

Minutes of the 1st
Executive Committee Meeting of the Chamber

Date and Time: 15th October 2014 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. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi
Mr. Shahzad Saeed
Mr. Attique Ahmed Malik
Mr. Saquib Daud
Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai
Mr. Salman Zafar Ali Khan
Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi
Mr. Mohammad Khurshid Barlas
Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Malik
Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Mrs. Farah Jawaid
Mrs. Sadia Waseem
Mr. Saqib Rafiq
Dr. Shimail Daud Arain (Ex-Officio Member)
Regrets : Mr. Zahid Latif Khan
Mr. Jalil Ahmed Malik

Meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran. President Syed Asad Mashadi thanked all the members of House and congratulated all the newly elected Members Executive Committee and Office-Bearers in consequence of unopposed election for the year 2014-2015. He added that this portfolio is an obligation toward the community and all of us will have to play due role and work as a team. He further suggested all the Members Executive Committee to come up with their proposals and directly talk to the Office-Bearers in case of any complaints/problems.

Mian Humayun Parvez further added that criticism should come with solutions and we all should avoid criticism for the sake of criticism but present a guideline to address the problems.

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Later on formal proceedings started with the agenda items, circulated vide letter No. 12/2014/5546 dated 3rd October, 2014.

Res. No.01 To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2014.

Syed Asad Mashadi, President announced the agenda item number one for approval.

Decision

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2014 were confirmed by Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon and seconded by Mr. Mohammad Khurshid Barlas. House also passed the minutes unanimously.

Res. No.02 To pass the resolution for the meritorious service rendered by the immediately retired Office-Bearers and Executive Committee Members.

President Syed Asad Mashadi praised the role of Ex-Officio Dr. Shimail Daud Arain, Malik Shahid Saleem Former SVP and Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai Former VP along with all the retired Executive Committee Members for their outstanding performance during their tenure. He added that the international events like CABOC, international delegations and participation of Dr. Shimail Daud Arain and his team in international circles has enhanced the repute of RCCI throughout the world.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi, Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi, Mr. Saqib Rafiq. Mr. Mohammad Khurshid Barlas and Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi loudly appreciated the team work of Dr. Shimail Daud Arain and his contribution toward Chamber throughout the year. Mr. Usman Shaukat especially thanked Dr. Shimail Daid Arain and his team for prioritizing the pharma sector and Radio Programs on pharma and other sectors.

Dr. Shimail Daud Arain and Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai thanked all the Executive Committee Members for their out right support throughout the year.

Res. No.03 To consider the applications for the Chamber's membership of the firms/companies mentioned in the list already circulated the Executive Committee Members

Syed Asad Mashadi presented 01 application for corporate and 17 for Associate Class for the Chamber's Membership

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Decision

All the applications were duly considered by the Executive Committee. Mr.Saqib Rafiq confirmed the resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Sadia Waseem. All applications for fresh membership were unanimously approved later on.

Dr. Shimail Daud Arain suggested that if sector wise segregation of the member of members along with the growing trends may also be shown for better understanding.

Res. No.4 To seek approval for organizing events in the Chamber during 2014-15 for various committees and nominate members for activities inside and outside the Chamber.

Syed Asad Mashadi, President RCCI announced the agenda item No.4 for approval.

Decision

The Executive Committee authorized President Syed Asad Mashadi for organizing various events of the Chamber in addition to nominations of members for various Committees, financial transaction on behalf of Rawalpindi Chamber, nominations for training programs Proposal was confirmed by Mr. Saquib Daud and seconded by Mr. Salman Zafar Ali Khan. The House approved the agenda item.

Res. No.5 To take the Executive Committee into confidence on the existing financial position of the Chamber.

President Syed Asad Mashadi briefed the present account position of Chamber in different banks under different categories of account i.e. fairs and exhibitions, delegations, building, social services, education fund etc and informed that at present 3.7 million cash is available in all the accounts. However the receivable from different heads are as under:

1.	Zong	Rs.	1,100,000/-
2.	Fairs and Exhibitions	Rs.	300,000/-
3.	Delegations	Rs.	265,000/-
4.	CDA	Rs.	220,000/-
5.	EDF	Rs.	15,500,000/-

Res. No.6 To present the Draft Budget of the Chamber for the year 2014-15

While discussing the budget of Chamber for the year 2014-15 Syed Asad Mashadi gave the detailed presentation of actual income earned and expenses incurred during the tenure of Dr. Shimail Daud Arain and informed that a total revenue was equal to amount

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42,510,471/- and expenses during the tenure was 28,170,664/- and total profit was 14,339,807/-.

House appraised performance of Dr. Shimail Daud Arain and his team during their tenure. President further stated that his team is forecasting the growth in revenue from 10-15 percent and expenses from 5-10 percent.

Decision

House endorsed the budget.

Res. No.7 To discuss the construction of RCCI New Building.

President informed that due to Eid Holidays the labour is not available and construction works has not been started yet.

