

**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA  
NIAW CAMPUS, BALABHGARH**

**MINUTES OF THE 47<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEETING PF AWBI HELD ON 19.07.2019 AT  
CONFERENCE ROOM, KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

**PRESENT**

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| 1.  | Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, IFS  | Chairman        |
| 2.  | Dr. Pravin Mallik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner                                      | Member          |
| 3.  | Shri S.P. Gupta, IAS (Retd.)  | Member          |
| 4.  | Shri Girish J. Shah   | Member          |
| 5.  | Shri Sunil Mansinghka   | Member          |
| 6.  | Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.)  | Member          |
| 7.  | Mrs. Anjali Gopalan   | Member          |
| 8.  | Dr. Vaidya Hitesh Jani  | Member          |
| 9.  | Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi  | Member          |
| 10. | Prof. Dr. R. S. Chauhan   | Member          |
| 11. | Shri Ajit Sharad Kelkar   | Member          |
| 12. | Dr. Radhey Shyam Sharma<br>Head, Scientist – G & Sr. DDG<br>Representative of DG ICMR | Member          |
| 13. | Ms. Jasleem Kaur<br>Under Secretary, MOHRD<br>Representative of JS HRD                | Member          |
| 14. | Dr. Vallabh bhai Kathiria<br>Chairman, Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog                       | Special Invitee |
| 15. | Shri Hukam Chand Sawla<br>Member, Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog                            | Special Invitee |
| 16. | Dr. S.K. Dutta<br>Deputy Commissioner (Animal Welfare),<br>MoFAH&D                    | Special Invitee |
| 17. | Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI  |                 |
| 18. | Ms. Prachi Jain, Assistant Secretary, AWBI  |                 |

Dr. Prakash Amte and Shri Dhanpal Singh, Members of the Board intimated their inability to attend the General Meeting.

The Secretary, AWBI started the meeting with greetings to all the members. She expressed her gratitude towards Shri S.P. Gupta, former Chairman, AWBI and welcomed Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Chairman, AWBI. She requested the Chairman to give his introductory / welcome remark to the members.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Board and apprised the Members about the working of the Board after assuming the charge of Chairman, AWBI. He further stated that we will work as per the mandate of the Board with full devotion and transparency. Chairman requested the Secretary to start the proceedings of the meeting.

**Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Board held on 19.09.2018.**

The Members confirmed the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 19.09.2018 unanimously.

**Item No. 2: Report on follow up on the Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Board held on 19.09.2018.**

The Board considered the details of action taken on the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 19.09.2018 with the following comments / decisions.

*Item No.1: Approval of draft Annual Report and adoption of Audit Report and Annual Accounts of the Animal Welfare Board of India for the year 2016-17.*

Noted the status of action taken.

*Item No.2: Approval of draft Annual Report of the Animal Welfare Board of India for the year 2017-18.*

Noted the status of action taken.

*Item No. 8: Nomination of Honorary State / District / Legal Animal Welfare Officers and Training Programme conducted for them.*

Sh. Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi has raised the question regarding the three days training programmes and the topics covered therein. The Secretary, AWBI has briefed to all the Board members that all the content / topics including Animal Welfare Organization visit have been covered in three days training programme similar to five days training programme to ensure the time constraints of all the trainees.

Dr. Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner opined that assessment of the contents and topics of the three days training and five days training to be done by a

committee to know the impact of training. The feed back of the training also be obtained for consideration in the committee.

With regard to the compulsory registration of Animal Welfare Organisations and foreign organisations working in the country for animal welfare, the Members decided that the Legal Committee will examine the matter and place the report before the Board meeting. If the matter is of urgent nature, the Chairman may take appropriate decision.

*Item No.9: Consideration of matter regarding the visit of Hon'ble Members of the Board to various places.*

Noted the status of action taken.

