The meeting of National Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was held at National Headquarters, New Delhi on 15th October, 2017 at 11.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Shri K.K. Khandelwal, IAS, Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Following members were present:-

1. Dr. K.K. Khandelwal, IAS, Chief National Commissioner, BS&G - Chairman
2. Shri Ashok Kumar Shrivastava, ASC(S), N. E. Rly. State BS&G - Member
3. Dr. J.S. Negi, State Commissioner (S), Himachal Pradesh State BS&G - Member
4. Shri Kondajji. B. Shanmukhappa, Vice President, Karnataka State BS&G - Member
5. Shri G. Parameshwar, SOC(S), Telangana State BS&G - Member
6. Shri Hanuman Prasad, STC(S), N.V.S. State BS&G - Member
7. Shri R.S. Shekhawat, State Commissioner (Prog.) Rajasthan State BS&G - Member
8. Shri S.K. Sajeeth, Andhra Pradesh Bharat Scouts & Guides - Member
9. Shri S.S.H. Zaidi, SOC(S), K.V. Sangathan State BS&G - Member
10. Shri Santosh Kumar Dixit, Uttar Pradesh State BS&G - Member
11. Shri Thankumma, State Secretary/ STC(S), Mizoram State BS&G - Member
12. Smt. Anamika Das, SOC(G), Odisha State BS&G - Member
13. Smt. Janaki Venugopal, Former SOC(G), Karnataka State BS&G - Member
14. Smt. K. Lalliantluangsi, State Commissioner (G), Mizoram State BS&G - Member
15. Smt. Kiran Thakur, Joint State Secretary, Himachal Pradesh State BS&G - Member
16. Smt. Vandana Tewari, Uttar Pradesh State BS&G - Member
17. Dr. Veena Pradhan, IAS, Former SC(G), Rajasthan State BS&G - Member
18. Miss Suman Lata Arora, Jt. Director (G), BS&G - Member
19. Shri M.S. Qureshi, Jt. Director, NTC & DD(S)LT, BS&G - Member
20. Miss M.N. Machamma, Dy. Director (G) Ldr. Trg., BS&G - Member
21. Shri Amar Bahadur Chhettri, Dy. Director (BP), BS&G - Member
22. Shri Raj Kumar Kaushik, Dy. Director of Scouts (Project), BS&G - Member
23. Smt. Surekha Shrivastava, Dy. Director of Guides (Project), BS&G - Member
24. Shri Krishnaswamy R., Jt. Director (S) and l/c Director, BS&G - Secretary
The meeting started with prayer.

Apology were received from the following members:

1. Adv. V.K. Narvekar, State Commissioner (S), Goa State BS&G
2. Shri Manoj R. Nair, SOC(S), BS&G, Central Railway State BS&G
3. Shri Jogendra Prasad, ASC(S), West Bengal State BS&G

The Chairman of the National Executive Committee welcomed the members formally.

Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Meeting of National Executive Committee held at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 04\textsuperscript{th} March, 2017 and Agenda Item No.2: Business Arising:

The minutes of the National Executive Committee meeting held on 04\textsuperscript{th} March, 2017 was taken up for approval. Mrs. Anamika Das of Odisha State raised a point of order informing the house that no Action Taken Report (ATR) was prepared and submitted.

The convenor informed that some decisions taken in the committee on 04\textsuperscript{th} March 2017 were just opposite to the decisions taken by the National Executive Committee meeting held on 04 March, 2016. He also informed the house that the minutes may be examined thoroughly as some of the issues are to be reviewed in the interest of the Association.

The Chairman requested the house to consider the minutes in light of the convenor's remark and note to adopt the minutes as is where is.

The para pertaining to hosting of 17\textsuperscript{th} National Jamboree by Karnataka State Bharat Scouts and Guides was approved unanimously.

The queries regarding the construction/renovation work were not properly covered in the last meeting, therefore, the same needed review.

The Chairman informed the members that he has received number of complaints with regard to construction/renovation work. Therefore, we need to study it thoroughly in the interest of the organisation and decided to reject the paras regarding the construction/renovation work as recorded in the minutes of the National Executive Committee Meeting held on 04\textsuperscript{th} March, 2017.

The committee decided to remove the same.
Agenda Item No.3- Consideration of the Draft Annual Report for the year 2016-2017 for further recommendation to the National Council for its approval:

The Draft Annual Report circulated to the members and the following observations are made:

Shri R.S. Shekhawat of Rajasthan suggested that the Annual Report should be added with the details of the state recognised in various competitions conducted by the National Association and also the Membership Growth Achievements after the National Commissioner's Shield etc.

Shri K.B. Shanmukhappa of Karnataka State spoke at length on the issue of decreasing census and also non-availability of certain concession/facilities to Scouts/Guides as being provided to other Youth Organisations by the Government.

