

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA HELD AT HOTEL
ASHOK, NEW DELHI ON 17th APRIL 2010 AT 1700 HRS.**

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) was held at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi on 17 Apr 2010 at 1700 hrs.

Shri V.K. Verma, President, BAI presided. Following members attended the EC meeting:

1.	Shri DilipGhosh	-	Vice President
2.	Shri Devender Singh	-	Vice President
3.	Shri Ashok Bajaj	-	Vice President
4.	Shri VinodDhawan	-	Vice President
5.	Shri Pradeep S Gandhe	-	Vice President
6.	Shri S Muralidharan	-	Vice President
7.	Shri Abdul Bari Siddiqui	-	Vice President
8.	Shri RajenderKalsi	-	Treasurer
9.	Shri KodeDurgaprasad	-	Advisor
10.	Dr. O.D. Sharma	-	Jt. Secretary
11.	Shri PunnaiahChoudary	-	Jt. Secretary
12.	Dr.VijaiSinha	-	Jt. Secretary
13.	Shri S.P. Singh	-	Jt. Secretary
14.	Shri Omar Rashid	-	Jt. Secretary
15.	Shri S.A. Rawal	-	Jt. Secretary
16.	Shri Ashok Kumar	-	EC Member
17.	Shri K.N. Jaiswal	-	EC Member
18.	Dr.Manjit Singh	-	EC Member
19.	Shri TaliJamir	-	EC Member
20.	Shri J Arvindam	-	EC Member
21.	Shri N.C. Sudhir	-	EC Member
22.	Shri H. Gyaneswor Singh	-	EC Member
23.	Shri Arvind Singhal	-	EC Member
24.	Shri IqbalRehman	-	EC Member
25.	Shri Narahar G Thakur	-	Special Invitee
26.	Shri S.T. Desai	-	Special Invitee
27.	Shri ChuniLal	-	Special Invitee
28.	Shri PrabhakarRao	-	Special Invitee
29.	Shri D Valasalan	-	Special Invitee
30.	Shri K.K. Sharma	-	Special Invitee

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| 31. | Shri M. Jagadeesan | - | Special Invitee |
| 32. | Shri B.S. Mankoti | - | Special Invitee |
| 33. | Shri Dilip S. Pingle | - | Special Invitee |
| 34. | Shri M.C. Sethi | - | Special Invitee |
| 35. | Shri D.D. Magotra | - | Special Invitee |

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

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| 1. | Shri T.P.S. Puri | - | Vice-President |
| 2. | Shri Manik Shah | - | Vice-President |
| 3. | Shri Sanjay Mishra | - | E.C. Member |

Shri V.K. Verma, President, BAI, chaired the meeting. He called the meeting to order and welcomed the Members. The President informed the House that the BAC championship has been conducted very successfully. He complimented Shri S. Muralidharan, Shri T.P.S. Puri, Shri Ashok Kumar, Shri S.A. Shetty, Shri S. P. Singh, Shri GirishNatu and Shri K. C. PunnaiahChoudary for their sincere services. He also complimented Shri M.K. Singh, Asstt. Secretary of BAI for his dedicated services for the last couple of months.

The President, BAI congratulated the Indian Men & Women players and coaches and support staff for their excellent performance during the Thomas/Uber Cup preliminary rounds in Thailand and qualified to the Finals to be held at Kuala Lumpur. He also informed that this is the first time India has qualified to the Finals in both Men and Women category.

The President informed the House that India is now ranked 7th in the World in both Men & Women category as per the world ranking document released by the BWF. He recalled that until 2005, no regular international events were held in India. In 2005, we hosted the Asian Championship in Hyderabad and the India Open Grand Prix thereafter each year. We moved on to host the World Junior Championship in 2008 in Pune, following it up with the World Championship in Hyderabad in 2009 and now the Asian Championship in Delhi. The BAI has thus put India right at the centre-stage in the world of Badminton. Our effort now will be to get a Super Series event staged in India in the immediate future.

President also informed the House of several sponsors who have been roped in to support Badminton. He particularly referred the existing contract with Yonex Sunrise where the following improvements have already been agreed to:

- i) Doubling the quantity of shuttlecocks for all tournaments.
- ii) Substituting the brand AS2 by a more expensive brand AS3.

- iii) Increase the monetary support from the present level of approx. Rs.6 lakhs to five times of this amount and securing their commitment to remain Title Sponsors for India Open, including if it was to be a Super Series event.

With the Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 a few months away, it will be his effort to involve every member of the BAI in the organisation to deliver a high class Badminton event in the Commonwealth Games. Agenda Items were, thereafter, taken up.

Agenda 1. The Minutes of the last EC Meeting held at Hyderabad, proposed by Shri Ashok Bajaj and seconded by Shri VinodDhawan, were unanimously confirmed.

Agenda 2. Action Taken Report was unanimously confirmed. The resolution was proposed by Shri Muralidharan and seconded by Dr.VijaiSinha.

