

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 56th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 29th MARCH 2019

1. 56th Meeting of the Management Committee of Bombay Sappers Association was held on 29th March 2019 at 1100hrs in the Hall of Generals at HQ BEG & Centre. The meeting was chaired by Brig MJ Kumar, SM, 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) | Col Punit Bharadwaj | - | Member |
| (g) | Lt Col KK Giri | - | 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 informed that we are welcoming two new members in the MC who are attending the meeting for the first time. He informed that Col Punit Bhardwaj, CO, Depot Bn was welcomed in absentia in the last MCM. He welcomed him again as a member of the BSA MC. He then requested Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd), Hony Gen Secy BSA, to introduce the incoming Vice Chairman, BSA, Brig MJ Kumar ,SM, Commandant BEG & Centre and formally welcome him in the MC of BSA.

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 55th MCM.
- (b) Present strength of BSA Members.

- (c) Details of Boards held and amounts disbursed for various schemes since the last MCM i.e. 05th Jan 2019
- (d) Income and Expenditure Details of FY 2018-19.
- (e) Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020.
- (f) Misc points from Director.
- (g) Points from members of MC.

Approval of Min of 55th MCM

5. Director proposed that minutes of 55th MCM (Last MCM held on 05th Jan 2019), 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 Sohoni (Retd).

Strength of BSA

6. Strength of members, who have paid life membership fees, as on 29 Mar 2019 is :-
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| (a) | Offrs | - | 1,700 |
| (b) | PBOR | - | <u>46,817</u> |
| | Total | - | <u>48,517</u> (Increase since 05 th Jan 2019 is 61). |

Details of Boards held for various schemes in FY 2018-19 after 05th Jan 2019.

7. The Director informed that as planned in last MCM, 2nd board was held for EGCW (Edn Grant for Children of widows) and one more board for Distress grant was also held along with it. Details of expdr incurred on these boards and amounts disbursed for other schemes since last MCM were furnished and are as given below:-

(a) Education Grant to the children of Widows (EGCW) (Board No – 02)

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| (i) | Beneficiaries | : | 91 children of 50 widows |
| (ii) | Amount disbursed | : | Rs. 2, 87,400/- |

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

- (i) Beneficiaries : 1 widow
(ii) Amount disbursed : Rs 25,000/-

(c) BSA Distress Grant (Bd No 2)

- (i) Beneficiaries : 02 ESMs
(ii) Amount disbursed : Rs. 20,000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

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

- (i) Beneficiaries : 11 widows/NOKs
(ii) Amount disbursed : Rs 1, 10,000/-
(Rs.10, 000/- each)

(e) Grant for Professional course: Amounts disbursed as 2nd/3rd/4th installments to awardees of previous yrs whose results have been recd now. These students are mainly from medical stream

- (i) Beneficiaries : 07
(ii) Amount disbursed : Rs70, 000/- (Rs. 10,000/- each)

(f) Grants to Sapper Sarais Director Informed that as decided in the last MCM held in January we have disbursed an amount of Rs 4 lacs to four Sapper Sarais. These are as under;

Ser	Loc of Sarai	Amount
(i)	BEG & Centre	1.50 Lac
(ii)	Delhi Cantt	1.00 Lac
(iii)	Amritsar (Khasa)	0.75 Lac
(iv)	Jalandhar	0.75 Lacs
Total Rs		4.00 Lacs

Director informed that we had asked for demands for upkeep of these Sarais from respective units, which amounted to about 9 lacs. However keeping in mind the availability of funds the above amounts were disbursed.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN FY 2018-19

8. The Director then presented the details of income received and expenditure incurred so far in FY 2018-19. He pointed out, that these details were updated upto 25th March. However these could be considered as our annual income / expdr, as no additional income/expdr has been recd or incurred after 25 Mar. 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>
(a)	Interest from FDs	31,08,121.00	30,32,919.00
(b)	Interest from Sweep	50,000.00	1,66,416.00
(c)	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	60,000.00	37,000.00
(d)	Donations	8,00,000.00	5,48,601.00
	Total	40,18,121.00 Say 40 Lacs	37,84,936.00 Say 37.84 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 25th March 2019</u>
(a)	Edn Scholarship	3,50,000.00	2,18,600.00
(b)	Edn Grant to children of widows two bds held in Oct 18 & Feb 19	8,00,000.00	6,06,200.00
(c)	Distress Grant two bds held in Oct 18 & Feb 19	2,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
(d)	Imdt Relief	4,00,000.00	4,40,000.00
(e)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	3,00,000.00	2,75,000.00
(f)	Grant for Professional Courses	3,30,000.00	3,50,000.00

(g)	Salary	8,60,000.00	8,39,000.00
(h)	Maint of Cmptr (incl website maint & hosting charges)	30,000.00	30,443.00
(j)	Tele Bill/Internet	25,000.00	20,940.00
(k)	Office Expdr	25,000.00	28,374.00
(l)	Audit Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00
(m)	Misc incl Grant of Rs 4 lacs to Sapper Sarais	30,000.00	4,35,338.00
(n)	Aid to GBA	5,00,000.00	3,70,208.00
(o)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
(p)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Total	40,00,000.00	38,64,103.00

9. **Donations.** He pointed out that we have received a donation of Rs 10.94 lacs more than what we had targeted but Rs 5.46 lacs has been added to our corpus as desired by the donors, hence figure shown as donations above in the income table is Rs 5.48 lacs. In addition we received Rs 6 lacs on 01 April 2018 from Colonel NC Gupta (Retd) 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'**.

Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2019-20

10. The Director then proceeded to present a proposed budget for the next financial year. He pointed out that this is only a suggested budget and the same can be reviewed before we present the same in the next AGM for approval of the house. He displayed the suggested income and expenditure figure for the next financial years which were as given below :-

ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR FY 2019-20

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Actual Income so far in FY 2018-19</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 2019-20</u>
(a)	Interest from FDs	30,32,919.00	32,41,562.00
(b)	Interest from Sweep	1,66,416.00	50,000.00

(c)	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving	37,000.00	58,400.00
(d)	Donations	5,48,601.00	6,50,000.00
	Total	37,84,936.00 Say 37.84 lacs	39,99,962.00 Say 40 lacs

BUDGET FY 2019-2020

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of expdr</u>	<u>Total Expdr till Feb 19</u>	<u>Budget for FY 2019-20</u>
(a)	Edn Scholarship	2,18,600.00	3,50,000.00
(b)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	6,06,200.00	7,00,000.00
(c)	Distress Grant	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
(d)	Imdt Relief	4,40,000.00	4,00,000.00
(e)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	2,75,000.00	3,00,000.00
(f)	Grant for Professional Courses	3,50,000.00	4,10,000.00
(g)	Salary	8,39,000.00	8,60,000.00
(h)	Maint of Cmpt (incl website maint & hosting charges)	30,443.00	30,000.00
(j)	Tele Bill/Internet	20,940.00	25,000.00
(k)	Office Expdr	15,000.00	25,000.00
(l)	Audit Fees	35,000.00	35,000.00
(m)	Misc	4,48,712.00	30,000.00
(n)	Aid to GBA	3,70,208.00	3,70,000.00
(o)	Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	1,00,000.00	1,50,000.00
(p)	Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00	15,000.00
(q)	Bi Centenary Celebration	-	2,00,000.00
	Total	38,64,103.00	40,00,000.00

11. The Director informed that we have kept Rs. 2 lacs for the Bi Centenary celebrations which are due in Jan 2020. This is basically to cater for felicitation of widows/veterans and for printing of BSA brochures which can be given to all persons attending the Bi Centenary celebrations. The remaining provisions are based on last year expenditure/our experience in the past. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer pointed out that we should keep a bigger amount for the Bi-Centenary celebrations as we are inviting at least four senior veterans/widows from each Unit. The Director pointed out that we should be able to cater for the same, firstly from savings in other heads and we can avoid transferring the donations received in this fin yr, directly to the Corpus. He also pointed out that this year only 115 Engr Regt has sent in donations. We can appeal to units who have been contributing in the past. He also urged the Vice-Chairman to appeal to all the units for the same.

Misc points from Director

12. **Issue of BSA News letter.** The Director informed that the quarterly News letter of BSA is ready and will be issued in the first week of April 2019. The same will be promulgated through our website, WhatsApp group of ESM and the Gp Adj't's email group of veteran officers. The News letter will also be sent to all Units.

13. **Presentation by Director to COs/OCs during the Annual Trg conference.** As decided in the last MCM a detailed presentation was given by the Director on 22 Jan 2019. The PPT and the detailed 74 pages info brochure on BSA was also sent to all units through AWAN. The detailed brochure contains all SOPs and application forms of all BSA schemes. He hoped that the response to our Children Education Scholarship Scheme and Grant for Professional Courses scheme will be much better this year.

14. **Investment Plan.** The Director informed that we have invested an amount of Rs. 46.77 lacs in FDs in SBI in the Fin Yr 2018-19, thus taking the total amount held in FDs as on date to Rs. 4.75 crore.

15. **Letter received from HQ 41 Sub Area.** The Director said that in the last MCM we had discussed a letter received from HQ 41 Sub Area regarding a Veteran Bombay Sapper Officer who was in a bad state of health and a poor financial condition. The Director informed that as decided and directed by the Vice Chairman in the last MCM, the letter received from Sub Area was sent to the parent regiment of the officer. The Regiment has written back and stated that they were in touch with the Officer and also taking care of him. The director also informed that he was informed by some officers of that regiment that the matter was circulated on the WhatsApp group of that regiment and numbers of officers have contributed in giving financial help. The MC hence

decided that BSA need not take any further action in this case. However Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) said that as brought out by him in the last MCM, 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 an Officer when such a case comes up in future. He pointed out that such cases should not be ignored fearing that a precedent will be set in, because we presently do not have any welfare scheme in place for officers. Members of the MC agreed with his views and it was decided that this should be recorded now and discussed and ratified in the next AGM.

