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**MINUTES OF 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NAVY FOUNDATION HELD
OVER VC ON 29 JAN 21**

1. Vice Admiral SN Ghormade AVSM, NM, CPS and Vice President, Navy Foundation chaired the 28th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Navy Foundation held over VC on 29 Jan 21. The following were present: -

(a) **Members.**

(i)	R Adm Sanjeev Sharma, NM	Secy RGC (West)
(ii)	Cmde Pankaj Sharma	Secy NF
(iii)	Cmde Gokul Dutta	Secy RGC (South)
(iv)	Cdr Tapobrata Dutta	Jt Secy, NF

(b) **In Attendance.**

(i)	Surg Cmde A Gopinath	Cmde(MS)HS
(ii)	Cmde Rahul Shankar, NM	Cmde (Pers)
(iii)	Cmde Dheeraj Sarin	Cmde(ECHS)Navy
(iv)	Cmde A Saluja	Cmde (ESM Affairs)II
(v)	Cmde Neeraj Malhotra	Cmde(P&A)
(vi)	Capt DK Gupta	DNPF
(vii)	Capt Jones Alex	CRSO (South)
(viii)	Capt Varun Singh	JA (Navy)
(ix)	Cdr Gopinath Narayanan	Secy INCCB
(x)	Cdr P Joshi	HQSNC
(xi)	Cdr Manikandan K	HQENC
(xii)	Lt Cdr Anish Kumar	DESA
(xiii)	Lt Kamini Dhaundiyal	DPA
(xiv)	Mr Mohit Sharma	ACGDA

(c) **Chapter Representatives.**

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(i)	Bangalore	Cmde KM Nair	Cdr Devendra Singh
(ii)	Chandigarh	Cmde VK Gautam, NM	Cdr Ashwani Bhardwaj
(iii)	Chennai	Cmde RS Vasan	Surg Capt Natarajan
(iv)	Coimbatore	Capt VG Subramanian	-
(v)	Dehradun	V Adm AG Thapliyal, AVSM & BAR	Lt Cdr YS Negi
(vi)	Delhi	R Adm Sushil Ramsay, YSM	Cmde S Advani
(vii)	Goa	R Adm S Shrikhande, AVSM	Cdr Ravi Dixit
(viii)	Hyderabad	Cmde H Bhargava	Cmde LM Khanna, VSM
(ix)	Jaipur	R Adm PS Byce	Cdr A Sharma
(x)	Kerala	Cmde P Suresh, VSM	Cdr KB Jalesh
(xi)	Kolkata	V Adm PK Chatterjee, PVSM, AVSM, NM, ADC	Capt RS Chaudhary
(xii)	Lucknow	Cmde SK Pawnday	Cdr RP Singh
(xiii)	Mumbai	Cdr Vijay Vadhera, NM	Cdr R Dutta
(xiv)	Odisha	Cmde D Jena, VSM, NM,	-
(xv)	Pune	Cmde PK Malhotra	Cdr Mohan Philip
(xvi)	Vizag	V Adm VK Namballa, AVSM, NM	R Adm T Sudhakar, AVSM, NM

Item I - Welcome Address by Vice President, NF

2. The Vice President, NF extended a warm welcome to all the members present who had taken the efforts to attend this Annual General Body meeting of the Navy Foundation. He also placed on record sincere thanks to all the members for their exemplary service to the Navy that had laid a strong foundation for today's Navy. The Vice President then added that Service was in a fine shape due to the efforts and foresight of officers of yesteryears.

3. The Vice President expressed his gratitude towards the veteran officers for being 'Brand Ambassadors' who continue to ensure that the Navy remains the best service amongst all and assured the gathering that the Navy is fully committed to provide all the

necessary support to our veterans. He also thanked the members, for making the Navy foundation vibrant, for contributing towards the welfare & safety of others and to have come forward to take care of each other during these challenging times.

4. The Vice President then highlighted the issue of COVID vaccination and requested all to register for vaccination utilising CoWIN application and avail the opportunity to get vaccinated. He said that as per the latest inputs the vaccine is unlikely to be available in open market any time before April 21. He also informed the members that *IN* was working on the modalities on setting up a help desk to make veterans aware about the correct procedure to be followed up for registration and subsequent vaccination/ facilitation.

