

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (BSA)
MINUTES OF 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD ON 07TH AUG 2017 AT RANE AUDITORIUM, BEG & CENTRE, PUNE

GENERAL

1. The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Bombay Sappers was held on 07th Aug 2017 from 1030 hrs onwards at Rane Auditorium, BEG & Centre, Pune. The meeting was convened at 1030 hrs by Brig S R Mazagaonkar (Retd), Director BSA, but it was adjourned due to lack of quorum and recommended to be re-convened after 45 minutes at 1115 hrs. In the meantime members present were requested to proceed for tea & refreshments.

2. The meeting was reconvened at 1115 hrs, a total of 369 Members, consisting of 33 Officers 115 JCOs and 221 OR (including veterans Bombay Sappers) attended the meeting. The meeting was presided over by the **Chairman of BSA, Lt Gen Michael Mathews, VSM****, **Col Comdt 'The Bombay Sappers'**. Following other members of the management committee were present:

(a)	Brig Dhiraj Mohan	-	Vice Chairman
(b)	Maj Gen S D Sohoni (Retd)	-	Hon Gen Secy
(c)	Maj Gen S G Pitre (Retd)	-	Member
(d)	Col M M Bhushan (Retd)	-	Member
(e)	Col T G Shankar (Retd)	-	Member
(f)	Brig S R Mazagaonkar (Retd)	-	Director
(g)	Col Rajvinder Singh, VSM	-	Secy -cum –Treasurer
(h)	Col Amit Sakhare	-	CO Depot Bn/Member
(j)	Maj S Eswari	-	Accounts Officer/Member
(k)	Sub Maj (H'Capt) V MLawate (Retd)	-	Member
(l)	Sub Maj BR Fonde	-	Asst Secy

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

3. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer Col Rajvinder Singh, VSM reconvened the meeting at 1115h. He in his introductory remarks welcomed all those who were present for the AGM including all the members of the Management Committee to the 19th AGM of BSA. He then requested the Chairman to give his Opening Address.

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. Gist of the Chairman's address is given in succeeding paras:-

5. At the outset the Chairman welcomed everyone present in the audience, on the occasion of the 19th AGM of BSA. He said that it is indeed a privilege and honor to be addressing the Annual General Body Meeting of BSA for the first time, since taking over as Chairman of BSA and Colonel Commandant, The Bombay Sappers on 01 Sept 2016.

6. **Journey of BSA.** He said that it is a matter of pride for all Bombay Sappers and the founder chairman Lt Gen Ashok Puri (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, to see BSA grow steadily and standing firmly on its own, after a successful journey of 18 years, since May 2009. Today we have strength of 46,900 members in BSA, which started with a membership of 400. Financially we have

a corpus more than Rs. 4.2 Crores. This makes BSA a unique association which many other regiments of the Indian Army want to emulate.

7. **Role of Management Committee.** The chairman said that the credit for all this goes to the past and present members of the managing committee. BSA is a registered society and it is bound by certain rules and regulations. Hence all its activities have to be within these norms. Hence dedication and sincere involvement of the MC in guiding the affairs of BSA become very important. He made a special mention here about the consistent contribution of our senior MC members like Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd), Maj Gen SD Sohoni (Retd) and Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd). He said it is because of their experience, guidance and direction that we have grown into such a fine and efficient organization. It is credit worthy to mention here that not only BSA has evolved so many new schemes and improved upon them over the years, we have always made sure we follow the correct norms & rules and regulations meticulously. This can be seen that we have never received any observations from the Income Tax Authority and the Charity Commissioner etc on our financial and activity reports submitted to them in all these years.

8. **Info @ BSA in units.** He said that it was observed that info about various activities being undertaken by BSA was not trickling to the last man in our units. The men in the unit were aware that they were members of the BSA but were unaware of the activities and welfare schemes being undertaken by BSA. He said, to overcome this, he and the Comdt BEG & Centre has made special efforts to talk about BSA whenever they both address troops in the units. Also a presentation in PPT form and a detailed BSA brochure in a CD were sent by the Director BSA, to all units for promulgation. A PPT presentation was also given to all Officers attending the Bombay Sappers lunch in New Delhi in the month of Nov 2016

9. **Welfare schemes.** The chairman said that our welfare schemes have been evolved based on the principal of giving priority to the needy. We have schemes to help and encourage higher education amongst children of our members. Keeping this in view we have extended our EG CW (Education Grant to the Children of Widows) from 12th to **graduation level**. Also Col NC Gupta (Retd) has approached BSA, to start a new scholarship **namely 'Madhuri Gupta Scholarship' in memory of his wife. He will be depositing a total amount of Rs. 31.5 lacs by Dec 2017, which will be invested in FDs. An amount of Rs.16.5 lacs has already been received by BSA.** The interest received will be about Rs. 2 lacs per year. This will be given to two students of Engineering and Medical streams. Each student will get a scholarship of 1 lac. This will be paid in four yearly installments of Rs. 25,000/-. This scholarship will be started from this year. I am indeed grateful for this noble gesture of Col NC Gupta (Retd) and take this opportunity to record our sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of all the members of BSA for this fine gesture (The announcement was welcomed by all members with a loud applause).