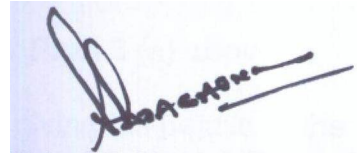
Points from Members of MC

16. The Vice-Chairman thanked all the members of management committee for according him a warm welcome. He took this opportunity to update the MC about measures he is taking to bring up the infrastructure in the centre keeping in mind the upcoming Bi Centenary celebration. He also said that that the Bombay Sappers Officers' Mess is being kept open for all Veteran Officers every Friday from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs. They can come with their civilian guests. The aim is to publicize the uniqueness of our important assets like the Officers' Mess, our Museum and the War Memorial. There is a plan to improve the Museum by bringing about improvement in our way of improve methods of display and circulation of visitors in the Museum for visitors.

17. He informed that our War Memorial has undergone deterioration due to its age. The stones and the joints need urgent specialized repairs. The experts called in have estimated that approx Rs. 20 lacs to Rs. 30 lacs will be required for the same. Efforts are being made to get these funds from the corporate sectors through their CSR funds.

18. He informed that our NCOs are doing well in all arms courses, in fact the last platoon weapon course, all the three top positions went to Bombay Sappers. In sports also, our men have been doing well. He assured that he will strive to keep the tempo and get better results in the future.

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



(Brig SR Mazagaonkar, Retd)
Dir, BSA

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Bombay Sappers Association, C/O Headquarters

Bombay Engineer Group & Centre, Kirkee, Pune-411003

09 Apr 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

Appendix 'A'**DONATIONS- FY 2018-19**

Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount Donated
1	115 Engr Regt	73,000.00
2	Pension batch - Jul 2018	1,500.00
3	Brig Awtar Singh Gill (Retd)	15,000.00
4	Brig Gobindar Singh (Retd), AVSM	55,000.00
5	Brig MK Sardana (Retd)	20,000.00
6	Brig Pradeep Mehta, VSM (Retd)	5,000.00
7	Brig SB Ghorpade (Retd)	50,000.00
8	Brig Vijay Kumar Arrorra (Retd)	10,000.00
9	Col B Sarkar, VSM (Retd)	20,000.00
10	Col GHR Naidu (Retd)	10,000.00
11	Col MC Saha (Retd)	10,000.00
12	Col N Viswanathan (Retd)	5,001.00
13	Col PM Saklani (Retd)	10,000.00
14	Col S K Kalsy (retd)	10,000.00
15	Col Vidya Sagar (Retd)	10,000.00
16	Lt Col Asit Baran Das (Retd)	15,000.00
17	Lt Col BN Pathak (Retd)	10,000.00
18	Lt Col CPP Nair (Retd)	5,000.00
19	Lt Col DS Taunque (Retd)	10,000.00
20	Lt Col Gajanan Mahadeo Mahajan (Retd)	25,000.00
21	Lt Col HL Singh (Retd)	20,000.00
22	Lt Col KS Mehta (Retd)	2,500.00
23	Lt Col Magan Kumar Nigam (Retd)	5,000.00
24	Lt Col Mahijeet Singh	10,000.00
25	Lt Col MS Patnaik (Retd)	10,000.00
26	Lt Col Narendra Singh (Retd)	2,000.00
27	Lt Col Ram Mohan Gupta (Retd)	5,000.00
28	Lt Col RC Sharma (Retd)	30,000.00
29	Lt Col SK Thakur (Retd)	10,000.00
30	Lt Col SP Kundra (Retd)	25,000.00
31	Lt Col Toms Ouseph (Retd)	10,000.00
32	Gabriel Thomas Steph	10,000.00
33	Mr. Sona Olikara	7,500.00
34	Mrs Neha Sharma, Daughter in law of Brig Rajiv Divekar	5,000.00

35	Sub Arun Kadam (Retd)	3,000.00
36	Hav Kokitkar Vinayak Maruti	500.00
37	Hav Prashant Vitthal	1,000.00
38	Hav Raskar Prashant Vitthal (Retd)	1,000.00
39	Sub Arun Shankar Kadam	2,000.00
	Total	548,601.00
<u>Donation added directly to Corpus</u>		
Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount Donated
1	Mrs. Sumita S Ambekar	250,000.00
2	Brig Avtar Singh Gill (Retd)	15,000.00
3	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10,000.00
4	Col AS Chonker	10,000.00
5	Lt Col K A Kawlay (Retd)	100,000.00
6	Lt Col MK Khosla (Retd)	15,000.00
7	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	20,000.00
8	Maj Rajendra Dave (Retd)	20,000.00
9	LNk Daljit Singh(retd)	500.00
10	115 Engr Regt (Recd 2 nd Donation in Feb 2019)	105,700.00
	Total	546,200.00
11	Col NC Gupta (Retd) Donation for Madhuri Gupta Scholarship last instalment	600,000.00
	Total	1,146,200.00

Summary

Donations recd and taken directly into Corpus	:	Rs. 5.46 lacs
Donations recd and used for welfare schemes	:	<u>Rs. 5.48 lacs</u>
Total	:	<u>Rs. 10.94 lacs</u>
 Donations recd for Madhuri Gupta Scholarship	:	Rs. 6.00 Lacs