

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (GFI) HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024, AT 11.30 Hrs, AT THE ODISHA HPC TENNIS STADIUM BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA.**

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The Annual General Body Meeting of Gymnastics Federation of India was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) at The Conference Hall, Odisha HPC Tennis Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The President, Sh. Sudhir Mital, assumed the Chair.

Dr. C. Prabhakar, Senior Vice President, Mr. Kiran Wattal, Vice President and Treasurer Sh. Kaushik Bidiwala were also present on the dais.

Mr. Ashok Sahoo, General Secretary of Odisha Gymnastics Association, the host State gave a warm welcome to all the Members of the State Associations, Union Territories and affiliated Units from all over the Country and handed over the proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting to the President of Gymnastics Federation of India, Sri Sudhir Mital IAS (Retd).

Roll call was conducted while reconfirming the names of representatives attending the Annual General Meeting along with their State/Unit. Mr. Shantikumar Singh, the General Secretary, GFI was not present without taking any leave for absence and accordingly marked as Absent. The list of attendees is as per annexure 1.

After verifying that the requisite quorum was present and other requirements, the President declared the house in order and proceeded to discuss and decide on the agenda of the meeting.

## **1. Confirmation of the proceedings/minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

The last Meeting of the Annual General Body was held at Cabbana Resorts, National High Way 1, Phagwara, Punjab 144401 on 27/11/2022. The minutes of the above meeting were already circulated to the members of the General Council by the President.

Sh. Sudhir Mital, President GFI, placed the above minutes before this Annual General Body Meeting (hereinafter called as AGM) for approval. All members unanimously approved the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Cabbana Resorts, National Highway 1, Phagwara, Punjab 144401 on 27/11/2022 in toto. Accordingly, the following resolution was passed,

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Cabbana Resorts, National Highway 1, Phagwara, Punjab 144401 on 27/11/2022 as placed before this Annual General Meeting be and are hereby **“Confirmed”**.

## **2. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Report**

Mr. Shantikumar Singh, the General Secretary had repeatedly failed to prepare and submit the Annual Report of GFI, a responsibility of the General Secretary. The House reprimanded the conduct of Mr Shantikumar of shying away from his basic responsibilities as General Secretary. Due to the continued inaction by Mr Shantikumar, the President had taken the responsibility to prepare and submit the Annual Report in the last Annual General meeting of GFI held at Phagwara in 2022. The Annual reports of GFI as prepared by the Office of President, GFI were presented to the members. The house appreciated the Presidents’ voluntary initiative for preparation of the annual report. All the members unanimously

approved the Annual Report presented in before the AGM and the following resolution was passed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Annual Reports as placed before this Annual General Meeting be and are hereby “**Approved**”.

### **3. To pass the Audited Accounts**

The Treasurer Mr. Kausik Bidiwala submitted the Accounts for the year 2022-23. The House discussed the contents of the audit report and few members raised queries and the same was clarified by the Treasurer following which the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Accounts for the financial year 2022-23 as placed before this Annual General Meeting be and are hereby “**Approved**”.

### **4. To pass the Annual Budget**

The Treasurer Mr. Kausik Bidiwala submitted the Annual Budget and informed the house that, GFI has not received any financial assistance from the Government lately.

The President informed that there have been court cases which are pending before the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi filed by an individual from Telangana State, Telangana High Court, Manipur High Court, Chief Information Commissioner New Delhi. The GFI has been made as a contesting respondent, therefore GFI had spent money towards legal fees and has requested the members to not to indulge in any court cases before approaching GFI for amicable settlement through arbitration or mediation. In order to take effective steps to reduce the

expenses of GFI it was decided that the travelling allowances etc. of office bearers and members for attending the meetings of GFI would be suspended. The members also gave several suggestions to reduce the expenses of GFI and also to raise finance for GFI, such as getting sponsor, increasing the entry, license and other fees. The house unanimously accepted the same and authorised the Treasurer to prepare a scheme for such proposals. The Annual Budget was approved and the following resolution was passed in this regard.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Annual Budget submitted by the Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala in the house be and is hereby accepted and approved.

