

Minutes of the 5th
Executive Committee Meeting of the Chamber

Date and Time: 9th March 2015 at 11:30 AM.
Venue : Khalid Waheed Hall of the Chamber
Participants : Syed Asad Mashadi (President) in chair
Mian Humayun Parvez (SVP)
Mr. Saboor Malik (VP)
Mr. Adil Jan Erkin
Mr. Usman Shaukat
Mr. Mohammad Imtiaz Chowdhry
Mr. Zahid Latif Khan
Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi
Mr. Shahzad Saeed
Mr. Attique Ahmed Malik
Mr. Saquib Daud
Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai
Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi
Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Malik
Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Mrs. Sadia Waseem
Mr. Saqib Rafiq
Dr. Shimail Daud Arain (Ex-Officio Member)

Regrets : Mr. Jalil Ahmed Malik
Mr. Salman Zafar Ali Khan
Mr. Mohammad Khurshid Barlas
Mrs. Farah Jawaid

The 5th Executive Committee Meeting of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi. President Syed Asad Mashadi welcomed the Executive Committee Members, later on formal proceedings started with the agenda items which were circulated vide letter No. 12/2015/1098 dated 2nd March 2015.

Res. No.33 To confirm the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th January 2015

President Syed Asad Mashadi read out the agenda item No.1 for approval.

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Decision

Minutes of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2015 were confirmed by Mr. Adil Jan Erkin and seconded by Mr. Zahid Latif Khan. House also passed the minutes unanimously.

Res. No.34 To consider the applications for the Chamber's Membership of the firms/companies after receiving all the required documents by the Membership Department mentioned in the list already circulated to the Member

Syed Asad Mashadi presented 08 applications for Corporate Class and 55 of Associate Class for the Chamber's Membership.

Decision

All the applications were duly considered by the Executive Committee. Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi confirmed the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi. All applications for fresh membership were unanimously approved later on.

Res. No.35 To overview the activities from the last Executive Committee Meeting till date.

During the discussion of subject agenda, President briefed the important activities took place during the last one month.

- He elaborated the meeting of Technical Committee of EDF took place on 18th February 2015 at Karachi, where the release of final fund for EDF Project were approved by the Committee.
- He also gave brief overviews of Women's Day, which was celebrated in Chamber on 7th March 2015. He appreciated the R&D Department for organizing this event.

Res. No.36 To discuss Rawal Shopping Festival

- Rawalpindi Shopping Festival was discussed in detail by the House. President added that construction work of Metro has been delayed due to recent rain fall. In this regard a joint meeting of Core Committee and the Representatives of Markets has been called on 11th March 2015 to discuss any change in schedule of

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Rawalpindi Shopping Festival. Market visit are also started and first gathering was arranged on College Road, which was sponsored by Royalton Hotel, Rawalpindi. He appreciated the Team of F&E Department and thanked Mr. Khalid Rehman, owner of Royalton Hotel Rawalpindi for sponsoring the event. Jang Group has offered to be media partner for RSF and they will be paid Rs. 3 million as a package deal, Chamber can further resale the space in newspapers provided by Jang Group and can recover the whole sum of money. The agreement to be signed after go ahead is given by Committee.

- President further informed that the Commissioner of Rawalpindi has assured that the Metro Project along with the road of Murree Road will be constructed and cleared by 31st

March 2015, however he has suggested that the Rawal Shopping Festival dates to be around 15th April 2015.

- Mr. Shahzad Saeed asked about the opening ceremony, President told that two different events i.e. Launching Ceremony and Inaugural Ceremony are being planned at different venues.
- Mr. Zahid Latif Khan suggested that Liaquat Hall, Rawalpindi may be considered for opening ceremony.
- President also proposed Rawalpindi Cricket Ground.

Decision

House approved the Jang Group as media partner and Rs. 3 million to be paid as tag price of the package as mentioned in the terms of the agreement to be signed by RCCI and Jang Group.