5. He then drew attention of the members to a few initiatives taken by IHQMoD(N) to meet the requirements of the veterans. He stated that two MoUs were signed on 31 Jan 20 for employment of retired/ retiring *IN* personnel and their NoK with the Amazon India – Amazon Seller Services Pvt Ltd and Amazon Transportation Services Pvt Ltd. The Vice President then brought out that the policy on conduct of 'Memorial Lectures' was revised last year. He intimated the gathering that the process of change of permanent address has been made faster & simpler and the change of permanent address letter could be obtained by hand, immediately, from Cmde (ESM Affairs). He also informed the members that a system had been institutionalised wherein CPS chaired a monthly meeting (over VC) to review all the pending veteran issues. He added that he was glad to inform the gathering the timelines in processing veterans' cases has generally reduced and assured that he would ensure that the procedures are streamlined further and the timelines for processing various veterans' issues are reduced considerably.

6. The Chairman then expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the veterans who had taken time out and contributed articles for this year's Quarterdeck magazine. He further brought out that on the lines of directives from Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Navy has made a conscious effort to shift to the e-platforms and due to this no calendars have been printed this time. However, to facilitate availability of printed calendars, IHQMoD(N) has tied up with few printers who can print and send the calendars on payment basis directly to the members of Navy Foundation.

7. He reiterated that the Navy looks forward to constructive suggestions from all veterans in order to improve conditions for the serving as well as the retired personnel. He brought out that, since rules were made by men like us, hence, the Navy will spare no effort to resolve any issues facing the veteran community and pursue changes as required, raising the matter to the highest levels.

8. The Chairman placed on record his sincere thanks to Mr Mohit Sharma, ACGDA and his team, who were present in the AGM to address queries regarding new pension disbursement system, SPARSH and PPOs. He concluded by once again welcoming everyone present for the AGM and wished them a long, happy and healthy life.

Item II - Presentation by Cmde [ECHS (Navy)]

9. Cmde [ECHS (Navy)] covered the following aspects in his presentation:-

- (a) Status of ECHS Polyclinics.
- (b) Procedure to avail benefits by WW II, EC, SSC, and PMR officers.
- (c) Types of emergencies and procedure for reimbursement.
- (d) Status of empanelled hospitals.
- (e) Online processing of bills.
- (f) Recent ECHS developments.
- (g) Medicine Management.
- (h) Channel of grievances.

10. During the presentation, veterans aired their concern over shortage of medicines in various polyclinics as well as closing down of certain ECHS polyclinics. Cmde ECHS informed the members that all issues were being addressed at the Central Organisation ECHS and that a dynamic website is under consideration for administration of ECHS.

Item III - Presentation by CGDA on SPARSH

11. Mr Mohit Sharma, ACGDA along with Ms Sreemoyee Mazumder, Project Team Lead SPARSH, TCS, briefed the members on the following aspects towards implementation of SPARSH (System for Pension Administration) :-

- (a) Salient features of SPARSH.
- (b) SPARSH Portal for Pensioner.
- (c) Benefits of SPARSH – Department and Pensioner.
- (d) Awards / Media coverage.
- (e) Our Customer Speaks.

12. The members raised queries towards the SPARSH system, most of these queries were answered by the team. However, some queries could not be answered view paucity of time. The Chairman directed that these queries are to be forwarded to CGDA and the CGDA response is to be forwarded to the NF Chapters. He also stated that another interaction could be arranged with the CGDA rep if required.

Item IV – Review/ Status Update of Old Agenda Points

13. Review of three actionable points and status updates on agenda points from the last AGM were provided to the forum. Details are placed at ***Appendix 'A'***.

Item V - New Agenda Points

14. Nine new agenda points were discussed. Details of discussions and decisions arrived are placed at ***Appendix 'B'***.

Item VI - Concluding Remarks by Vice President NF

15. The Vice President, NF once again thanked all the participants for their presence and active participation in the discussions. He wished all the members good health and long life.

