

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (GFI) HELD ON 7TH JULY 2024, AT 11.30 Hrs, AT THE ROCKLAND HOTELS, NEW DELHI.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Gymnastics Federation of India was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) at The Capitol Hall, Rockland Hotels, New Delhi.

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

Dr. C. Prabhakar, Mr. Kiran Wattal - Vice Presidents and Treasurer Sh. Kaushik Bidiwala were also present on the dais. President, Sh. Sudhir Mital gave a warm welcome to all the Members of the State Associations, Union Territories and affiliated Units from all over the Country.

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, sought leave of absence vide his email dated 6th July. 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 The Conference Hall, Odisha HPC Tennis Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 04/01/2024. The minutes of the above meeting were circulated to 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. During the confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM, Mr Sanjay Shete, President, Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association, suggested a correction. He suggested that the minutes of the previous AGM should cover the update that he had provided in the meeting that JSW Leap Academy has partnered with the Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association to start a level-wise pilot program study in Maharashtra and that it was agreed that Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association should submit a report on the pilot study to GFI after completing one year from the start of the program for GFI to evaluate.

With the correction suggested Mr Sanjay Shete, President, Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association, all members unanimously approved the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at The Conference Hall, Odisha HPC Tennis Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 04/01/2024. Accordingly, the following resolution was passed,

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Conference Hall, Odisha HPC Tennis Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 04/01/2024 as placed before this Annual General Meeting with modification as per discussion be and are hereby “**Confirmed**”.

2. To adopt the Annual Report.

Due to the continued inaction by Mr Shantikumar Singh, General Secretary of GFI to prepare and present the Annual Report before the House, as required of him to do, the President had taken the responsibility to prepare and submit the Annual Report in the Annual General Meeting of GFI held at Phagwara in 2022. The Annual report of GFI for 2023-24 along with the addendum for 2024-25 covering the first quarter as prepared by the Office of President, GFI were presented to the members. The house appreciated the Presidents’ voluntary initiative for the preparation of the annual report. The President informed the house regarding two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) recently signed, one with the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation and the other with the United Georgian Gymnastics Federation. These agreements aim to foster the development and promotion of gymnastics in both countries. As part of this initiative, at the start, two training camps will be organized: one for Rhythmic Gymnastics in Jammu & Kashmir and another for Acrobatic Gymnastics in Maharashtra. There will be more camps and activities in the future. Dr. C Prabhakar and the house appreciated the efforts of the President.

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**”.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the MoUs entered by GFI with the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation and the United Georgian Gymnastics Federation be and are hereby noted and appreciated.

3. To pass the audited Accounts

Mr. Dilip Sarvaiya presented the financial statement, including income and expenditure details, which was reviewed and discussed by the house. Concerns were raised by certain members regarding the delay in submission of Audit Accounts. These concerns were addressed and clarified by Sh. Sudhir Mital, President GFI, and the Treasurer, Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala.

Due to the delay from the CA, the signed audited report for 2022-23 was not ready and it was decided that it will be circulated via email and the house will provide their comments via Email.

4. To pass the annual budget

The Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala submitted the Annual Budget for 2024-25 and informed the members that, GFI has not received any financial assistance from the Government lately.

The following proposals were suggested and approved:

- a) The annual affiliation/membership fee set at Rs. 2,500/- per state association and Rs. 5,000/- per unit for other member units. New affiliation charges to be set at 25,000/-.
- b) An entry fee of up to Rs. 1,000/- per gymnast per event for GFI Competitions.
- c) Introduction of a GFI Licence that would be mandatory for the participation of gymnasts in the National Championships to address issues of gymnast migration and age fraud and to generate income for GFI. The licence fee set at Rs. 1,000/- per gymnast to be renewed every two years. The licence fee to be subsidised at Rs. 200/- per Gymnast for Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.
- d) The President suggested accrediting Indian apparatus manufacturers as GFI standard/approved equipment, with Dr. C Prabhakar tasked to frame the necessary regulations. An accreditation fee of 5,00,000/- for two years was proposed.
- e) To levy an administration fee of up to Rs. 1,000/- per certificate verification request.
- f) To keep suggested contribution towards relevant Funds for GFI courses at 5,000/- per participant, for International Courses at Rs. 10,000/- per participant and for FIG Licence of Gymnasts at Rs. 5,000/- per request.

Apart from these, Mr. Bidiwala suggested starting the Gymnastics Premier League to attract sponsors. The house suggested that Mr Bidiwala to prepare a detailed plan on the same.