10. **Funds for BSA.** The Chairman drew the attention of all to the fact that though BSA is quite strong financially there is always requirement of more funds to enhance our schemes and increase the monetary benefits given, as the cost of living goes up every year. However as you all know, the rate of interest given by banks on FDs has reduced drastically in the last few years. This has reduced our annual income of BSA. Towards this we had made an appeal to all units to send in voluntary contributions and he said that he was happy to announce that some units have responded very positively and sent in donations in this financial year. These are 115 Engr Regt, 108 Engr Regt and 109 Engr Regt. I would like to thank the COs and all ranks of these units on behalf of all members of BSA. He said that he was sure all our units will follow their example and send in their contribution every year.

11. **Sapper Saries.** He said that the facilities of Sappers sarai's established in Pune, Delhi, Jalandhar and Amritsar are being regularly used. He thanked the COs and staff of Depot Bn, Bomb Disposal unit in Delhi Cantt and 116 Engr Regt which is running both the sarais at Amritsar and Jalandhar, for the efforts put in by them.

12. **BSA Vehicle.** The Chairman informed the house that the Tata Sumo Vehicle which has been used by members in Pune since 2010 has already done more than 2.5 lacs km, hence the MC has decided to replace the vehicle with a new vehicle. BSA will be buying a new vehicle soon.

13. **Gurnam Boys Academy.** This is a very good facility which should be used by maximum Bombay Sappers. A lot of effort has gone in bringing up GBA to the present standard. BSA has also been supporting GBA by giving financial aid to subsidise the expenditure of children of widows and ESMs staying in GBA. An amount of Rs. 5 lacs has been given from BSA funds in the last financial year. He made a special mention of Maj Gen SCN Jatar who has been regularly helping the GBA. He informed the house that this year also Maj Gen SCN Jatar has given a donation of Rs 4.8 lacs to GBA (This announcement was received with an enthusiastic applause).

14. In conclusion he said that BSA is indeed a very fine organization which is functioning efficiently with full support of the Comdt, BEG & Centre, Kirkee and under valuable guidance of the MC. I would like to thank Brig Dhiraj Mohan, Vice Chairman, BSA and all the serving and veteran members of the MC once again.

15. Thereafter Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd), Director BSA, progressed the meeting after obtaining the permission of the Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINS OF 18th AGM

16. Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd), Director BSA informed that the 18th AGM was held on 15 July 2016 and the minutes of the same were sent to all units and put on the BSA website and were also circulated through Group Adjutant email group to all veterans Officers. It was proposed by the Director that, if there is no objection, the minutes of the meeting be passed by the house. Col A K Mehra (Retd) proposed the passing of min of 18th AGM, the same was seconded by Maj Gen HK Kapoor (Retd) and Brig SB Ghorpade(Retd).

BSA ACTIVITIES 2016-17

17. Director BSA then briefed all present, regarding major activities carried out during the previous year. These are given in succeeding paras:-

18. **Membership.** The present state of membership as on 07 Aug 2017 is as under:-

(a)	Offrs	-	1622
(b)	JCOs	-	2513
(c)	ORs	-	<u>42771</u>
	Total	-	46,906

(Increase in life membership from last year 890).

19. **BSA Activities :** Following activities were done during last financial year 2016-17:-

(a) **Management Committee meetings.** Four MCMs were held after the last AGM on 17 Sept 2016, 27th Feb 2017, 05 May 2017 and 20 July 2017. The minutes were sent to all units and also uploaded on BSA website. Minutes were also circulated through the group adjutant's email group to veteran officers and through WhatsApp to ESMs.

(b) **News Letters.** Three Newsletters were issued on 08 Aug 2016, 31 Dec 2016, 08 April 2017 and 20 July 2017. These were sent to all units and uploaded on BSA website and circulated through the group adjutant's email group to all veterans officers and through WhatsApp to ESMs.

(c) **BSA Website.** The BSA website (www.bsakirkee.org) is being updated regularly. Since this year information about jobs opportunities for ESMs, other valuable information such as UHQ Recruitment Rally dates, eligibility criteria, requisite forms etc are being uploaded and also information about the major events organized by BEG & Centre (ie ESM rally etc) are being uploaded. The Director informed that a WhatsApp group of recently retired ESMs has been established for promulgation and exchange of info on job opportunities etc.

(d) **BSA Vehicle.** The Tata Grande vehicle was used by 161 members and total kms run were 35,759 kms in the last one year. Vehicle is now old and being replaced as informed by the Chairman BSA in his opening address.

(e) **Sapper Sarais.** The Director informed that a total of 815 pers have utilized the accommodation provided in the four sarais at Pune Delhi, Amritsar and Jalandhar. The max no of pers i.e. 542 pers have stayed at the Pune Sarai followed by 117 at Delhi, 129 at Jalandhar and 27 at Amritsar. This was all possible due to the sincere efforts put in by the units running these Sapper Sarais.

