To
All the Members of the
National Planning Committee
The Bharat Scouts & Guides

SUB.: Minutes of the Meeting of National Planning Committee held on 02.03.2015 at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A Meeting of the National Planning Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides was held at the National Headquarters, Lakshmi Mazumdar Bhawan, 16, M. G. Marg, I. P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 on 02\textsuperscript{nd} March, 2015 at 11.00 A. M. A copy of the Minutes bf the same is enclosed for your kind perusal.

Thanking you and with regards,

Encl.: As above.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

The Minutes of the Meeting of National Planning Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides held at National Headquarters, New Delhi on 02nd March, 2015 at 11.00 A.M. The National Planning Committee was held under the chairmanship of Shri B. I. Nagarale, I.A.S. (Retd.), Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Following Members were present:-

1. Shri B. I. Nagarale, I.A.S.(Retd.), Chief National Commissioner, BS&G - Chairman
2. Shri K. P. Mishra, Vice-President, BS&G & State Chief Commissioner, Odisha State BS&G - Member
3. Shri N. A. Khan, Vice-President, BS&G & State Chief Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir State BS&G - Member
4. Dr. H. P. Chhetri, National Commissioner of Scouts, BS&G & State Chief Commissioner, Sikkim State BS&G - Member
5. Dr. Harendra Chandra Das, Deputy National Commissioner of Scouts, BS&G & State Chief Commissioner, Assam State BS&G - Member
6. Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Prakash, Deputy National Commissioner of Guides, BS&G- Special Invitee
7. Shri Ashok C. More, National Headquarters Commissioner (Western Region), BS&G & Hony. Distt. Treasurer, Nasik Distt. Association, Maharashtra State BS&G - Special Invitee
8. Shri R. S. Hanspal, National Headquarters Commissioner(Scouts), BS&G & SOC(S), Uttar Pradesh State BS&G - Special Invitee
9. Shri G. Swamy, State Chief Commissioner, Chhattisgarh State BS&G - Member
10. Dr. (Smt.) Manik Barsaley, State Chief Commissioner, Delhi State BS&G - Member
11. Shri Dinkar Burathoki, State Chief Commissioner, H.P. State BS&G - Member
12. Shri P. T. Sakheer Hussain, State Secretary, Kerala State BS&G- Nominee of State Chief Commissioner, Kerala State BS&G - Member
13. Smt. L. Lakshmi Devi, State Commissioner(G), Manipur State BS&G- Nominee of State Chief Commissioner, Manipur State BS&G - Member
14. Shri Mahendra Kumar Singh, State Commissioner(S), Uttar Pradesh State BS&G- Nominee of State Chief Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh State BS&G - Member
The Meeting started with Scout/Guide Prayer.

Shri K. Sukumara, Director, Bharat Scouts & Guides welcomed Shri B. J. Nagarale, IAS(Retd.), Chief National Commissioner and Chairman of the National Planning Committee and Shri K. P. Mishra, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides and State Chief Commissioner, Odisha State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Shri N. A. Khan, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides & State Chief Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. H. P. Chhetri, National Commissioner of Scouts, Bharat Scouts & Guides & State Chief Commissioner, Sikkim State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. Harendra Chandra Das, Deputy National Commissioner of Scouts, Bharat Scouts & Guides and State Chief Commissioner, Assam State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Prakash, Deputy National Commissioner of Guides, Bharat Scouts & Guides and all other members of the National Planning Committee.

Shri K. P. Mishra, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides presented a flower bouquet to the Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner and Chairman of the National Planning Committee, Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Prakash, Deputy National Commissioner(G), Bharat Scouts & Guides presented a flower bouquet to Shri K. P. Mishra, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. H. P. Chhetri, National Commissioner(S), Bharat Scouts & Guides presented a flower bouquet to Shri N. A. Khan, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Dr. Harendra Chandra Das, Deputy National Commissioner of Scouts, Bharat Scouts & Guides presented a flower bouquet to Dr. H. P. Chhetri, National Commissioner of Scouts, Bharat Scouts & Guides and Smt. Surekha Shrivastava, Deputy Director of Guides(Projects), Bharat Scouts & Guides presented a flower bouquet to Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Prakash, Deputy National Commissioner of Guides and presented rose buds to all other members of the National Planning Committee.
Apology received from the following members.

1. Shri F. R. Kharkongor, IAS, State Chief Commissioner, Meghalaya State Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Director read out the Agenda point wise.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of National Planning Committee held at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 01st March, 2014.

The Minutes of the last meeting of National Planning Committee have been circulated to all the members two weeks before. After going through all the points recorded the minutes was passed by Shri B. Ramesh Pattnaik, State Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts & Guides as proposed and Shri R. S. Hanspal, National Headquarters Commissioner(S), Bharat Scouts & Guides seconded.