Item VII - Vote of Thanks

16. The AGM ended with a vote of thanks by Secretary, Navy Foundation on behalf of the Vice President, Navy Foundation.

17. There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned.

Post Meeting Directions of the Vice President, Navy Foundation

18. Navy Foundation Mumbai Chapter vide an e-mail requested for reconsideration of decision on Dual Membership issue. President Navy Foundation Pune Chapter vide his email has supported the view of President NF Mumbai Chapter. The Vice President, Navy Foundation therefore, directed that the issue of Dual Membership be circulated to all NF Chapters and may be discussed during the Special General Meeting.

19. These minutes are issued with the approval of Vice President, Navy Foundation.



(Pankaj Sharma)
Commodore
Secretary, Navy Foundation

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28th AGM DISCUSSION ON OLD AGENDA POINTS

Status of Old Agenda Points

1. **Pension Issues (26th AGM Part I)**. Consequent to implementation of OROP and 7th CPC, major changes have taken place in matters concerning Pension/ Family pension. It is, therefore, considered essential that fresh PPOs be issued to all pensioners. The matter was discussed in the 26th AGM wherein it was decided that the issue of Corrigendum PPOs be pursued energetically by DPA.

Deliberations. Cmde (P&A) brought out the following points pertaining to pension issues, revision of Naval Pension Regulations and OROP:-.

(a) **e-PPOs**. A Naval Team (one IT qualified officer, five sailors and five DEOs) have been positioned at PCDA (N) since end Jun 20 to generate e-PPOs, for Pre- 2016 retirees. A total 30,134 fully compatible Pre-2016 e-PPOs have been generated and forwarded to banks on 24 Nov 20 and 27,462 draft e-PPOs have been uploaded on NAVPEN website as on 15 Dec 20. A total of 9031 e-mails have been received regarding errors in draft e-PPOs and the same are being addressed progressively.

(b) **Naval Pension Regulations**. Revision of Naval Pension Regulations (NPR) was initiated in Dec 18 and draft NPR was submitted to MoD in Jul 19 duly approved by the COP. MoD has forwarded the draft NPR – 19 to CGDA and the same is presently with PCDA(P), Allahabad.

(c) **OROP**. A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of CGDA in Jul 19 which includes reps (2 star level) from the Service HQs. The Committee has met twice, last being on 10 Jul 19. They were required to submit their report by Jul 19, however, even after repeated reminders by Service HQs, there has been no progress.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

2. **Tax Deduction from Interest Earnings (27th AGM Part I)**. As per the MoA of NF, all the funds of Vizag chapter are deposited in SBI (PSU Bank) and only the interest accrued is being used for the activities. However, the bank is deducting 20% as TDS from the meagre interest earned, even after submitting the copy of PAN card of Navy Foundation.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that DNPF has carried out a feasibility study and it has emerged that TDS of 20% cannot be reduced, even for societies that are registered under the societies registration act. Deduction of tax (TDS) is as per extant Govt. regulations.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

3. **Veteran Membership at RSI Bengaluru (27th AGM Part II).**

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that the CDS had accepted that RSI membership should be given to retired Naval officers and the information was passed to Secy Navy Foundation Bangalore Chapter. Secy NFBC had approached the RSI Bengaluru authorities where he was told that no communique in this regard was received from Army authorities (at RSI, Bengaluru). President Navy Foundation Dehradun Chapter brought out that the core of the issue lies in Navy accepting and giving membership of Indian Navy's institutes to officers of other two services and this may not be feasible. Several NF members agreed with President NFDNC. The Vice President stated that the issue has been raised by CNS with CDS and will be followed up with GOC K&K Subarea at Bengaluru.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Old Agenda Point Closed and Status to be Updated

4. **Dual Membership.** Mumbai Chapter is enrolling veterans from other chapters. Even members residing in Pune have been enrolled. This is causing a lot of confusion and on many occasions IHQMoD (N) has forwarded Octogenarian mementos to Mumbai for the veterans living in Pune.

