MINUTES OF THE 121st EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AWBI HELD ON 19.04.2018 AT STATE GUEST HOUSE, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

PRESENT

1. Shri S.P. Gupta, IAS (Retd.) - Chairman
2. Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS (Retd.) - Member
3. Shri Sunil Mansinghka - Member
4. Shri Ramkrishan Raghuvanshi - Member
5. Shri Rakesh Gupta - Member

Shri S. Vinod Kumaar - Assistant Secretary

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 120th Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 13.2.2018 at Ballabhgarh.

The Minutes of the 120th Executive Committee meeting held on 13.2.2018 were confirmed with the following revisions:

Item No.4- The Executive Committee (EC) decided to include the proposed schemes of Gochar Land and Sheltering Stray Animals in the existing AWBI Plan Scheme and the scheme of Maintenance of Rescued Animals from illegal transportation/slaughterhouse in the existing Scheme of Relief to Animals during Natural Calamity and Unforeseen circumstances.

Item No.6 – The EC decided that those HAWOs whose HAWO ID cards have not expired are allowed to use the same ID cards issued by the AWBI till new ID cards are issued to them. And that those whose ID cards have expired or wish to apply fresh for a new HAWO ID card have to apply for new ID card with the endorsement of either Member, AWBI / State Animal Welfare Board / Go Seva Ayog / District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) along with the details of activities carried out by them during the period. The fees of Rs.100/- will be collected after the approval of HAWO ID card by the Board.

Item No.2: Report on action taken on the Minutes of the 120th Executive Committee Meeting of the Board held on 13.2.2018 at Ballabghar

The Executive Committee took note of the Action Taken Report and decided that in the matter of Animal Helpline that at least one district in each State should be activated and directed to get the details of implementation in Gujarat State from Shri Mital Khetani of Gujarat SAWB for implementation in other States.

The EC also directed to ensure that the four vehicles being kept in NIAW campus, which were purchased under the NRCP funded by NCDC, M/o Health and Family Welfare should be put to use. A circular is to be uploaded in the website of AWBI after obtaining the approval of Chairman inviting proposals from those who can run the Ambulance and who can incur the recurring running
expenses of the vehicle to apply to the Board. The four vehicles will be allotted to four States at the rate of one vehicle for each State. AWBI recognised AWOs and Govt. Bodies can apply. First preference will be given for Govt. Bodies. The interest organisations may be given 10 days time to apply for allotment of the vehicle.

The EC decided that in addition to the District Co-ordinators to be nominated, State level co-ordinators should also be nominated in each State so that States which do not have representation also get some people to represent the States on Animal Welfare issues. The number of State Co-ordinators shall be maximum of 4 numbers representing the North, South, East and West regions of the State and one of them should be legally qualified also. The number of State co-ordinators for each State will be decided based on the total number of districts in the State with a State Co-ordinator to be nominated for around 25 districts. The number of districts in each State has to be determined first for this exercise. The Application form for the State Co-ordinator will be uploaded in the AWBI website, after obtaining the approval of Chairman, for those who wish to apply.

Chairman requested the Members also to suggest names for District Co-ordinators, State Co-ordinators, Legal Advisors, Co-opted Members. District Co-ordinators also to be utilised for inspection of performing animals during shooting of films to ensure cruelty does not take place during the shooting with animals.

The EC directed to follow up and implement the work of uploading for online Application forms for all the schemes and Performing Animals Registration.

The EC also recommended that advisory be issued to all the States and UTs asking for the District authorities/Local bodies to establish kanji houses to shelter animals so that animals may not roam on the roads, as it being their mandate.

The EC took note of the letter received from the Ministry regarding the nomination of Members of Parliament in the Board and the issue of Office of Profit and decided that AWBI should request the Ministry to review their decision and also to write to the Joint Parliamentary Committee to grant exemption to AWBI from the Office of Profit provision for nominating MPs as Members of the Board as notified in the Section 5 of the PCA Act, 1960.

**Item No.3: Consideration of finalisation of Logo of AWBI and Flag on the Vehicle of Chairman & Members of AWBI.**

The EC approved the same and directed that the picture of African Elephant in the proposed logo should be replaced by Asian/Indian Elephant and the words Compassion in action is to be revised to Compassion in Action from Ant to Elephants. The picture of some animal can be cut/removed (like camel) so that the pictures of the animals is prominently visible even in a small size.
Item No.4: Reconstitution of Executive Committee and Grants Committee of AWBI.

The EC approved the reconstitution of all the Committees (Enclosed as Annexure) and the nomenclature of Committee instead of Sub-Committees. It directed to call the Humane Welfare Resources Committee as Animal Welfare Resources Committee.

The EC directed that the Board should also seek donations from the general public/corporates by appealing in the AWBI website. It was decided that the Board should write to the Ministry for not insisting for the remittance of the Performing Animals registration fees to the Government and allow the Board to utilise the fees for Animal Welfare matters. The money collected will be utilised as per the directions/advise of the Animal Welfare Resources Committee.

The entitlement of TA/DA for the Members and other non-officials as provided in the M/o Finance OM dt.14.9.2017 should be informed to them specifically stating that they will be entitled for TA/DA as per such and such category.

Item No.5: Consideration and approval of uniform design of the Shelter House for animals based on the number of animals sheltered.

The EC considered the uniform design of the shelter house and approved the same.

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.