(f) **Pre-recruitment training to Children of Bombay Sappers.** This year Brig B K Kohli (Retd), Director Northern Region of BSA, had organized two camps of three weeks duration at 116 Engr Regt in Nov 2016 and 106 Engr Regt in May 2017. 53 children attended these two camps. The credit for organizing and conduct of this camp goes to CO and all ranks of 116 Engr Regt and 106 Engr Regt.

(g) **Peculiar cases of members were taken up with ZSWOs /ECHS/other agencies**
The Director said all efforts are made to help our members to resolve their cases. He mentioned two particular cases which are as follows :-

(i) Case of wife of a deserted JCO reemployed in DSC and posted at COD Dehu Rd. The JCO was a habitual alcoholic and was absconding from COD Dehu Rd and declared a deserter by Commandant COD. The wife was helpless and approached BSA for help. After liaison with COD she was allowed to stay in the family qtr till the end of academic session and also fees of her daughters studying in COD school were condoned for that session. In the meantime through personal liaison BSA managed to get her a job as lady security personnel in a large and reputed security agency headed by senior service officers.

(ii) A retd JCO, Sub Sathe had met with an accident and his claims were not being cleared as he was treated in a non empanelled hospital in Pune whereas he was dependent on the Ahmednagar ECHS. Also the info about his admission was not given to parent ECHS in time. This case was sorted out by liaison with the HQ Sub area and the Regional HQ of ECHS, who got a sanction from HQ ECHS New Delhi to waive of the delay etc. As a result part payment of the claims were made. Director advised all veterans to please ensure that the parent ECHS be informed within 24 hrs about such emergencies and also to as far as possible ESM should get admitted in an empanelled hospital at the earliest.

(h) **Increase In Investments.** The Director informed that as discussed and decided in the last AGM we have invested an additional amount of Rs 27.75 Lacs in FDs in this financial year.

20. **Grants given during FY 2016-17.** The Director displayed on the screen the summary of Grants given during FY 2017-16, which are as given below:-

<u>Sl. NO</u>	<u>GRANTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01.	Edn Scholarship	3,76,000.00
02.	Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW)	5,90,400.00
03.	Grant for Professional Courses	1,20,000.00
04.	108 Engr Regt Scholarship	60,000.00
05.	Distress Grant	1,10,000.00
06.	Imdt Grant	4,80,000.00
07.	Grant to widows for daughter's marriage	2,75,000.00
08.	Paraplegic Grant	15,000.00
09.	Indira Dassannacharya Scholarship	15,000.00
10.	Aid to GBA	4,68,785.00
11.	Aid to GBA for purchase of library book (donation specifically received from Capt Raghesh Dassannacharya (Retd))	25,000.00
TOTAL		25,35,185.00

After display of the summary, The Director gave out detailed information about each of the grants which are as follows : -

(a) **Edn Scholarship.** This was given to children of 71 JCOs and 297 OR. Total amount given was Rs.3,76,000/-

(b) **Edn Grant to Children of widows (EGCW).** This was given to 188 children of 122 Widows. Total amount given was Rs. 5,90,400/-

(c) **Grant for Professional Courses.** The Director informed that this year we have given this grant to 12 children in various professional courses, which are as follows:-

<u>Stream</u>	<u>Nos</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MBBS	02	Rs. 40,000/- each
1 st Year Engineering	07	Rs. 40,000/- each
2 nd Year Engineering	02	Rs. 30,000/- each
MBA	<u>01</u>	Rs. 20,000/-
Total	<u>12</u>	

He furthered informed that total grant amount is Rs. 4,40,000/-. However this year only Rs. 1,20,000/- is disbursed and remaining amounts will be disbursed in a installment of Rs. 10,000/- per year per awardees after receipt of previous year mark sheet.

(d) **108 Engr Regt Scholarship.** The Director informed that from last year this scholarship has been discontinued, however Rs. 60,000/- has been disbursed to the awardees of previous years, which were as follows:-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>No of awardees</u>	<u>Year of Grant</u>	<u>Installment No</u>	<u>Total Installment amount</u>
(i)	02	FY 2013-14	4 th	Rs. 20,000/- (ie Rs. 10,000/- each)
(ii)	01	FY 2014-15	3 rd	Rs. 20,000/- (ie Rs. 10,000/- each)
(ii)	03	FY 2015-16	2 nd	Rs. 30,000/- (ie Rs. 10,000/- each)
Total				<u>Rs. 60,000/-</u>

(e) **Distress Grant.** A total amount of Rs. 1,10,000/- was given to 11 persons at Rs. 10,000 each.

(f) **Immediate Grant.** The Director informed that this year we had 48 unfortunate death cases of serving personnel. A cheque of 10,000/- each was dispatched to the unfortunate widows/NOK. A total amount of Rs. 4,80,000/- was spent on this.

(g) **Grant to widows for daughters marriage.** An amount of Rs. 2,75,000/- was given to 11 widows @ Rs 25,000/- each.

(h) **Paraplegic Grant.** The Director informed that expenditure under this head was not catered in the previous year budget. However a case of L/Nk Onkar Singh, of 110 Engr Regt was recommended his by CO, for financial assistance to buy a special automated wheel chair as he is a paraplegic. The unit had already collected some amount hence a sum of Rs 15000/- was contributed from BSA funds.