Agenda Item No. 2: Business Arising (Action Taken Report).

The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the last meeting has also been circulated to the members two weeks before. After going through each point on the Agenda, Action Taken Report was passed unanimously as proposed by Shri G. Swamy, State Chief Commissioner, Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts & Guides and seconded by Shri P. T. Sakkeer Hussian, State Secretary, Kerala State Bharat Scouts & Guides.

Agenda Item No. 3: Consideration of all plans received from the State Planning Committees and their consolidation to prepare a National Plan both for long term and short term in consonance with policies laid down by the National Council (Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 & Schedule of Event 2015-2016).

Director Shri K. Sukumara has informed the house that out of 43 States, only 09 States have sent their State Plans to the National Headquarters. However he presented a detailed action plan through power point on the Strategic Plan Workshop and Vision Statement 2024 which was drafted on the basis of WOSM & WAGGGS Vision and Mission Statement. He also briefed about various Strategic Priorities of Vision -2024 and action initiated by the National Headquarters to achieve the National targets.
The members desired that the actions to be initiated on the Vision 2024 documents need to be circulated to the States. Out of 43 States, only 07 States i.e. Chhattisgarh State, Odisha State, West Bengal State, Bihar State, Eastern Railway State, Karnataka State and Kerala State have organised the Eco-Workshop on Strategic Plan and started working on it. The Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner wished that every State must organise the Strategic Plan Workshop by the end of June 2015 so that work can be started on the basis of planned document. It is the responsibility of the Assistant Director of the Region to ensure that the States under his jurisdiction can conduct the Strategic Plan Workshop by the target date.

Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner informed the house about the development cum renovation work taken up at the National Headquarters, New Delhi, National Training Centre, Pachmarhi, National Adventure Institute, Pachmarhi and also National Youth Complex, Gadpuri. He also informed that the work at National Headquarters is in progress while the National Youth Complex, Gadpuri, NTC and NAI, Pachmarhi will be taken up very soon by the National Project Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC), the Government of India undertaking. The Proposals are also under active consideration to make best use of the property of the Bharat Scouts & Guides located at New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096 which is situated on the prime location.

He also appealed the State Chief Commissioners and Representatives of the State Associations present during the Meeting to contribute their support through enrolling Bharat Scouts & Guides Foundation Members as many as possible to meet the expenditures.

It was also suggested by Shri G. Swamy, State Chief Commissioner of Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts & Guides that the National Headquarters should organise a befitting function to felicitate the Scouters & Guiders who have achieved the HWB, ALT & LT status in recognition of their continuous and dedicated services to the Movement. This was agreed to by the house.

It was also opined by Shri Mahendra Kumar Singh, State Commissioner(S), Uttar Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides and other members present in the house that we should pay more attention for image building of the Bharat Scouts & Guides and it is possible only through strengthening our Public Relation system. It was also suggested by Shri B. Ramesh Pattnaik, State Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts & Guides that besides sending Press Notes with Photographs/CDs immediately after every events/meetings organised by the National Headquarters through email/hard copy to all leading Print and Electronic Media, Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner may
kindly also address through Electronic Media on Bharat Scouts & Guides Foundation Day (07th November) and on Thinking Day (22nd February) every year. It was accepted by the house.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner ordered that we should approach Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to give a befitting slot in their programme for covering our activities and a suitable letter should be issued to the States requesting them for similar action to be taken at State and District level. They should also ensure that the Scouts/Guides who after receiving Rashtrapati Puraskar at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi should be exposed to the Press and Electronic Media for formal interview so that other people of the Society would be motivated.

Shri Dinkar Burathoki, State Chief Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides and Shri N. A. Khan, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides emphasised that our Public Relation Officer should take more initiative and professionally manage the publicity system keeping close liaison with Print and Electronic Media and ensure that due coverage is given on the activities of the Bharat Scouts & Guides in Press & Electronic Media.

The house also appreciated that keen initiative taken by the Public Relation and Publicity Sub-Committee in bringing up a colourful and attractive Magazine of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. It was suggested that in all Courses, all Events, a massive drive should be taken up to increase the Magazine membership. A target of at least 20,000 copies circulation in the next six months should be ensured and the rate of the Magazine is enhanced to meet the expenses and cost viable. A suitable mechanism should also be developed for it quick dispatch to all the Subscribers. Director should ensure that the responsibility is assigned to the Public Relation Officer and review periodical performance of Public Relation Department— which is the backbone of the Bharat Scouts & Guides to improve our Image & Visibility.