Res. No.8 Approval of RCCI staff matters.

Secretary General Mr. Irfan Manan Khan informed that the Deputy Secretary, Marketing Mrs. Afsheen Saib Kiyani has resigned from her service due to her personal reasons and further added that the House may allow Ms. Uzma Gul, Marketing Officer, whose is contract was not approved in the previous meeting. She may be given extension for further two months, so that

the pending matters may be completed in the absence of Mrs. Afsheen Saib Kiyani, Deputy Secretary, Marketing.

Decision

House allowed Ms. Uzma Gul to work for further two months i.e. 31st December 2014 and approved the resignation of Mrs. Afsheen Saib Kiyani.

Res. No.9 Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

President briefed the House about the important activities that took place during the last 15 days. The important events were as under:-

- Visit of Chief Executive, TDAP, Mr. S.M. Munir
- Meeting with Ambassador of Finland
- Meeting with Trade Associations of Rawalpindi to discuss the taxation Problems.
- Meeting with Commissioner Rawalpindi regarding the progress MERTO Project.

President initiated the discussion for Regional Development that will include trade as well as Industry. He added that a new management board of RCCI Rawat Industrial Estate

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will soon be formulated to work out the problems of Industrial Estate. The management board will generate the funds from the existing ownership and will also look the prospects of acquiring matching grant from Government of Punjab. He said that a Quaid-e-Azam industrial estate will also be discussed with Chief Minister of Punjab as per his announcement in the past.

Mr. Salman Zafar Ali Khan commented that there are already 3 industrial estates in the region, which are partially occupied. He said that existing industrial estate may be provided with self power generation and infrastructure facilities.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi highlighted that infrastructure of RCCI Rawat Industrial Estate is the responsibility of Ms. Crescent Developers (Pvt.) Limited.

Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon suggested a visit to Taxila, Punjab Industrial Estate before the next Executive Committee Meeting.

President floated the idea of regional Shopping Festival in Rawalpindi that will be celebrated throughout the city and Chamber will ensure that all the shops may provide discount to the local buyers this will be an activity of one week that may be planned in February Or march 2015.

Dr. Shimail Daud Arain seconded the idea.

President floated the idea of standing a trust that will work for education and health. Trust will generate its own funds as well as funds from donor agencies.

Mr. Attique Ahmed Malik seconded the ideas.

Mr. Saboor Malik suggested that the role of existing RCCI Medical Welfare Council may be enhanced to look in to these matters.

Dr. Shimail Daud Arain suggested that a separate team of professional should be hired to manage the affairs of trust.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi added that the prospect of international funding may also be seen for starting up additional projects in health and education.

Mrs. Farah Jawaid suggested to work for women development.

Mr. Adil Jan Erkin reported the parking problems at Islamabad Airport.

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Mr. Saquib Daud suggested that the Executive Committee Meetings should be fixed on specific date each month and new standing committees on new sector like dairy be formulated.

Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi suggested that R&D Department should produce research report. Here President added that specific topic of research should be highlighted and given to the Chamber by Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi. Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi also pointed out that the delivery of business vision is not good and require improvement.

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq Qazi suggested that the agenda for all Pakistan Chambers Presidents Conference may be formulated well in time keeping in view the National and Regional requirements.

Dr. Shimail Daud Arain, Ex-Officio Member informed the House that the feasibility studies of Product Development Center and census survey for Rawalpindi region are already submitted to EDF for funding, which require follow up.

Decisions

House approved the following matters:

1. Formation of Trust
2. Shopping Festival in Rawalpindi
3. Management Board of RCCI Industrial Estate, Rawat
4. President nominated Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz Qureshi to coordinate and arrange meetings with Trade Associations in different markets.
5. Visit to Taxila Industrial Estate.

Syed Asad Mashadi, President informed the Committee that the FPCCI had asked for nomination of Members for General Body (Corporate Class and Associate Class) and the Executive Committee of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry vide letter No. FPCCI-TB/EL/2015/2014/-2128 dated 11th October, 2014.

Mr. Adil Jan Erkin proposed Mr. Sohail Altaf for General Body and Executive Committee (Corporate Class), whereas Mr. Raja Amer Iqbal (Associate Class) for General Body.

Decision

The proposal was confirmed by Mr. Mohammad Imtiaz Chowdhry and seconded by Mr. Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon. The House unanimously accepted. The resolution passed unanimously, which is as reproduced below:

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“The Executive Committee of The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in its meeting held on 15th October 2014 has resolved to nominate Mr. Sohail Altaf member on the General Body and Executive Committee from Corporate class and Raja Amer Iqbal from Associate class for General Body of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry for FPCCI Elections 2015. The nominees have consented to be the Members of the General Body and Executive Committee and are otherwise qualified.”

Mr. Mohammad Imtiaz Chowdhry announced the next Lunch for next Executive Committee Meeting.

House also thanked Mr. Usman Shaukat, Executive Committee Members for hosting Lunch.

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General

Distribution: All Executive Committee Members