

**MINUTES OF THE 117TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE
BOARD OF INDIA HELD AT NEW DELHI ON 13TH JANUARY 2012.**

PRESENT

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| 1. Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. S. Chinny Krishna | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Shri Hem Pande, IAS | } | E.C. Members |
| Joint Secretary, MOEF | } | |
| 4. Ms. Jasjit Purewal | } | |
| 5. Ms. Anjali Sharma | } | |
| 6. Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS | } | Members of the Board and
Invitees |
| 7. Shri Doulat Jain | } | |
| 8. Brig S.S. Chohan, Rep. of MCG | } | |
| 9. Shri Anjani Kumar | } | Special Invitee |
| Director, AWD, MoEF, GOI. | | |
| 10. Shri S. Vinod Kumar | } | Assistant Secretary, AWBI |

Shri Guljarilal Soni and Dr. J.C. Kochar, Members AWBI requested for leave of absence and the same was granted.

Honb'le Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Board and invitees for its 117th EC Meeting and wished Happy New Year to everybody.

The Chairman informed the Members and the invitees that the Board has received two news recently – 1) A welcome news about the Uttarkhand High Court issuing an order for prevention of Animal sacrifices and 2) A very disturbing news about

the Madras High Court Madurai Bench allowing the Jalikattu to take place notwithstanding the Ban on Bulls as Performing animals by Ministry of Environment and Forests vide notification dt. 11th July 2011.

ITEM NO.1 : Consideration of the matter relating to Golden Jubilee Celebration on the completion of 50 years of AWBI.

The Board has already decided to conduct the Golden Jubilee Celebration on completion of 50 years of AWBI by holding a National Level Seminar and Stamp Release function at New Delhi on 23rd – 24th May, 2012 followed by Regional / Zonal Seminars in the five Zones of North, South, East, West and North-East. It was decided to have around 1000 invitees for the National Seminar at New Delhi with invitations to be sent to all the Union Ministers and some prominent Members of Parliament and some Chief Ministers. The invitations have also to be sent to some Judges, prominent Lawyers, Academicians, Media people, State Animal Welfare Boards, Wild Life Government agencies and prominent Animal Welfare Organizations according to their seniority of recognition by AWBI in the field of animal welfare.

The Board also decided to send invitations to icons in various fields in the country who have a positive attitude towards animals like Shri Anil Kumble, Actor John Abraham, Ms. Raveena Tandon, Shri Madhavan, Ms. Kareena Kapoor, Ms. Indu Jain of Times of India etc.

The Stamp Release and inaugural function is sought to be done by the Hon'ble Prime Minister/H.E. the Hon'ble President of India under the stewardship of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent charge) for Environment & Forests. The Board authorized the Chairman to write to the Hon'ble Minister first to obtain the permission for the same.

The Board decided to engage an Event Management company to co-ordinate the function and seminar to ensure that everything goes smoothly. The Board also formed the following organizing sub-committees for the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

1. Fund raising Committee – Shri Daulat Jain, Brig. S.S. Chohan
2. Award Committee – Chairman and Vice Chairman
3. Invitation and Reception Committee -] Members yet to be nominated.
4. General Administration Committee -] Members yet to be nominated.
5. Programme content Committee – Shri Rajeev Gupta, Ms. Jasjit Purewal, Ms. Anjali Sharma, Ms. Amala Akkineni
6. Event Management Committee – Shri Daulat Jain, Brig. S.S. Chohan, Ms. Jasjit Purewal
7. Transport Committee –] Members yet to be nominated.
8. Media / Press management committee -] Members yet to be nominated.

The Board decided that the budget for the two day function and seminar would be around Rs.50.00 lakhs and the details of budget are to be prepared and sent to the Ministry on the following items:

1. Travelling allowances for speakers etc.
2. Mementoes for speakers
3. Brouchers, banners, invitation cards, publicity etc.
4. Venue charges
5. Accommodation charges
6. Food and refreshments for two days
7. Resource kit materials
8. Hiring of equipments
9. Photos, video coverage expenses
10. Local conveyances
11. Miscellaneous expenses

Item No.2: Consideration of matter relating to proposal of the Ministry for routing assistance under the existing schemes to the Animal Welfare Organizations through State Animal Welfare Boards (SAWBs) from financial year 2012-13.

The Board decided to send invitations to all the SAWBs to attend the seminar to be organized by the Board in May 2012 so that they can be addressed directly about the necessity and the importance of activating the SAWBs and SPCAs. The AWOs should not be made to suffer non-release of financial assistance due to the lackadaisical attitude of the State Animal Welfare Boards. The Board Members should visit the respective SAWBs and urge upon them to take up the responsibilities. A reminder letter is to be sent to the SAWBs once again.

Item No.3: Consideration of the matter relating to Inspection of Slaughter Houses

The Board noted that the letters have been sent to the SAWBs of Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana to have the slaughter houses inspected immediately. It was decided that similar letters shall be sent to all the other SAWBs immediately after identifying AWBI rep. for each state.

Item No.4: Ratification of appointment of Internal Auditor of Animal Welfare Board of India (Chartered Accountant)

The Board ratified the appointment of Shri N. Ramaraj, Chartered Accountant as Internal Auditor of AWBI.

Item No.5: Consideration of the matter relating to temporary sheltering of confiscated animals at airports and issue of letter to I.G. Airport Authority in this regard

The Board decided that the AWO Friendicoes - Seca, New Delhi should be requested to take over the animals stranded at the Airport/Port and that the reasonable maintenance charges of these animals shall be paid to them by the AWBI out of the donations account.

Item No.6: Discuss progress on Pet Shop Rules / Dog Breeding Rules / New Animal Welfare Act

The Board decided that Ms. Anjali Sharma and Ms. Jasjit Purewal Members of the Board to coordinate with the officials of the Law Ministry to expedite the matter.

Item No.7: Consideration of the matter relating to Conventional ABC/AR programme / monitoring and periodical advice / upgrading of the skills to overcome shortcomings. Discuss issue involved for adoption of CNVR – vis-à-vis Conventional ABC/AR programme by civic bodies with inadequate professional skills resulting in cruelties on operated dogs. Revising the cost of Rs.445/- of ABC surgery for street dogs.

The Board noted the letter addressed by Chairman to the concerned officials and organizations and ratified the same. The Board requested the Ministry to upwardly revise the rates for ABC operations from the present rate of Rs.445/- per ABC since the cost of all the components have escalated/increased considerably during the last 8-9 years after the previous revision made in the year 2003.

The Board also discussed about the matter regarding the applications being received for registering bulls for use in films etc. and decided that where an animal does its natural activity, it can be permitted and it would not need any registration to be done by the Performing Animals Sub-Committee. Otherwise where a bull is made/required to perform then the PASC need not consider the request since the Ministry has issued the notification dated 11.7.2011 specifying that bulls shall not be used for training or exhibition as performing animals.

The Executive Committee noted that the UC pendency has come down to 2.1% under the Plan scheme and 2.8% under the Central Sector Schemes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