Dr. (Smt.) Manik Barsaley, State Chief Commissioner, Delhi State Bharat Scouts & Guides and Smt. Sandhya Chakraborty, State Commissioner (G), West Bengal State Bharat Scouts & Guides pointed out that the event “Guide Commissioners Conference” scheduled in the previous year calendar of Schedule of Events 2014-15, could not materialise and the same should be now scheduled in the current year Schedule of Events 2015-2016. It was accepted by the house.

The Recommendation Committee report of State level Executives Meet held at NYC, Gadpuri, Haryana from 26th to 28th February, 2015 was placed before the house. While reviewing the
recommendations stated therein, the Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner advised Director to sort out the items separately and put up to the concerned Committees and Authorities as the case may be for immediate follow up action. The items which need to be implemented immediately and do not require any Committee approval, can be issued immediately for his perusal and issuing orders.

Shri P. T. Sakkheer Hussain, State Secretary, Kerala State Bharat Scouts & Guides expressed his views that all the States should be equally viewed and Events/Courses organised with the National Headquarters financial assistance as practice in vogue, and no special consideration should be extended to any particular State/Region as has been done in the case of N. E. Region. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner accepting his suggestion ordered the Director that State should be written to bear the cost of Travelling Expenses of their participants as a support to the National Headquarters but he expressed that N. E. Region being the tribal and backward area, it needs support of the National Headquarters. Hence the Courses/Events organised by the National Headquarters in this Region should be fully sponsored by the National Headquarters as per the system in practice. Director suggested that as per the expression given in our Vision Statement, to be self-reliant, we will ensure by 2017 all the States will be made self-reliant and no special privilege will be extended to any categorised region.

Shri G. Swamy, State Chief Commissioner, Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts & Guides suggested that the State against whom huge balance amount is indicated in the Statement of Supply Service Department should be cleared within six months given by the National Headquarters.

It has also been discussed by the house that the IRF Dues should be paid in time on the actual census of the States. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner appealed to all the States that the IRF dues should be computed on the actual census and paid in time. The Assistant Directors of the Regions should liaison with the States and ensure that the IRF dues are paid on actual census.

Agenda Item No.4:- Consideration of the recommendations of the State Level Executives Meet with regards to the programme of Training and other events and activities of the Scout/Guide Wing for the year 2015-2016.

Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Prakash, Deputy National Commissioner of Guides suggested that the 'Beti Bachhao, Beti Baddhao' Scheme of the Government of India may be taken up under our programme. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner informed the house that the Bharat Scouts & Guides has implemented the Scheme of 'Free Being Me' a project sponsored by WAGGGS and 'Messenger Of
Peace a project sponsored by WOSM. Both the Projects were successfully conducted by the Bharat Scouts & Guides throughout the Country since last year and it has also been included in the Syllabus of Boy/Girl Programme which will sufficiently substantiate the requirements of looking after the Girl child growth.

The Schedule of Events for the year 2015-2016 has been circulated to the members and discussed in detail and the changes wherever required in terms of including new activities and change of dates has been considered.

Shri K. P. Mishra, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides suggested that the dates of Car Festival (Rathayatra) National Service Camp has been erroneously printed as Ganga Sagar Mela Service Camp should be corrected.

The conduct of Adult Leader Training Courses by the National Training Centre, Pachmarhi has been discussed and it is resolved that all trainees attending Advancement Courses for Trainers i.e. Pre-ALT, ALT & LT should bear the Travelling Expenses either by their ownself or by their State /District Association. Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner advised the Director to issue the suitable Circular in this regard immediately.

Deputy Director(G), L. T. Miss M. N. Machamma suggested that since the duration of Courses have been reduced in most of the Courses and in lieu of Self Learning Modules/Pre-Course Assignments need to be issued, a Workshop should be conducted to redraft the above documents before the Courses start. Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner ordered that a Workshop should be conducted in the second week of April 2015 at NTC, Pachmarhi to finalise the Pre-Course Assignments/ Self Learning Modules for different level of Courses. A suitable system should be developed to assess the Self Learning Modules/ Pre-Course Assignments.

Agenda Item No. 5:- Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Shri N. A. Khan, Vice-President, Bharat Scouts & Guides and State Chief Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir State Bharat Scouts & Guides suggested that we should invite the Hon’ble Union Ministers of Government of India to our different events so that they will see our activities and may be a source of great help to enhance the Government support in different ways. This will also attract the Media to come and see our activities and thereby we get more publicity and improve our visibility. It was suggested by Shri G. Swamy, State Chief Commissioner, Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts &
Guides that a meeting of all State Presidents of the Bharat Scouts & Guides should be convened to make their involvement in the Movement. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner, responding to the suggestion said a request will be made to the President of the Bharat Scouts & Guides to convene such meeting under his chairmanship for better interaction.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair as proposed by Shri M. S. Qureshi, Joint Director, NTC, Pachmarhi.