(j) **Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship (For GBA Students).** The Director said that as brought out in the last AGM,. The "Indira Dasannacharya Scholarship" for the GBA students was instituted in Fyr 2016-17. Rs. 15,000/- as scholarship was given to 05 meritorious ward of widows, staying in GBA, on the eve of Independence day 2016. Also Rs 25000/- given by Capt Dassannacharya was spent on purchase of books for GBA.

(k) **Aid to Gurnam Boys Academy.** An amount of Rs. 4,68,785/- was given to subsidise the fees of 08 wards of widows @ 75% of total expenditure and 05 wards of ESM @ 25% of their total expenditure

Extension and Introduction of New Schemes

21. **EGCW scheme modified.** The Director informed the house that the grant which was till now given to children studying upto std XII has now been extended to the college going children also. Salient features of changes made are as follows: -

(a) Existing EGCW scheme had a provision to give grants from Nursery to XII, This now stands extended to graduation level. Amount to be disbursed per child per year is as follows:-

(i)	Rs. 2,400/-	-	Nursery to Std VIII
(ii)	Rs. 4,800/-	-	Std IX to XII
(ii)	Rs. 5,000/-	-	Pursuing Graduation in any discipline (ie BSc, BCom, BA, BBA, BCA etc).

The Director said that to avail this facility the widows have to send the previous year's mark sheet of his/her ward to confirm that they are continuing their studies.

22. **Madhuri Gupta Scholarship.** The Director informed that one of our veteran Officer Col NC Gupta, settled in USA, approached BSA to start a scholarship in memory of his late wife Mrs Madhuri Gupta from year 2017. He wanted to give scholarship of one lac each to two deserving students of Medical & Engineering Streams. He was ready to donate a lump sum amount in the corpus so that the scholarship can be funded each year from the interest earned. After some discussion on emails it was decided that he will deposit an amount of Rs 31 lacs towards corpus. This will give us an interest of Rs 2 lacs per yr. This amount will be given to two selected students @ Rs 1 lac each to be paid in four yearly installments of Rs 25,000/-. He sent an amount of Rs 50,000/- immediately in March 2017 itself, to cater for awardees of this year and made a commitment of depositing the complete amount of Rs 31 lacs by December 2017. Till date he has already deposited an amount of Rs 16 lacs out of Rs. 31 lacs to be deposited. The Director explained the salient features of this scholarship which are as follows:-

- (a) Two students will be granted scholarship of Rs. 1 lac each year to be paid in 4 yearly installments of Rs. 25,000/- per year for 4 Years.
- (b) Grant will be given only to wards of JCOs/ORs who have obtained admission in Engineering or Medical (1st year only) and who comply with the mandatory criteria as shown below :-

Mandatory criteria for Engineering Stream

- (i) Ward should have scored min 85% in their Std XII
- (ii) Should have JEE (main) score which makes him eligible to appear for advance JEE exam.

Mandatory criteria for Medical Stream

- (i) Ward should have scored minimum 85% in Std XII.
- (ii) Should have high score in NEET which makes him eligible to seek admission against 15% Govt Quota seats in Medical Colleges in India.

(c) The grants will be given strictly on merit basis.

(d) No separate application is required to be submitted for this scholarship, selection of two wards for **Madhuri Gupta Scholarship** will be made from application received for '**Grant of Professional Courses**' scheme.

23. **Donations received in 2016-17.** The Director informed that in FY 2016-17 we have received donations of Rs. 5, 46,760/- however some of the donations have been added to corpus as desired by the donors The list of donors is at Appx 'A'.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DETAILS OF FIN YR 2016-17

24. The Director then requested Col Rajvinder Singh, VSM Secretary-cum-Treasure of BSA to proceed with the presentation of financials.

25. **Income FY 2016-17.** Col Rajvinder Singh, VSM then with the permission of Chairman proceeded ahead with the financials. He informed the house about actual income received in FY 2016-17 against the anticipated income, which is as follows :-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Income FY 16-17</u>	<u>Actual Income FY 16-17</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

26. **Expenditure FY 2016-17.** The Secretary-cum-Treasurer informed the actual expenditure done in FY 2016-17 against the allotted amount in the budget of 2016-17, which is as follows :-

<u>Ser No</u>	<u>Head of Expdr</u>	<u>Allotment (approved in AGM)</u>	<u>Actual Expenditure FY 2016-17</u>
(a)	Edn Scholarship	4,75,000.00	3,76,000.00
(b)	Edn Grant (Children of widows)	8,75,000.00	6,00,000.00
(c)	Distress Grant + Imdt Relief	5,00,000.00	6,10,000.00
(d)	Grant to Paraplegic	-	15,000.00
(e)	Grant for Marriage of Daughters of widows	5,00,000.00	3,00,000.00
(f)	Grant for Professional Courses	3,40,000.00	1,80,000.00
(g)	Salary	8,00,000.00	7,96,467.00
(h)	Maint of Cmpt	23,000.00	13,340.00
(j)	Tele Bill/Internet	15,000.00	18,936.00
(k)	Office Expdr	20,000.00	13,850.00
(l)	Audit Fees	32,000.00	30,000.00
(m)	Misc	25,000.00	8,588.00
(n)	Aid to GBA students including scholarship amount	4,00,000.00	5,08,785.00
(o)	New interactive website for ESM/ Upgradation of BSA website	1,00,000.00	-
	TOTAL	41,05,000.00	34,70,966.00

He informed the house that the idea of making interactive website for which Rs. 1 lacs was allotted was shelved, as it was felt that an interactive website will not be so useful as our ESMs are not well versed to use internet and websites.