Shri G. Parmeshwar of Telangana pointed out that the names appearing in National Finance Committee/ National Executive Committee is showing a figure which is not in confirming with the provisions in the rules. He suggested that a foot note be added to have clarity as this Annual Report is also sent to Government/ Audit etc. He also added that due care be taken to avoid printing mistakes to keep the standard of the Annual Report.

Members expressed that in spite of various reminders by the National Headquarters few states do not find a place in the Annual Report. The National Headquarters may give the state one more opportunity to update the Annual Report and all affiliated state should find a place in the interest of the Association.

Agenda Item No.4- Consideration of the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2016-2017 and recommendation for approval of the National Council:

The Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet were accepted taking into consideration the remarks of the Finance Committee.

Task Force Committee Formation Regarding- As majority of the members expressed deep concern on the poor quality of work, discrepancies in execution of work, payments on self-certified bills, adjustment of retention money etc. It was decided to form a Task Force Committee with Miss Veena Pradhan, IAS as its Chair and Dr. J.S. Negi, Smt. Anamika Das as members to represent National Executive Committee with Shri A.K. Khanna of Finance Committee as it’s members.
The Committee was authorised to engage suitable Engineering Experts to assist the committee to make factual report on:

1. Quality, quantity, acceptable standards for execution of work based on MOU/DSR Rates etc. for arriving at a decision.
2. The committee also agreed to continue with the expert committee appointed by the 'Board of Administrators' of the Bharat Scouts and Guides with regard to verification/certification of work at National Training Centre, Pachmarhi with Engineer Mr. V.K. Amar as its head.
3. The committee also expressed that the officers who were responsible for supervision and those who recommended for payments to NPCC be made responsible for any lapses if committed.
4. The committee was of the opinion that the purpose of the Task Force Committee is not to make any individual a victim but to safeguard the interest of the Association and its resources.

The Chief National Commissioner suggested that the report of the committee be made available to the office before the National Council Meeting scheduled for 12th November, 2017.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration and recommendation of Revised Budget for the year 2017-2018 and Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019 for approval of the National Council:

The proposed Budget for the year 2018-2019 and Revised Budget for the year 2017-2018 were approved with directions to the management to adhere to financial norms and expenditure within the sanctioned budget.

The committee also expressed that avoidable expenses such as Air Travel etc. be limited within the purview of the rules. Volunteers be encouraged to attend meetings at their own cost wherever possible.

Strict financial discipline be maintained so that the interest of the association can be protected and more programmes can be organised for the young people.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Consideration of Applications for Life Membership of the Bharat Scouts and Guides:

The consideration of Applications for Life Membership of the Bharat Scouts and Guides deferred to next meeting of the National Executive Committee.
Agenda Item No. 7 – Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

The National Executive Committee authorised the Chief National Commissioner to call for fresh applications for award and consider all the pending applications received at the National Headquarters for declaring Silver Elephant, Bar to Silver Star, Silver Star and Award of Gallantry (if any).

Referring to presentation of awards Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner appraised the house regarding the steps initiated by Rashtrapati Bhawan to bring down the Youth Awards within the maximum limit of 2000 in all in a year. Due to large number of complaints with regard to selection of awardees for Rashtrapati Award. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has constituted an Enquiry Committee which already recommended strict measures to introduce third party certification of the Rashtrapati Award selection process. He also requested all the states to maintain transparent and authentic documentation from District Level Award till completion of selection for Rashtrapati Award. He has also informed the house that Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, our National President has already sought an appointment with the Rashtrapati, to sort out the pending issues with regard to signature of Rashtrapati Award certificates for the year 2016 and 2017. (Hon’ble President, Bharat Scouts and Guides with Chief National Commissioner met Hon’ble Rashtrapati on 14th November, 2017).

For effective management and to achieve better results it was recommended to have Regional Councils headed by Regional Commissioners and one Vice-President be made responsible for development of the Region as Ex-officio member of Regional Council.

It was also recommended to propose establishment of one more Regional Centre with Uttar Pradesh or Madhya Pradesh state as its headquarters.

Shri R.S. Shekhawat, Dr. Ms. Veena Pradhan, Rajasthan and Shri S.K. Sajeeth of Andhra Pradesh all expressed deep concern over the growth of Parallel Organisations in the states of Rajasthan, Bihar, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh etc. They have also gone to the Employment Exchanges claiming themselves as a Semi-Government organisations and are offering post of Scoutmasters and Guide Captains on scale of pay.

Hon’ble Chief National Commissioner assured the members that at an appropriate time the National Headquarters will file a suit or arrange to file a suit against recognising organisations as Scout Guide Organisation. As per the constitution of Lion’s Club, Rotary Club and Olympic Association etc. only
one organisation is recognised in a country. Similarly, we should also plead against the Central and State governments recognising organisations as Scout/Guide Organisation.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Krishnaswamy R.)
Convenor

(Dr. K.K. Khandelwal)
Chairman