Update. Secretary NF brought out that as per Para 5, Chapter 1 of MoA, dual membership is not permitted. Once a member joins another NF Chapter his name is to be struck off from previous Chapter. President NF Mumbai Chapter stated that Ty Membership numbers were being given to members who were willing to join the NF Mumbai Chapter if they had not ceased to be members of another chapter. The Ty members had no voting rights. He also stated that this was in accordance with DESA letter of 2018. President NF Delhi Chapter stated that the NF MC chapter was able to get information on demise of a veteran in Delhi, faster than even Delhi Chapter. He opined that either the NF MC was demanding for the information from NF DC members or the Delhi Chapter members were providing this information on their own accord. This exchange of information with NF MC by Delhi Chapter members was a cause of concern at Delhi Chapter and recommended that the practice be ceased. Some of the members agreed with President NF Delhi Chapter.

Decision. The Vice President directed that dual membership is not to be permitted and the point be closed. However, on completion of the AGM, Navy Foundation Mumbai Chapter vide an e-mail requested for reconsideration of decision on Dual Membership issue. President Navy Foundation Pune Chapter vide his email has supported the view of President NF Mumbai chapter. The Vice President, Navy Foundation therefore, directed that the issue of Dual Membership be circulated to all NF Chapters and may be discussed during the Special General Meeting.

5. **Headgears for Naval Veterans.**

Update. Secretary NF brought out that divergence of views between Side Cap and Sea Cap persisted among the NF Chapters. Navy Foundation Mumbai Chapter has already designed a Side Cap and the same is being used. (Navy Foundation Goa Chapter is of the view that prescriptive Veterans Cap is not required). A Sea Cap without braids and stars was designed and handed over to Veterans during 4th Armed Forces Veterans Day on 14 Jan 20 at New Delhi. The same may be adopted by our Navy Foundation Chapters. President NF Kolkata Chapter brought out that some of the NFKC members had requested that the side caps may be adopted as in the Indian Navy Peak Cap and berets were part of the uniform. President NF Goa Chapter reiterated that prescriptive caps are not required and Navy Foundation chapter/ individuals may use their own cap designs. A large number of members agreed with President NF Goa Chapter.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

28th AGM NEW AGENDA POINTS

Agenda I - Link for Navy Foundation Activities

1. **Issue.** Provide link on Indian Navy website with some latest activities having details and photographs of Navy Foundation activities across the Country as presently shown for Veterans Sailors' Forum.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that a link already exists on the DESA page of the Indian Naval website where activities of NF Chapters can be uploaded. NF Chapters were requested to forward quarterly activity reports to DESA, and the same have already been updated on the website.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda II - Rental and other Charges for Veteran IN officers in NOMA Kota House and Varuna Mess at Delhi.

2. **Issue.** The accommodation and other charges for veteran officers in NOMA Kota House and Varuna are considered very high. It is pertinent to mention that the rates in Aakash IAF mess and Army messes in Delhi are much lower. It is recommended that Veteran Officers who have no other means of income other than the pension, should be charged a reasonable amount, maintaining parity with the other services.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that accommodation charges of IN messes/ institutes at Delhi have been revised for members and brought at par with serving officers.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda III - Publicity of the Navy in the Hinterland

3. Uttarakhand is also known as *Veerbhoomi* and *Sainik Dham* since it is home to having at least one or more family members in the Armed Forces, particularly Indian Army. Out of a total of 13 districts of Uttarakhand, 11 are in the hills where means of communication are scarce and internet connectivity is poor being in shadow zones of hills. The youth of Uttarakhand, however, are highly motivated to join the Defence services. They are generally unaware of the methodology to join the Indian Navy due to relatively less visibility and lack of publicity by our various recruitment entities. NFDNC is

contributing by deputing Veteran Naval Officers to address Uttarakhand schools and colleges, especially during Navy week time. However, this could be done in a formalized manner, in conjunction with DMPR, who could also look at earmarking some funds for it.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out the following:-