## **5. To consider the actions of the Executive Committee**

- a. The president informed the house that GFI has framed Safety Rules to protect the interest of the Gymnast, Coaches, Technical officials and members of GFI. The Safety Rules, which were already approved by the Executive Committee, deal with the conditions, procedures, sanctions and disciplinary actions to regulate the code of conduct. The Safety Rules were prepared in consonance with the Guidelines of FIG and in the terms of the National Sports Code. The House unanimously accepted the Safety rules of GFI.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Safety Rules as placed before this AGM be and are hereby accepted and approved.

- b. The President informed the house that a systematic program has to be developed to uplift the standard of Indian Gymnastics. Therefore, the Executive Committee had discussed the above issue and recommended Mr. Anil Mishra to prepare an exhaustive development program and submit a

report within a period of 6 months. Mr. Anil Mishra, Joint Secretary, GFI accepted the responsibility.

- c. The President further informed the House that there is a need to strengthen the financial status of GFI. The Executive Committee decided to consider receiving sponsorship for financial, equipment, Technical, development, academic, etc for the welfare and development of the Indian Gymnastics fraternity. The Executive Committee had considered this and decided that this would be a good measure.

At this juncture, Mr. Sanjay Shete, President Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association had informed the house that Jindal group of companies (JSW) has offered to provide financial assistance and join with GFI for the above said activities. The president informed the House that Mr. Shantikumar Singh General Secretary had raised objections. Dr. C Prabakar, Senior Vice President GFI emphasised the requirement of sponsorship to develop the sport and the entire House accepted the proposal to receive sponsorship and unanimously rejected the objections as raised by Mr. Shantikumar Singh.

**RESOLVED THAT** GFI be and is hereby authorised to received sponsorship for financial, equipment, Technical, development, academic, training etc from Organisations, Individuals and Corporates like JSW, Reliance, Birla etc.

- d. The Executive Committee emphasized upon the importance of Report to GFI from the State hosting a National Championship.

## **6. TO APPOINT THE AUDITOR AND FIX THEIR REMURINATION**

The Treasurer Mr. Kausik Bidiwala proposed that M/s. Narender Singh & Co., Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors for GFI. After discussions the House passed the following resolution.

**RESOLVED THAT,** M/s. Narender Singh & Co., Chartered Accountants be and are hereby appoint as auditors of GFI and their remuneration be fixed at up to Rs. 40,000/- only.

## **7. TO AMEND THE CONSITUTION IF NECESSARY.**

The proposed amendment to the constitution were circulated to the members through mail as per the provision of GFI.

The President informed the House the purpose and need of bringing this item before the house for its consideration. The Delhi High Court and Supreme Court has made it clear that the provisions of Constitution of National Sports Federations shall suitably amended in conformity with the National Sports Code.

The proposed amendments in the Constitution circulated in advance were taken up one by one. Most amendments were passed unanimously. However, the house sought more time to consider the amendments as many will have large implications especially the ones about District Associations. Hence it was decided to defer the unapproved amendments to the next General Body Meeting.

The Mark-up of the Constitution showing the amendments that were accepted in enclosed.

## **8. TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

No proposals were received within the timeline to take up any other business. However, there was a general discussion about instances of Gymnasts migrating from one State to another or one Unit to other State with or without permission from the State/Unit. The above information is not generally informed either to GFI or to the organisers of the National Championships and consequently objections, disputes and clarifications would arise at the time of events. Therefore, the members have requested for a specific Rules/ Norms/ Regulations for migration/transfer of a gymnasts from one States/UTs/Units to another.

Mr. G Bala, General Secretary, Tamilnadu Gymnastics Association volunteered to prepare a Draft of Migration Rules for GFI.

Thereafter, the president informed the house that, as per schedule all the National Level championships should be conducted for the year 2024-25. The President sought proposal from the member units to conduct the National Championships through mail to GFI.

### **Vote of Thanks**

President made Vote of Thanks for AGM. And once again he thanked, Mr. Ashok Sahoo, General Secretary of Odisha Gymnastics Association the arrangements and for hosting this meeting. And he ended remarking that Federation shall always focus on the benefits/ interest of the gymnasts.

### **Enclosures**

1. List of Members that attended the AGM