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**MINUTES OF 13<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF VSF HELD AT KOLKATA ON  
01 OCT 23**

1. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM, Controller Personnel Services and ex-officio President, Veteran Sailors' Forum (VSF) chaired the 13<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting (GCM) of the VSF held at Kolkata on 01 Oct 23. The following were present: -

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<b><u>Members</u></b>		
(a)	RAdm Sandeep Pradhan	President, VSF Vizag Charter
(b)	RAdm Rajat Kapoor	President, VSF Mumbai Charter
(c)	Cmde Alok Ananda, YSM	Vice President, VSF
(d)	Cmde Viju Samuel	President, VSF Kochi Charter
(e)	Capt Varun Singh	Legal Member
(f)	Capt T Ranjith Sundaran	Secy, VSF Kochi
(g)	Capt Sanjay Kumar	Co-opted Member
(h)	Capt R K Saini	Secy, VSF Mumbai
(j)	Capt TG Kumar	Secy, VSF Kolkata
(k)	Cdr Sarup Banerjee	Secy, VSF Vizag
(l)	Cdr Vijay Kumar	Co-opted Member
(m)	Cdr T Dutta	Secy VSF
(n)	Cdr N Kattaboorman	Secy, VSF Chennai
(p)	Cdr Prakadeeshwaran	Secy, VSF Zamorin
(q)	Lt Manish Kumar Mishra	Secy, VSF Odisha
(r)	SLt Sharmila	Secy, VSF Goa
<b><u>Charter Representatives (Retd)</u></b>		
(s)	M Manganathan, Ex-CPOR (Spl)	Chennai
(t)	D Rama Rao, Ex-POMA	Karwar
(u)	Shashi Kant Mishra, Ex-MC ERA I	Mumbai
(v)	Smiju KA, Ex-POR (TEL)	Kochi
(w)	MP Shaju, Ex-POR (TAC)	Ezhimala
(x)	Bidyadhar Nayak, Ex-POR(Spl)	Odisha
(y)	Ajay Pal Singh Hon. Lt	Delhi
(z)	Rahul Dev Mahato, Ex-POWTR	Vizag
(aa)	Ajay Kumar Singh, Ex-CPOR (Tac)	Kolkata
(bb)	Bir Singh, Ex-LME	Jabalpur
(cc)	Ramesh Chandra, Ex-MCELR	Mumbai

### **Opening Address by President**

2. The President VSF welcomed Flag Officers, office bearers and representatives of VSF Charters to the meeting. He stated that the Governing Council Meeting provides an apt forum where all stakeholders come together to discuss issues related to naval ESM and their families, who provide an important interface between the Armed Forces and the society. Additionally, this meeting provides an opportunity to brainstorm fresh ideas and thoughts to further strengthen the organisation for the benefit of our community.

3. The President brought out that 30 Agenda Points were received out of which seven were found to be repetitions. The remaining points are being covered during the AGM for the benefit of the wider audience. He further stated that sustained, extensive efforts are underway at Naval Headquarters towards the welfare of ESM and urged the members to disseminate this information to the environment. He mentioned that because of the advent of smart phones, information is readily available to all personnel, and that ESM should be encouraged to visit, follow and keep track of the /N electronic media sources for real-time updates.

4. The President in his remarks also highlighted the importance of the VSF Charters to establish suitable linkages with the co-located NF Chapters in order to facilitate two-way flow of information and sharing of best practices towards collective good of the entire community. He also urged all Charters to open official e-mail ids so that the e-mail acts as a repository of all communication and help the office bearers to read through proceedings and decisions so as to keep themselves updated. He also urged the Charters to utilise the funds available with them for the benefit of ESM. He concluded by stating that he would look forward to fresh ideas/ thoughts/ suggestions/ inputs from all members.

### **Confirmation of 12<sup>th</sup> GCM Minutes**

5. The Secretary VSF informed that the minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> GCM were forwarded to all Chapters. Cdr Sarup Banerjee, Secy, VSF Vizag Charter proposed confirmation of the minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> GCM. The proposal was seconded by Capt T Ranjith Sundaran, Secy, VSF Kochi Charter. Thereafter, minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> GCM were confirmed, and signed by the President, VSF.

### **Venue for 14<sup>th</sup> GCM & AGM**

6. As per existing norms, the Governing Council is required to decide the venue for the next GCM/ AGM. Secretary VSF recommended that the 14<sup>th</sup> GCM & AGM of VSF be conducted under the aegis of HQSNC.

**Decision.** President VSF directed that the 14<sup>th</sup> GCM & AGM be held under the aegis of HQSNC. CSO(P&A), ex-officio President, VSF Kochi Charter is to indicate the proposed venue and dates to DESA. Local festivals and other activities/ events be taken into consideration prior finalising the date.

**Adoption of Audited Balance Sheet**

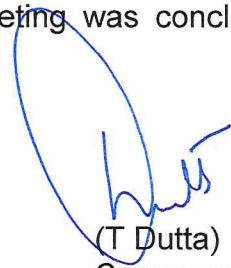
7. Audited consolidate balance sheet of VSF fund for FY 2021-2022 was presented to the Governing Council. Capt R K Saini, Secy VSF Mumbai Charter proposed adoption of the audited balance sheet. The proposal was seconded by Capt T Ranjith Sundaran, Secy, VSF Kochi Charter. The Governing Council then adopted the audited balance sheet of VSF for FY 2021-2022.

8. The President directed that all Charters utilise the funds available in their accounts towards welfare activities and outreach programmes.

**Concluding Remarks**

9. The President, VSF thanked all present for making it convenient to attend the GCM and reassured that all issues pertaining to ESM are handled with utmost priority at Naval Headquarters. He further urged all present to pursue the activities of VSF with full vigour so as to achieve the desired goals.

10. There being no other points for discussion, the meeting was concluded. These minutes are issued with the approval of President, VSF.



(T Dutta)  
Commander  
Secy VSF

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