- (a) All opportunities for officer and sailor entries are publicised through *IN* Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- (b) NFDNC may advise eligible youth to register on *IN* recruitment website www.joinindiannavy.gov.in. Upon registration, the youth will receive automated alerts whenever a job opportunity matching their profile opens in the *IN* (officers and sailors).
- (c) Candidates in Uttarakhand may also be advised to utilise the services of Common Services Centres to fill up online application forms against payment of a nominal stipulated fee. This would greatly benefit those youth who do not have access to computers or to the internet.
- (d) NFDNC may forward list of schools and colleges to DESA. On receipt, DMPR will arrange motivational lectures by DMPR team. In addition, a CD containing publicity material will be obtained from DMPR and forwarded.
- (e) Availability of *IN* e-calendar on *IN* Website including details of printers were forwarded to NF Chapters.
- (f) Vice President brought out that veteran's involvement in publicity is always welcome.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda IV - 2021 as the Year of Naval Veterans

4. **Issue.** Proposal for Indian Navy to celebrate year 2021 as Year of Naval Veterans on similar lines like Indian Army observed 2018 as Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty. To honour soldiers, who have been disabled in line of duty, the Army is observing this year as the Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty. Indian Army observed 2019 to commemorate as Year of Next of Kin by Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) delivering a number of lectures and presentations on entitlements of next of kin, in formations to raise awareness among the units and family members.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that since the year 2021 will mark the 50th anniversary of the overwhelming victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the

1971 war, HQIDS has directed the three Services to observe 2021 as 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'. The proposal of celebrating 2021 as year of 'Veterans' is, therefore, already taking shape. Further Year of Veterans could be considered separately.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda V - Tax Exemption (Covered along with Old Agenda Point at Para 2 above)

5. **Issue.** Since Navy Foundation is a registered body under the Societies Registration Act 1860, confirmation is requested if the donations can be accepted by NFMC and the Donee can be given a certificate for Tax exempt under 80-G. Also TDS on bank account of local chapters – waiving off to be clarified.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that Societies, even those Registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 are neither tax exempt nor authorised to sign certificates of tax exemptions. Deduction of tax (TDS) is as per extant Govt. regulations.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda VI – Veterans Get-together Onboard

6. **Issue.** FOTNA (in Chennai) has been initiating many measures to ensure that the veterans are integrated in many of the areas of mutual interest. The veterans' get-together on a warship at Chennai is an example of such initiative. Since the day at sea is not an occasion any more, more such interactions onboard fleet ships would help in lateral exchanges and carrying on the traditions of our service.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that planning of such activities is governed by various factors such as the administrative ease, geographical location, proximity to naval units, number of members and initiative. What is applicable to FOTNA may not be pertinent to other units. As such, due to Mission Based Deployments very few units are available in harbour. NF Chapters may approach respective RGCs to facilitate these interactions. A large number of members agreed with Secretary NF.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda VII - Veterans with Foreign Nationality

7. **Issue.** It is observed that Veterans who have taken foreign nationality have been issued with I cards which are being misused. Once a person takes oath of allegiance of

another country his loyalty to India is doubtful and his activities are required to be monitored. "An oath of allegiance is an oath whereby a subject or citizen acknowledges a duty of allegiance and swears loyalty to monarch or country. In republics, modern oaths specify allegiance to the country in general, or to the country's constitution.". In this connection IHQMoD (Navy) letter DX/900/12 dated 29 Oct 12 regarding sensitisation of veterans /families: antinational agents/ activities also refers. Thus, it is recommended that such veterans should not be given clearance to visit service institutions and clubs especially who frequently visit India as their intentions may be doubtful. Two officers embarrassed Navy in Pune while using facilities of RSI. It is understood some foreign veterans are still active member of US club Mumbai.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that as per extant regulations, foreign nationals are not permitted to stay or be entertained in Naval messes/ institutes without prior permission. On a query, Vice President clarified that PIOs & OCIs are permitted to visit ECHS polyclinics when in India, however, they should be in possession of valid Identity cards while entering polyclinics situated inside bases.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda VIII - Retired Officers' Identity Cards

8. Our Veterans Identity Cards are printed as "Retired Officers' Identity Card". It is suggested that instead of the word "Retired", "Veteran Officers Identity Card" should be written.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that the issue regarding addressing the retired officers as veterans was discussed during 27th AGM Open House. The then President NF had directed that status quo is to be maintained. Regulation 212, Regs Navy Part III clearly stipulates as to who is authorised to retain the rank post retirement and how it is to be mentioned in the correspondence. The Retired Officers Identity Card conforms to the laid down norms. Also, the AFSAC (Armed Forces Secure Access Card) mentions Ex-Servicemen Identity Card for all three Services.