AUDIT REPORT OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

27. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer displayed the Audited Financials of FY 2016-17. Which are enclosed as follows: -

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| (a) Receipt and Payment Account FY 2016-17 | - | refer Appx | - | ‘B’ |
| (b) Income and Expenditure Account FY 2016-17 | - | refer Appx | - | ‘C’ |
| (c) Balance sheet as on 31 Mar 2017 | - | refer Appx | - | ‘D’ |

28. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer than then requested to house if there are queries/questions.. The question asked by Lt Col AV Mudholkar (Retd) and reply given is as given below:-

Question : In the proposed budget for 2016-17 as given in the minutes of 18th AGM there is no allotment for expenditure on **Grant for Professional Courses**, where has Rs. 1.80 lacs has been expend in the year 2016-17 ?

Answer: The Director explained that the name of scheme was changed from GALHE to Grant for Professional Courses from the year 2016-17. A provision of Rs. 3.40 lacs was made for expenditure against GALHE (refer minutes of 18th AGM Appx ‘H’ Ser No 5).

29. There were no further queries/questions, Hence Secretary-cum-Treasurer requested the house to approve the audited financials of FY 2016-17. Lt Col AV Mudholkar (Retd) proposed the passing of Audited financials of FY 2016-17 and the same was seconded by Maj Gen HK Kapoor (Retd).

PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-18

30. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer displayed the anticipated income for FY 2017-18 along with the actual income received in FY 2016-17. The same is tabulated 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>
1.	Interest from FDs	28,80,562.00	29,26,024.00	30,73,388.00
2.	Interest from Sweep	4,00,000.00	3,01,271.00	1,00,000.00
3.	Income from duplicate card charges and Interest from saving A/c	25,000.00	49,961.00	50,000.00
4.	Donations	8,00,000.00	2,96,760.00	8,00,000.00
	Total	41,05,562.00	35,74,016.00	40,23,388.00 Say Rs 40 lacs

31. He informed the house that this year we have catered for Rs. 8,00,000/- as income under the donation head, because this year there is a trend of units sending donations. The Vice Chairman intervened and informed that till now we have received more than Rs. 3.50 lacs from units and hope the trend will continue future. The Vice Chairman requested the Secretary-cum-Treasurer to open the hyperlink on the displayed slide and show the list of donations received so far in this financial year. Then the Secretary-cum-Treasurer displayed list of donors of FY 2017-18 as on date. The displayed list is at Appx 'E'.

32. The Secretary-cum-Treasurer requested the house to approve the Budget for FY 2017-18 , if there were no queries/suggestions. Brig SB Ghorpade (Retd) proposed the passing of the Budget for the financial year 2017-18 and the same was seconded by Maj Gen HK Kapoor (Retd) and Brig Rakesh Chandra (Retd).

33. The Secretary-cum-Treasure then requested the Director to continue with the AGM.

MISC POINT

34. Donation from received from various units :- The Director said that as pointed out by the Chairman a welcome trend of Units contributing to BSA has been seen since last year. He displayed the list of Units who have contributed since Apr 2017 to date. This is as under :-

- (a) 115 Engr Regt - Rs. 69,400/-
- (b) 108 Engr Regt - Rs. 1,58,000/-
- (c) 109 Engr Regt - Rs. 1,30,000/-

35. Donation of computers in kind : The Director informed that BSA has received 05 x computer from Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), Kirkee . He thanked Brig Rajiv Divekar (Retd) who is presently heading SIMS.

36. **BSA Tata Grande Vehicle:** The Director informed that this vehicle was purchased in the year Jun 2010 and till date has run more than 2.5 lac kms. The management committee in the 50th MCM had decided that this vehicle being old needs to be replaced with a new vehicle as cost of maintenance and repairs is increasing and soon vehicle will be due for an engine change which will be costly. A board was ordered to do a market survey and identify a suitable replacement. The board headed by Col Amit Sakhare carried out a survey and after considering number of vehicles in the market, presented its findings and recommendations in the 51st MCM. Based on its recommendation it was decided to buy a Maruti Ertiga Vehicle to replace the existing Tata Sumo Grande Vehicle.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

37. The Director reminded the house about the decisions taken in the last AGM in respect of rotation of the Management Committee (MC) . He displayed the same on a slide which is as given below:

- (a) One Veterans Officer out of 4 to be replaced every two years. This is to ensure to Hony Gen Secy gets a minimum tenure of 2 years.
- (b) Veterans JCO member to be changed after every six years.
- (c) A management committee member could be considered for re-nomination after break of one year (AGM to AGM).