Agenda 3. The following Member Associations were finalised to conduct the various Nationals/Major Ranking tournaments and Inter State Zonal Championships:

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| (a) | <u>Inter State Zonal</u> | | <u>Venue</u> | |
| | South Zone | - | Tamil Nadu | |
| | North Zone | - | Himachal Pradesh | |
| | West Zone | - | Goa | |
| | East Zone | - | Jharkhand | |
| | North-East Zone | - | Nagaland | |
| | Central Zone | - | Railways | |
| | Inter Institutional | - | To be confirmed | |
| (b) | <u>All India Senior Major Ranking Prize Money Tournaments</u> | | | |
| i) | Bangalore | - | Karnataka | - Rs.5 lakhs |
| ii) | Bareilly | - | U.P. | - Rs.5 lakhs |
| iii) | Atul | - | Gujarat | - Rs.5 lakhs |
| iv) | BNDDBA | - | Bangalore(KTK) | Rs.5 lakhs |
| v) | Mumbai | - | Maharashtra | - Rs.5 lakhs |
| (c) | <u>All India Junior Ranking Prize Money Tournaments</u> | | | |
| i) | Bangalore | -Karnataka- | | Rs.3 lakhs |
| ii) | Ernakulam | -Kerala- | | Rs.3 lakhs |
| iii) | KrshnaKhaitan Memorial | -Chandigarh- | | Rs.3 lakhs |
| iv) | Chipalkatti Memorial | -Pune(Mah)- | | Rs.3 lakhs |
| v) | Haridwar | -Uttarakhand- | | Rs.3 lakhs |
| (d) | Sub-Junior Nationals at Saroor Nagar/Gopi Chand Academy, Hyderabad (AP)
(Under-13&-16 Age groups)
Junior Nationals – (Under-19 age)- Kakinada (A.P.) | | | |

Senior Nationals – (Men & Women) – Panchkula, Haryana
Veteran Nationals – Imphal – Manipur

**Agenda4. Regarding election of Office-bearers in the forthcoming Annual
General Meeting of BAI – June, 2010.**

As per the Constitution, the Executive Committee is required to fix the time, date and venue of the Annual General Meeting. Accordingly, the EC unanimously decided that the AGM will be held as follows:

Date : June 13, 2010
Time : 10 a.m.
Venue : Hotel New Taj, Mount Road, Chennai.

Notice will be issued as per the schedule stated in the Constitution.

The House further resolved that the election of Office-bearers will be held as per the Constitutional provisions and that a detailed circular explaining the electoral college, number of delegates entitled to represent a Member Association will be issued by BAI along with the notice.

Members enquired about a PIL pending in Delhi High Court regarding implementation of guidelines. President replied that :

- i. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had issued guidelines restricting tenure of Office-bearers in all National Sports Federations (NSFs), and National Olympic Committee (IOA). By a subsequent order of the Ministry, these guidelines were suspended from implementation. The guidelines remain suspended even now.
- ii. The guidelines, if ever implemented by Government, relate to conditions to be fulfilled by National Sports Federations (NSFs), for seeking financial assistance from the Government. For instance, if the Badminton Association of India (BAI) decides that it can run its affairs through sponsorship and does not need Government funds to support its running, the guidelines will not be applicable even if the Government were to issue its implementation.
- iii. The House was informed of the fact that the Constitution of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) was amended in its Annual General Meeting held in Guangzhou in May 2009 to state that Office-bearers of BWF will be elected for a four-year term and can seek re-election without any gap. This provision is stated in paragraph 22.8 of BWF Constitution, available on BWF website. Paragraph 10.5 of the BWF Constitution further states that all members of BWF (that is BAI) **shall** have Constitution, which will be not be inconsistent with the BWF Constitution.

The present BAI Constitution and the relevant provision of election of Office-bearers and terms for Office-bearers is inconsistent with that of BWF and does not have any restrictions on tenure of its office bearers.

- iv. On a query made by members, it was informed that the financial support from the Govt. to BAI totals up to approximately Rs.70 lakhs per year including grants for National Championships and the daily allowance paid to players during their participation abroad. Arrangements for sponsorship will fetch us about Rs. 2crores per year and the Association can function independent of Government funds for its scheduled activities. Financial Assistance from the Government are provided only on deficit basis and will in any case not be available to BAI in view of significant sponsorship amounts.
- v. It was also advised that amendments to B.A.I. Constitution carried out in the Special General Meeting held in Guwahati on 10 Jan 2010 will be filed with the Registrar of Societies and, thereafter, implemented in the forthcoming AGM scheduled in June 2010 in Chennai.

Following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee :

- (a) Election of Office Bearers will be conducted in the AGM scheduled in Chennai on 13th June as per the BAI Constitution which is consistent with the Constitution of BWF with regard to tenure of Office Bearers. Amendments to the Constitution carried out in the Special GM on 10 Jan 2010 will be given effect in the forthcoming AGM on 13th June after these have been filed with the Registrar of Societies.
- (b) As BAI has now become financially independent through sponsorship revenue, it does not need and will not be eligible for financial assistance to conduct its annual programmes. BAI and BWF Constitutions state that autonomy of the Associations and Olympic Charter has to be ensured. BAI will not accept any interference from any quarter including any guidelines that the Govt may decide to issue in future and will be guided by its own Constitution and that of the IOA and BWF to which it is directly affiliated.
- (c) As decided by the Special General Council in its meeting in Guwahati on 10th January 2010, BAI will strengthen professional management in its working and set up an Executive Board (EB) comprising elected and nominated functionaries who will conduct the affairs of BAI on day-to-day basis and will report decisions to Council/Committee. The EB will have a CEO driven management structure supported by a COO (or any equivalent designation), a Chief Financial Officer, National Coach and any others as approved by the Council, besides Executive President, General Secretary and two nominated Advisors.