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

5. To admit membership to an organization eligible under the Constitution

It was informed that GFI had received an affiliation request from the Delhi Amateur Gymnastics Association for the state of Delhi. The request was forwarded to an Affiliation Committee for review and validation. The Affiliation committee has reviewed the request and submitted its recommendation that affiliation may be granted to the Delhi Amateur Gymnastics Association. It was proposed that GFI membership as Gymnastics Associations of States as well as Union Territories of India be granted to Delhi Amateur Gymnastics Association for the State of Delhi. The house unanimously approved the proposal and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED THAT membership of the Gymnastics Federation of India as Gymnastics Associations of States as well as Union Territories of India in terms of Clause 2(a)(i) be and is hereby granted to the Delhi Amateur Gymnastics Association for the state of Delhi.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the President be and is hereby authorized to issue an affiliation letter to certify the membership/affiliation granted to the Delhi Amateur Gymnastics Association and take other necessary steps in connection with the above resolution.

6. To consider the actions of the Executive Committee

The President briefed the house about the discussions and decisions taken in the Executive Committee meeting as below:

The President suggested honouring Dipa Karmakar for her outstanding achievement in the Asian Championships, along with her coach Mr. Nandi.

Dr. C Prabhakar proposed instituting an award in her name for the historic Gold Medal at the Women's Artistic Gymnastics Asian Championship 2024. The decision regarding this suggestion was left to the President.

The matter of the National Championships calendar was also discussed wherein proposals were received from J&K Gymnastics Association to host the Aerobic Gymnastics National Championship in J&K and from Gujarat Gymnastics Association to host all the National Championships in all Age Group of all other disciplines in Gujarat in the month of December 2024. The members appreciated the proposals to host National Championships from J&K and Gujarat and accepted the same. They were asked to confirm the dates and venues by mid-September so that circulars can be issued well in time and all participating States can do their travel arrangements accordingly.

The matter of Gymnast registration and domicile was also discussed, and it was decided to initiate an online system for registration and transfer of Gymnasts as per the domicile rules. Registration of Gymnasts on the system would be a prerequisite for participation in National Championships and Selection Trials. All requests for interstate transfer of gymnasts will be handled in accordance with the approved domicile rules through the online system only.

The rules concerning minimum standard for participation and eligibility for participation certificates at National Championships were also discussed and accepted for use for upcoming National Championships.

Further, the President briefed the house that there have been court cases which are pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi filed by an individual from Telangana State and in Telangana High Court. The GFI has been made as a contesting respondent, therefore GFI had spent money towards legal fees. The next date for hearing in the matter before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi was 23rd July 2024.

7. To appoint auditors and to fix their remuneration

The house discussed on the appointment of auditor; it was noted that the current Chartered Accountant (CA) did not prepare the audited report on time. It was suggested that the Federation should put the current CA Firm under strict scrutiny. The decision to appoint and finalize the terms of the Auditors was left to the President and Treasurer.

8. To amend Constitution, if necessary (in terms of WP (C) 10138/2023 in the High Court of Delhi)

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 proposed amendments in the Constitution circulated in advance were taken up one by one.

The members approved all the proposed amendments in the Constitution except

1. for the proposed amendment to Clause 2(b)(viii) seeking that the affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must follow the Tenure and Term Regulations as per Clause 11 of GFI Constitution for their Office Bearers and Executive Committee members. This proposal was only partially approved to the extent of age limit of 70 years for executive committee to be followed by affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Associations. For implementing the GFI Term and Tenure at State level, the members needed more time to discuss with their constituents.
2. the proposal for amendment to clause 8 - All members of the Executive Committee of the Federation will be considered as Office Bearers.

Following resolution was passed in terms of the

RESOLVED THAT all the proposed amendments to the GFI Constitution expect for the proposed amendment to Clause 2(b)(viii) and Clause 8 be and is hereby accepted and approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the President be and is hereby authorized to update the GFI Constitution as per the approval of the General Body and file the same with the authorities and take other necessary actions to bring the above resolution to effect.

- 9. To transact any other business, notice of which has been given in writing by any voting member of the GFI at least 7 clear days prior to the meeting**

No proposals were received within the timeline to take up any other business.

Vote of Thanks

President made Vote of Thanks for AGM and ended remarking that Federation shall always focus on the benefits/ interest of the gymnasts.



Sudhir Mital
President, Gymnastics Federation of India

Enclosures

1. List of Members that attended the AGM