38. The Director then informed, that there is no requirement to elect a fresh Veterans Officer as Col TG Shankar (Retd) was inducted in the MC in the 18th AGM, last year. However there is a scope to induct a fresh Veterans JCO/NCO to replace Sub Maj (H'Capt) V M Lawate (Retd), who has been a member for more than six years.

39. He then asked the house if there was any volunteer from amongst the Veterans JCOs/NCO. He also asked if there are any recommendation/suggestions in this respect. As there were no volunteers/suggestions, the Director informed the house that we will request Sub Maj (H'Capt) V M Lawate (Retd) to continue as member of MC for one more year.

QUERIE/SUGGESTIONS

40. The Director asked the house if there are any queries/suggestions. There were two queries/suggestions which were as follows: -

41. Brig VK Arrorra (Retd) pointed out that the ratio of 1:4 (JCO : OR) being presently followed for awarding Scholarships in the Children Education Scholarship Scheme should be as per the strength of JCOs vs ORs in our regiments. The Director informed that the ratio was generally adopted to see that justice is done both to the children of JCOs and ORs. He pointed out that in last year's board, for class X only those JCOs children who scored above 95% could get the scholarship, due to less no of vacancies for JCOs. The point was discussed at length and following emerged during the discussion.

(a) Some members felt that the ratio should be increased to 1:10 or even if possible to 1:20.

(b) Col M Uberoi (Retd) said that as this is a merit scholarship hence there should be no reservations and should be opened. This point was refuted by Maj Gen SG Pitre (Retd) and Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd) who pointed out that there is a lot of difference in the environment and facilities available to children of JCOs and children of ORs, hence they cannot be evaluated on the same parameters. Gen SG Pitre (Retd) also pointed out that it was due to this reason that this particular scholarship was discontinued for children of Officers in the past.

(c) Some members suggested that a ratio of 1:6 /1:7 should be adopted.

(d) At this point the Vice Chairman intervened and said that the management committee will study the problem in details and decide whether any revision in the ratio required. He also said that in case of revision, the ratio adopted will not be more than 1:7. The Director asked all JCOs in the house whether they agree with this, because the JCOs children will be affected. A number of JCOs including Hony Capt Gurmail Singh (Retd), Hony Capt Waman Wadekar (Retd) and Hony Capt Subash Shinde (Retd) raised their hands and express their approval.

42. Sub Maj (Hony Capt) Chintamani (Retd) said that the resettlement courses which are being done presently, are not useful in getting Jobs. He suggested that BSA should sponsor and finance some courses in civil which will be useful in getting employments outside. The point was discussed and following emerged:-

(a) The Director informed that soon a new certificate course was being introduced to train the forthcoming pension batches in entrepreneurship development.

(b) The Vice Chairman informed that a number of persons due to retire are attending skill development courses under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY). Some of them who have under gone these courses are earning up to Rs. 5,000/- per day. He also

informed that the certificate course which is going to start in our Centre has been specially designed by Pune University and the Vice Chancellor is going to be present for the valedictory function. This will be of great use for the persons attending the same.

(c) The Vice Chairman also brought out that there is a 15% reservation in Govt Jobs in Maharashtra and similar reservations exist in Punjab and other states but hardly 0.5% to 1% vacancies are being utilized by us. The remaining jobs/vacancies are lapsed and used by somebody else. He pointed out that we can make efforts to train our men while in uniform to prepare to compete in various exams for these govt jobs. However he felt that the veterans can, through their political connections ensure that all the 15% vacancies should be utilized only for ESMs. He gave an example of Himachal Pradesh where the ESM lobby is very strong and has ensured that maximum of such vacancies are utilized by ESM.

(d) The Director pointed out that it is observed that maximum persons getting jobs under these reserved vacancies in police, nationalized banks and other govt department are from the Air force. This is because of the culture developed within the Air Force personnel, to prepare for these competitive exams, on their own, before they retire. We unfortunately lack this and should prepare for these exams. However our men will have to work hard and study for the same.

(e) Sub Maj (Hony Capt) Chintamani (Retd) and other JCOs agreed with this and with the info which came out during the discussion

VOTE OF THANKS

43. There after the Director on behalf of all members of BSA, thanked all the personnel of Depot Bn, CIW and other staff who helped in organizing the 19th AGM.

44. He then requested the vice chairman to give his closing address

CLOSING ADDRESS BY VICE-CHAIRMAN

45. Vice-Chairman then gave his closing address. The gist is given in succeeding paras.

46. First of all he thanked all the members who were present, especially the veteran members who had spared their valuable time to attend the meet. He made a special mention of senior veterans like Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd), the past Hony Gen Secy who still continues to guide us and contributes in his own way in helping out GBA and BSA. He mentioned senior veterans like Maj Gen HK Kapoor (Retd), Brig Ghorpade (Retd), Col PB Gurjar (Retd) who have been regularly attending our AGMs. He said the list is long and he cannot name everybody but all of them have been inspiring us and contributing for the betterment of BSA in their own way.