*Item No. 11: Considering the matter regarding conferring the awards for the welfare of animals.*

Sh. Ramkrishan Raghuvanshi raised the question regarding the Ministry's direction to postpone the Award function. Secretary, AWBI has informed that the Ministry has sent the letter dated 04.02.2019 to postpone the Award function due to resignation of the then Chairman from the Chairmanship of AWBI.

Sh. S.P. Gupta has briefed that it was decided in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Board to celebrate Jiva Jantu Kalyan Diwas on the occasion of the Vasant Panchami every year and also to celebrate its award function on the same day.

The Board members unanimously agreed to celebrate its award function on the occasion of Vasant Panchami next year. Till then, the meeting of the Jury members may be conducted to finalize the name of awardees for the different categories of the Award(s).

**Item No. 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 22.01.2019.**

The Members confirmed the minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on 22.01.2019 unanimously.

**Item No. 4: Report on follow up on the Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 22.01.2019.**

The Board considered the action taken on the decisions of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 22.01.2019 with the following comments / decisions.

Dr. S.K. Dutta, Deputy Commissioner (Animal Welfare) said that the matter regarding revision of existing guidelines of AWBI Schemes are under process at Ministry level.

**Item No. 5: Ratification of Revised Estimates for the financial year 2019-20 submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.**

The Chairman informed the members that the existing budget of Rs. 12.00 Cr. has been transferred from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

The additional budget of Rs. 38.00 Cr. will be sought at the time of Revised Estimate (RE) for the financial year 2019-20. The Chairman informed that a request for enhancement of budget from Rs.12.00 crore to Rs.50.00 crore for this financial year and further budget estimate of Rs. 100.00 Cr. will be worked out for the Board for the next financial year i.e. 2020-21.

**Item No. 6: Consideration of reconstitution of Committees of AWBI for effective functioning of the Committees.**

The Board members unanimously agreed the following Committees:

**a) Executive Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.) Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Girish J. Shah, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member, AWBI
- (v) Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi, Member, AWBI
- (vi) Shri Rakesh Gupta, Member, AWBI
- (vii) Dr. Vaidya Hitesh Jani, Member, AWBI
- (viii) Representative from Ministry of Finance
- (ix) Secretary, AWBI

**b) Grant Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Dr. Vaidya Hitesh Jani, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Girish J. Shah, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member, AWBI
- (v) Shri Rakesh Gupta, Member, AWBI
- (vi) Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi, Member, AWBI
- (vii) Representative from Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- (viii) Secretary, AWBI

**c) Animal Act & Rules Reviewing and Legal Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Shri Rajeev Gupta, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Girish J. Shah, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Smt. Manisha T. Karia, Advocate, New Delhi
- (v) Dr. S.K. Mittal, Mysore

- (vi) Shri S. N. Kapoor, Advocate, Nagpur
- (vii) Shri Arun Devendra Oza, Advocate, Gujarat High Court
- (viii) Shri S.R. Sundaram, Advocate, Chennai
- (ix) Dr. T. Vasantha Lakshmi Ravikumar, Advocate, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
- (x) Legal Consultant, AWBI
- (xi) Secretary / Asst. Secretary, AWBI

**d) Performing Animals Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Representative from CBFC, Delhi
- (iv) Representative from Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC
- (v) Humane Education Officer, AWBI
- (vi) Secretary / Asst. Secretary, AWBI
- (vii) Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi as special invitee as and when required

**e) AWBI staffing and Regularization of AWBI Staff Review Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Shri Harbhajan Singh, IAS (Retd.)
- (iii) Dr. S.K. Dutta, Deputy Commissioner (AW), MoFAH&D
- (iv) Shri O. P. Joshi, Deputy Secretary (Retd.), MoEF&CC
- (v) Establishment Head, AWBI
- (vi) Secretary, AWBI

