on 01 April from Colonel NC Gupta as last installment of the total 31 lacs he has given for the Madhuri Gupta Scholarship. He displayed the total list of donations recd which is given at appendix 'A'.

Misc points from Director

12. **Issue of BSA News letter.** The Director informed that two quarterly News letters of BSA were issued in Oct 2018 and Dec 2018. These were promulgated through our website, WhatsApp group of ESM and circulated to all Units.

13. **Investment Plan.** The Director said that as planned and decided in the last AGM we were suppose to increase our investments in FDs to match up with the Corpus value of BSA as on 31st Mar 2018 (as per our balance sheet for FY 2017-18). The additional investment required was as follows :-

Value of Corpus on 31 Mar 2018	:	Rs. 4,65,47,060.00
Value of FDs on 31 Mar 2018	:	<u>Rs. 4,28,70,000.00</u>
Difference	:	<u>Rs. 36,77,060.00</u>

The Director informed that we have invested an additional amount of Rs. 36.77 lacs in two FDs in SBI as follows :-

Jul 2018	-	Rs. 26.00 lacs
Dec 2018	-	<u>Rs. 10.77 lacs</u>
Total	-	<u>Rs. 36.77 lacs</u>

14. **Letter received from HQ 41 Sub Area.** The Director displayed a letter received from HQ 41 Sub Area strongly recommending appropriate financial assistance of upto Rs. 2.00 lacs, to a Veteran Bombay Sapper Officer, who is 77 years old and is in a bad state of health. Also his financial condition is very poor. The Officer is not in receipt of any pension and not authorized ECHS/MH facilities being a Short Service Commissioned Officer. The matter was discussed at length and it was felt that some financial help should be given from BSA and other sources. However it was also felt that a precedent may get set-in, in the future, especially because presently we do not have any welfare scheme for officers of Bombay Sappers. Maj Gen SD Pitre (Retd), however felt that we must help out the Officer, firstly because an Officer unless he is in real deep trouble, will not approach any Army authority for financial help, secondly he said that the officer members of BSA have contributed/donated generously in a big way to our Corpus, hence he felt that we should not hesitate in helping out the Officer with a maximum possible amount. The Vice Chairman agreed with his views but said that we should get more detail of the case. He said that we should contact the parent regiment of the officer and ask them to send a rep to visit the officer and get the factual position of the case. Other members also agreed and suggested that help can be given partly from BSA and partly from other welfare funds. The parent regiment can also contribute and help the officer.

Points from Members of MC

15. There being no other points, the meeting was declared closed.

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

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Bombay Sappers Association, C/O Headquarters

Bombay Engineer Group & Centre, Kirkee, Pune-411003

14 Jan 2019

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 DONARS 2018-2019

Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount donated
1	Lt Col BN Pathak (Retd)	10,000.00
2	Col PM Saklani (Retd)	10,000.00
3	Brig Vijay Kumar Arrorra (Retd)	10,000.00
4	Mr. Sona Olikara	7,500.00
5	Brig Pradeep Mehta, VSM (Retd)	5,000.00
6	Sub Arun Kadam (Retd)	3,000.00
7	Brig Gobinder Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
8	Gabriel Thomas Steph	10,000.00
9	Col N Viswanathan (Retd)	5,001.00
10	115 Engr Regt	73,000.00
11	Brig MK Sardana (Retd)	20,000.00
12	Lt Col HL Singh (Retd)	20,000.00
13	Lt Col CPP Nair (Retd)	5,000.00
14	Lt Col DS Taunque (Retd)	10,000.00
15	Brig Gobinder Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
16	Lt Col Asit Baran Das (Retd)	15,000.00
17	Col Vidya Sagar (Retd)	10,000.00
18	Lt Col KS Mehta (Retd)	2,500.00
19	Lt Col Magan Kumar Nigam (Retd)	5,000.00
20	Col GHR Naidu (Retd)	10,000.00
21	Lt Col MS Patnaik (Retd)	10,000.00
22	Lt Col Ram Mohan Gupta (Retd)	5,000.00
23	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
24	Col B Sarkar, VSM (Retd)	20,000.00
25	Lt Col Narendra Singh (Retd)	2,000.00
26	Pension batch - Jul 2018	1,500.00
27	Brig Awtar Singh Gill (Retd)	15,000.00
28	Col S K Kalsy (retd)	10,000.00
29	Lt Col SP Kundra (Retd)	25,000.00
30	Brig SB Ghorpade (Retd)	50,000.00
31	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
32	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
33	Lt Col Toms Ouseph (Retd)	10,000.00
34	Lt Col SK Thakur (Retd)	10,000.00
35	Lt Col Gajanan Mahadeo Mahajan (Retd)	25,000.00
36	Lt Col Mahijeet Singh	10,000.00
37	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
38	Col MC Saha (Retd)	10,000.00

39	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
40	Hav Raskar Prashant Vitthal (Retd)	1,000.00
41	Lt Col RC Sharma (Retd)	30,000.00
41	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	5,000.00
Total		5,05,501.00
Donation added to Corpus		
1	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	3,00,000.00
2	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	3,00,000.00
3	Mrs. Sumita S Ambekar	2,50,000.00
4	Lt Col K A Kawlay (Retd)	1,00,000.00
5	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	20,000.00
Total		9,70,000.00