47. He then thanked all the veteran officers, JCO and other ranks, who have whole heartedly contributed in form of donations last year and this year. He said it is heartening to see retired JCOs and NCOs like Sub Arun Kadam, who is contributing 10,000/- every year by giving standing instructions to his bank. Similarly other NCOs like L/Hav Prashant Raskar (2000/- every year) Hav SR Ghumre (200/- every year) have also instructed their bankers to transfer fixed amounts to BSA every year He hoped other JCOs and NCO will also follow these examples and contribute regularly for the good cause of BSA. Small amounts contributed go a long way in enhancing our welfare schemes.

48. He made a special mention of Col NC Gupta (Retd) again who has contributed such a large amount for the Madhuri Gupta Scholarship. There was a problem, as initially he wanted to send the donation in US Dollars. He was told that it takes a long time to take clearance from the Govt to

accept donations in foreign currency. The Vice Chairman informed the house, that at this stage, Col NC Gupta had personally spoken to him and urged that he will pay the requisite amount in Indian Rupees but the scholarship be started this year itself as he is in an advance age of life. He said that it is very difficult to find such large hearted people nowadays.

49. He said he will take this opportunity to update all the veterans present, about the facilities in BEG & Centre which have come up in the last one year and are going to come up in the near future. He briefly gave the info about the following

- (a) Additional MAP Qtrs for Officers in Kirkee & Other ranks which will result in drastically reducing the waiting list for family accommodation in the Centre.
- (b) New hockey ground with Astro turf in Kirkee complex.
- (c) New state of art air conditioned auditorium which will be the best auditorium not only in Pune but in the whole of Southern Command.

50. He gave an update on our achievement of our sportsmen. We have been successful in sending two players for the last Olympic Games. He also informed that our centre has been made the Hockey & Basket ball node to train the Army teams. This is due to the fact that we have two of our Bombay Sappers in the National Hockey team. He also informed that BEG & Centre has been made responsible to train the athletes and the swimmers for the next Para Olympics. This is indeed an honor for the Bombay Sappers and he said we aim to definitely get some medals in these Para Olympics.

51. This year special efforts were made by HRDC to prepare our recruits/sappers for ACC. I am happy to inform that this year the results were very encouraging, wherein 24 Bombay Sappers cleared the written exam and qualified for attending the SSB interviews.

52. In the end he again thanked Lt Gen Michael Mathews, VSM**, Colonel Comdt The Bombay Sappers and Chairman BSA, for presiding over the 19th AGM and also all members of MC for their support and guidance. He also thanked both the Directors Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd) and Brig BK Kohli (Retd) for the smooth running of BSA throughout the year.

53. In the end the Vice Chairman declared the AGM as closed and requested the chairman and others present to proceed for lunch.

Sd/-xxxxx
(Rajvinder Singh, VSM)
Col
Secy-cum-Treasurer
For Vice Chairman

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Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount donated
1	Col Manmohan Bhushan (Retd)	5000.00
2	Mr.Sona Olikara	7500.00
3	Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	25000.00
4	117 Engr Regt	17000.00
5	Lt Col D S Taunque (Retd)	7000.00
6	Brig M K Sardana (Retd)	6000.00
7	Brig S R Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10000.00
8	Col A K Dubey (Retd)	2100.00
9	Col M B Sayanakar (Retd)	5000.00
10	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	15060.00
11	Brig (Dr) Surjit Singh Pabla (Retd)	10000.00
12	Lt Col MS Patnaik (Retd)	10000.00
13	Smt Anuradha Joglekar, Wife of Late Maj Gen AM Jogalekar, PVSM (Retd)	70000.00
14	Mrs. Pragya Kohli Mathur	15000.00
15	Col PK Nair, VSM (Retd)	30000.00
16	Lt Col Sudhir Kr. Thakur (Retd)	10000.00
17	Lt Col Gajanan Mahajan (Retd)	25000.00
18	Lt Col SP Kundra (Retd)	25000.00
19	Lhav Patil Anil Babasaheb	100.00
20	Sub Arun Kadam	2000.00
	Total (A)	296760.00
1	Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	225000.00
2	Maj R Dave (Retd)	10000.00
3	Brig Naresh Chandra (Retd)	15000.00
	Total (B)	250000.00
	Grand Total (A+B)	546760.00

BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Head Quarters Bombay Sappers
Kirkee, Pune- 411 003.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

For the Period From 1 APRIL 2016 to 31 MARCH 2017

RECEIPT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
Opening Balance	34,40,274		
Membership	11,10,690	Salary	7,96,467
Transfer to Subscription from Donation	2,96,760	Investements (Fixed Deposits)	27,75,000
		Immediate Relief	4,90,000
Charges on dupl cards	30,200	Miscellaneous Expenses	8,588
Non-Encashment of cheque for education grant to Widow's children	50,400	Distress Grant	1,20,000
Interest Of FD	29,26,024	Office Functioning	13,850
Refund of GALHE	10,000	Grant for Daughter Marriage of Widows	3,00,000
Non-encashment of cheque for Daughters Marriage of widows	50,000	Internet and Telephone bills	18,936
REFUND OF BSSI LOAN	18,127	Education Grant to children of widows	6,00,000
INTEREST OF SAVING A/C	19,761	Higher Education Grant	1,80,000
INTEREST OF SWWEP A/C	3,01,271	Aid to GBA Students	5,08,785
Non-encashment of cheque for Immediate Relief	10,000	GRANT TO PARAPLEGIC	15,000
		EDN SCH	3,76,000
		COMPUTER MAINTANCE	13,340.00
		AUDIT FEES	30,000.00
		Closing Balance	20,17,541
Total	82,63,507	Total	82,63,507

For, BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Date :03/05/2017

Place : Pune.