**f) ABC/AR Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Ms. Anjali Gopalan, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Prof. Dr. R.S. Chauhan, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Prof. Col. R.R. Singh Nara
- (v) Dr. Inderjeet Yadav, National Brain Research Centre, Gurugram
- (vi) One/two Invitee members as and when required
- (vii) Secretary, AWBI

**g) Press and Public Relation Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Shri Rakesh Gupta, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Girish J. Shah, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi, Member, AWBI
- (v) Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member, AWBI
- (vi) Shri Mittal Khetani
- (vii) Editor / Asst. Editor, AWBI
- (viii) Secretary, AWBI

#### **h) Animal Welfare Resource Committee**

- (i) Chairman, AWBI
- (ii) Shri Rakesh Gupta, Member, AWBI
- (iii) Shri Girish J. Shah, Member, AWBI
- (iv) Shri Ramakrishna Raghuvanshi, Member, AWBI
- (v) Prof. Dr. R.S. Chauhan, Member, AWBI
- (vi) Ms. Sonia Sharma
- (vii) Shri R.K. Aggarwal
- (viii) One/two Invitee members as and when required
- (ix) Secretary, AWBI

Further, the Board members unanimously agreed that Technical Committee is not required as of now. Also, the Jallikattu Inspection Committee will be reconstituted for the year 2019-20 before commencement of Jallikattu.

It was decided that 40% of the Members shall form a quorum at every meeting of the Committees.

In addition, it was agreed that all the members other than the Board members will be co-opted for the Committee(s) as per the Rule 16 of the Animal Welfare Board (Administration) Rules, 1962.

#### **Item No. 7: Consideration of matter relating to issue of Colony Animal Care Taker Identity Card.**

After discussion on the each pros and cons of the matter, the Board has decided to restart the process of issuance of Colony Animal Care Taker Identity Card to the Volunteers who want to feed stray animals in their localities only during hours specified by the AWBI and on suitable sites for feeding the stray animals.

#### **General Discussion with the permission of Chair:**

Shri Sunil Mansinghka opined that the issues regarding cruelty to animals in the field and action taken should be informed to the Board Members from time to time. He also informed that most of the Gaushalas are facing shortage of space for sheltering of animals.

The Members suggested that news / report about animal welfare activities to be obtained from the Members, Co-opted Members of the different committees, Honorary Animal Welfare Officers of the Board for inputs in AWBI News Letter and other magazines.

It was decided that soft copy of the Newsletter to be sent to the Members, Co-opted Members, Honorary Animal Welfare Officers of the Board, AWOs and other animal welfare activists for wide publication.

The Members discussed about issuing of pre-shoot permission and NOC under Performing Animals Registration Rules 2001. It was decided that efforts to be made to start online processing of applications under Performing Animals Registration Rules 2001 within three months.

The Members discussed about the nomination of Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to the Board and decided to take up the matter with the Ministry for necessary action.

Shri Girish J. Shah, Member has raised the issue of Live Stock Export in details. Dr. S.K. Dutta, Deputy Commissioner (Animal Welfare) informed that the concerned offices have been briefed about the policy of Government of India and compendium of all rules and regulations for export of live animals were circulated to all the State Governments.

The representative of ICMR has briefed about new method for painless sterilization on male dogs. The Chairman requested the Member to provide scientific data in this regard for consideration of the Board.

Dr. Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner suggested that agenda points for the meeting to be circulated to the Members of the Board for discussion in the Board meetings and the Members should intimate any specific agenda to be taken up for discussion in the future meeting.

Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.) suggested that Executive Committee Meeting of the Board may be conducted for discussion of important pending issues.

Dr. Vallabhbai Kathiria, Chairman, Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog expressed his thanks to the Chairman and all Members of the Board for inviting him and Shri Hukam Chand Sawla as special invitee. He suggested that both the organisations can work together for the benefit of speechless animals. He further opined that the Board and Aayog should work together to evolve the methods to address the issues of mutual interest for better contribution to the field of animal welfare.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.