Res. No.37 To discuss the Annual Renewal of Membership.

President requested the Chairman of Membership Committee, Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon to brief the existing position of Membership.

Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon informed that so far total 828 renewals have been done including 719 from AM class and 109 from CM class.

President requested all Members of Executive Committee to spare time and visit Chamber for making calls in their concerned sector.

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Res. No.38 To discuss the recommendation of Standing Committees Meetings.

House formulated a Committee comprised of Vice President Mr. Saboor Malik, Mr. Usman Shaukat, Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon and Mr. Saqib Rafiq who will evaluate the recommendations of the Standing Committees and will present to the House.

Res. No. 39 To discuss All Pakistan Chambers Presidents Conference.

President gave the brief of 7th All Pakistan Chambers President Conference and informed the House that all major Chambers including President, FPCCI participated in the session. 2 days conference ended up with a joint declaration for economic reforms. He appreciated the contribution of Senior Vice President Vice President, Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon, Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Malik, Mr. Saqib Rafiq and department of R&D for their untiring efforts during the event.

He also acknowledged the OXFAM, CIPE, Faisalabad Industrial Estate and Wah Nobel for joining the event as sponsors. He informed that all the major expenses were covered through the collection of sponsorship money.

House appreciated the effort of the Chamber.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi added that a follow-up report should also be prepared to keep the track of declaration.

President instructed to send soft copy of the declaration to all the Executive Committee Members.

Res. No.40 Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

President informed the House that the Chief of Army Staff has not given the time due to his busy schedule and further proposed if House permit then the cheque worth Rs. 25-30 lakh for the IDP's may be sent directly in his name through courier.

He also briefed the first ICT Awards and elaborated the detail as Awan-e-Quaid Auditorium has been booked and reservation has been made for 8th April 2015.

While discussing the recent election of Mian Mohammad Ateeq Sheikh as member of Senate, he said it is great honor for this institution that a former Senior Vice President of RCCI has attained such a stature.

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi, Mr. Shahzad Saeed, Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi and President Syed Asad Mashadi registered their concerns over the matter of SRO 608 and harassment of FBR officials to the business community.

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Dr. Shimail Daud Arain informed that COMSAT has requested support for their upcoming exhibition of Chinese Businessmen in Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad.

Mr. Humayun Parvez suggested that Chamber may acquire an Affidavit from all the applicants who has discontinuation in their membership during the past. The affidavit may clearly specify that the applicant was not involved in any criminal activity. He also proposed that House 30-B may be given on rent as the building has no use with the Chamber at the moment. Working paper of any agenda item if required are to be send to the Executive Committee Members with the notice of the meeting.

Mr. Adil Jan Erkin added that the adjacent House of 39-B is being used as School and is owned by his sister, so he will try to settle the rental deal with the School Management.

Mr. Saqib Rafiq proposed that Chamber may take a complete day off on Saturday as all the Government Offices, Banks, Multinational, Ministries, High Commission/Embassies and all the liaison departments are not available on Saturday. Moreover the revenue stream is much less on Saturday as compare to other week days. He also added that as the Chamber departments are moving in new building thus the holidays on Saturday will also cut the cost. Vice President added that this will give the staff an extra day of rest and time to do their house hold errands.

House endorsed and approved the suggestion with majority except Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi.

Decision

1. House approved that the cheque to be sent to the Chief of Army Staff.
2. House acknowledge the achievement of Senator Mian Mohammad Ateeq Sheikh.

3. House approved the support of RCCI for COMSAT in their upcoming exhibitions.
4. House approved to acquire an Affidavit from all the applicants who have discontinuation in their membership.
5. House approved that House 39-B may be given on rent.
6. House approved the Saturday as off day from the month of April 2015.
7. House approved that working papers of the agenda items to be send along with the notice of the meeting.

Since there was no other point, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General

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