For M. N. Devi & Associates
Chartered Accountants

M. N. Devi
CA Vidyand Kothavale
Partner (M. No. 138278)



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Income & Expenditure Account For The Period
For the Period From 1 APRIL 2016 to 31 MARCH 2017

EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
		(Rs)		(Rs)
To Salary		7,96,467	By Interest on FD	29,70,332
To Immediate Relief		4,90,000	By Donation Received	2,96,760
To Depreciation		45,708	By Non-Encashment of cheque for education grant to Widow's children	50,400
To Education Grant to Children Of widows		6,00,000	Non-encashment of cheque for Immediate Relief	10,000
To Telephone and internet		18,936	By Non-encashment of cheque for Daughters Marriage of widows	50,000
To Miscellaneous Expenses		8,588	By Refund of GALHE	10,000
To Office Functioning		13,850	By other fund written off	44,763
To Grant of Daughter Marriage of Widow		3,00,000	By Duplication Charges Recd.	30,200
To Distress Grant		1,20,000	INTEREST OF SAVING A/C	19,761
To Higher Education Grant		1,80,000	INTEREST OF SWWEP A/C	3,01,271
GRANT TO PARAPLEGIC		15,000		
COMPUTER MAINTANCE		13,340		
EDN SCH		3,76,000		
TO Audit Fees		30,000		
To Aid to GBA Students	5,08,785			
less: Against Last Year's Expenditure	2,75,936	2,32,849		
To Tfr Max @ 15% To Corpus		5,42,749		
Total		37,83,487	Total	37,83,487

For, BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Date :03/05/2017
Place : Pune.For M. N. Devi & Associates
Chartered Accountants

(Signature)
CA Vidyanand Kothavale
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Head Quarters Bombay Sappers

Kirkee,Pune- 411 003

BALANCE SHEET

For the Period From 1 APRIL 2016 to 31 MARCH 2017

Liabilities	Amount	Amount	Assets	Amount	Amount
	(Rs)	(Rs)		(Rs)	(Rs)
TRUST FUND - Corpus Fund			FIXED ASSETS		
Opening Balance	4,05,19,080		(As Per Annexure No - 1)		2,60,356
Add:Transferfor Corps Fund @15%	5,42,749				
Add: Life Membership Subscription	11,10,690	4,21,72,519			
			INVESTMENTS		
Other Fund	2,98,422		RBI BONDS	-	
Less:Written off to the Extent off	44,763	2,53,659	SHORT TERM FIXED DEPOSITS		
			LONG TERM FIXED DEPOSITS	4,07,50,000	4,07,50,000
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
Balance of last Year		5,37,685	CURRENT ASSETS		
			LOANS TO BSSI	3,97,031	
AMOUNT SET APART U/S 11 (2)	14,94,068		(-) REFUND	18,127	3,78,904
Less : Against Last Year's Expenditure	2,75,936	12,18,132	EDUCATIONAL LOAN	-	
			BANK BALANCE	20,17,541	
			Interest Receivable	7,73,194	27,92,735
			TELEPHONE DEPOSIT	2,000	
Total		4,41,81,995	Total		4,41,81,995

For, BOMBAY SAPPERS ASSOCIATION



Date : 03/05/2017

For M. N. Devi & Associates
Chartered Accountants

Place : Pune.

(Signature)

CA Vidyanand Kothavale
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Ser No	Name of donor's	Amount donated
1	Brig Avtar Singh Gill (Retd)	30000
2	Lt Col MK Khosla (Retd)	15000
3	115 Engr Regt	69400
4	Lt Col RC Sharma (Retd)	20000
5	Col MM Bhushan (Retd)	5000
6	Mrs Chandrakanta Nagrath	11000
7	Col AS Chonker, VSM	10000
8	Mr.Sona Olikara	7500
9	Lt Col Shrikant Joshi (Retd)	5000
10	Ex Nk KM Jagtap, 267 Engr Regt (Apr 2017 pension batch)	2501
11	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	10060
12	Brig M K Sardana (Retd)	10000
13	108 Engr Regt	158000
14	Dr BS Dasannacharya, Father Capt Raghesh Dasanacharya (Retd)	10060
15	Ex Sub Arun Kadam	3000
16	Ex Hav SR Ghumare	600
17	Pension batch- Jun 2017	2900
18	109 Engr Regt	130000
19	Brig SR Mazagaonkar (Retd)	10000
20	Lt Col MS Patnaik (Retd)	10000
	Total	520021
1	Col NC Gupta (Retd)	200000
2	Lhav Sawant SD (Retd)	500
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