Decision. The Vice President directed that the point be closed.

Agenda XI - Suspension of Membership

9. The membership of any person, who is found to indulge in activities or conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the aims and objectives of Navy Foundation, may be recommended for suspension by President of a Navy Foundation Chapter after passing of a resolution to that effect by a General Body Meeting of the Chapter. Recommendation of the Chapter is to be forwarded to President of Regional Governing Council for

consideration.

10. **Period of Suspension.** The membership of a person may be suspended temporarily by the following authorities for a period as specified below:-

- (a) President of Regional Governing Council: Up to 2 years.
- (b) Executive Council of Navy Foundation: More than 2 years.

11. Membership will stand suspended with effect from a date as specified or passing of a resolution by President Regional Council/Executive Council as applicable.

12. **Re-admission.**

- (a) A person whose membership has been suspended may apply to the President Regional Governing Council/Executive Council as applicable for re-admission to the Navy Foundation Chapter on completion of period of his suspension.
- (b) Any person whose application for re-admission is turned down by the President Regional Governing Council/Executive Council may apply to the Governing Council giving full particulars of the case. The Governing Council may take such action as deemed appropriate.

13. **Extract of Relevant Regulations for Amending the MoA.** Navy Foundation has been registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. The following rules, therefore, apply in the instant case:-

Section 12 and 12(B) of Societies Registration Act 1860, mandate the following:-

For the alteration or addition (Section 12) - “the Governing Body may submit the proposition to the members of the society in a written or printed report, and may convene a special meeting for the consideration thereof according to the regulations of the society; but no such proposition shall be carried into effect unless such report shall have been delivered or sent by post to every member of the society ten days previous to the special meeting convened by the governing body for the consideration thereof, nor unless such proposition shall have been agreed to by votes of three-fifths of the members delivered in person or by proxy, and confirmed by the votes of three-fifths of the members present at a second special meeting convened body at an interval of one month after the former meeting”.

Notice of Change of Name or Objects [Section (12B)] “Notice in writing of every change of objects made under Section 12 signed by the Secretary and any three members of the society shall be sent to the Registrar”.

14. **Cessation of Membership.** Extracts of the MoA of the Navy Foundation catering to Cessation of Membership are reproduced below:-

- (a) The membership of any person shall stand automatically terminated on his/her death or resignation.
- (b) The Executive Council shall be entitled to terminate the membership of any person, if a resolution is passed by it that a member has acted in a manner prejudicial to the aims and objects of the Foundation. The membership shall stand terminated from a date as specified in the resolution or from the date of passing of the resolution if no such date is stated.
- (c) In addition, the Executive Council may order the termination of membership of any person, if it is satisfied that:
 - (i) He/ she has been found to be of unsound mind by a court of law, or
 - (ii) He/ she has been convicted by a criminal court of an offence involving moral turpitude, or
 - (iii) He/ she has been declared insolvent by a court of law.
- (d) **Re-Admission.** A person where membership has been terminated or who has resigned may be required to pay the subscription again if his re-admission is approved by the Executive Council.

Deliberations. Secretary NF brought out that the issue was related to 'Suspension of Membership', a clause that does not exist in the MoA. President NF Delhi Chapter stated that the MoA, in its present form serves its purpose and there was no requirement to amend the MoA. Secy NF stated that as per Societies Registration Act 1860 the point is required to be taken up and discussed as an Agenda item in the AGM. The Agenda point is to be accepted, to be taken up and further discussed in two Special General Meetings. The point would require acceptance by 3/5th of the members present for effecting changes in the MoA. VAdm AG Thapliyal, President NF Dehradun Chapter stated that this issue needs to be discussed & followed up. A large number of members accepted that the Agenda may be discussed in the Special General Meetings.

Decision. The Vice President directed that a Special General Meeting be scheduled after a month.