- (d) As the post of Secretary General is vacant due to the demise of Shri L. C. Gupta, the notification for AGM and other related documents will be issued under the signature of the President, BAI.

Agenda 5. Shri K. C. Punnaiah Choudary apprised the House about the legal notice issued by Island Badminton Association. The House resolved that the Andaman Nicobar Badminton Association, which was recognised by A.N. Olympic Association in turn to Indian Olympic Association, has been affiliated to BAI. Hence, the Island Badminton Association will not be considered for any recognition or affiliation.

Agenda 6. The House approved the procedure of sending entries to domestic and International tournaments as circulated by the Joint Secretary (Tournaments), BAI.

Agenda 7. It was resolved that the host organisations has to deposit guarantee money to BAI as follows, 45 days before the commencement of the tournament (Non-refundable) :

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| (a) | Senior National and Senior Major Ranking Tournament | - | Rs.2 lakhs each |
| (b) | Junior Major Ranking Tournament And Junior/Sub-Junior Nationals | - | Rs.1 lakhs each |

In return, the BAI will release grants as follows, before the commencement of tournament :

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| (a) | Senior Major Ranking Tournament & Senior Nationals | - | Rs.5 lakhs each |
| (b) | Junior Major Ranking Tournament And Junior/Sub-Junior Nationals | - | Rs.3 lakhs each |

For all above events, Yonex Sunrise has been appointed Equipment Supplier and 100 doz. AS-3 shuttlecocks will be made available by BAI in exchange of A-Boards which will be advised. A-Boards of other sponsors are also required to be placed by the organisers. Details will be advised separately.

Agenda 8. Shri Rajinder Kalsi, Treasurer, BAI presented the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2008-09 which was passed unanimously. The house complemented the Treasurer, BAI for maintaining the accounts up-to-date.

Agenda 9. Annual Report for the year 2008-09 was adopted unanimously.

Agenda 10. Budget Estimates for the year 2010-11 were approved unanimously.

Agenda 11. Shri V.K. Verma, Chairman requested the affiliated Associations to submit the membership details before the AGM.

Agenda 12. The EC has finalised the Venue/Date/Time of the BAI-AGM as indicated in Agenda 4 above.

Agenda 13.

- (a) It was resolved unanimously to open a Bank Account at Central Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi in the name of "Badminton Association of India" to be operated jointly by the President/General Secretary/ Treasurer of Badminton Association of India (Any two to sign).
- (b) The EC recommended to the AGM for affiliation to Airports Authority of India (AAI) at par with Petroleum Sport Promotion Board. President, BAI will meet the Chairman, AAI and seek their confirmation as a sponsor for domestic calendar.
- (c) Resolved to increase the salary of Shri M.K. Singh, working as Asstt. Secretary, BAI to Rs.40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand) per month (Rs.35,000/- salary + Rs.5,000/- Conveyance + Communication & others).
- (d) The EC unanimously authorised the President, BAI to sign any sponsorship contract on behalf of BAI and issued Power of Attorney to the President, BAI to sanction any expenditure or release of grants to affiliated units up to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) from BAI funds. The same will be notified in the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting.
- (e) The EC approved the list of Umpires promoted from Grade III to Grade II and Grade II to Grade I, as submitted by Shri S. Muralidharan, Chairman CoC.
- (f) The Executive Committee unanimously resolved to open a Joint Account at Central Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi in the name of "BAI – Team India" to be operated jointly by the President, BAI/General Secretary, BAI/Treasurer, BAI (Any two can sign).

Agenda 14.

- (a) Shri Ashok Bajaj, Secretary, TNBA explained the progress of arrangements to host India Open Grand Prix Tournament at Chennai from 8-13 June 2010.
- (b) Shri S. Muralidharan, Competition Manager for Badminton briefed on the conduct of Commonwealth Games at Delhi from 4-14 October 2010. The members requested President, BAI to involve as many officials as possible in the organisation of Commonwealth Games.
- (c) Dr. Vijay Sinha, Secretary, UPBA informed the House that the arrangements are in progress for the conduct of Syed Modi Memorial International Grand Prix tournament at Lucknow from 14th to 19th December 2010.
- (d) Shri KodeDurgaprasad, President APBA informed that India International Challenge (Satellite) Tournament will be conducted at Gopichand Academy in continuation of Syed Modi Memorial Tournament.
- (e) The EC has resolved to appoint Managers to all official tournaments like SA Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and All International tournaments being held in India etc. Managers will also be sent by BAI for Thomas & Uber Cups being held in KL and to the World Championship scheduled in Paris.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



V.K Verma
President
Badminton Association of India