## MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF POA HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014 AT PEARL CONTINENTAL HOTEL, LAHORE

1. The Emergent meeting of the General Council of POA was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at 1100 hours at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore under the chairmanship of its President Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan. The following attended:-

Sr. #	NAME	Status / Federation / Association / Organization
1.	Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan	President, POA
2.	Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood	Honorary Director General, POA
3.	Mr. Wisal Muhammad	
4.	Sh. Mazhar Ahmad	Pakistan Archery Federation
5.	Ms. Mehwish Arooj	
6.	Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt	
7.	Mr. Bahre Karam	Athletics Federation of Pakistan
8.	Ch. Abdul Ghani	
9.	Mr. Tayyab Sohail	
10.	Mr. Shahnawaz Malik	Pakistan Badminton Federation
11.	Mrs. Mariam Manzoor	
12.	Mr. Syed Khawar Shah	Pakistan Federation Baseball
13.	Mr. Moazzam Khan Klair	Fakistan Federation Daseban
14.	Mr. Khalid Bashir	
15.	Mr. Mahmood Butt	Pakistan Basketball Federation
16.	Ms. Hurria Hussain	
17.	Mr. Tariq Perveiz	Pakistan Bodybuilding Federation
18.	Mr. M. Nadeem Akhtar	
19.	Mr. Doda Khan Bhutto	Pakistan Boxing Federation
20.	Mr. Mohammad Yousaf Butt	
21.	Mr. Umer Amjad	
22.	Mr. Kamran Amin	
23.	Mr. Waqar Ali	Pakistan Cycling Federation
24.	Ms. Farhat Malik	
25.	Lt Col (R) Ahmad Yar Khan Lodhi	
26.	Lt Col (R) Farasat Ali Shah	Pakistan Football Federation
27.	Ms. Qibtia Jamshaid	
28.	Lt Col (R) Ahsan Janjua	Pakistan Golf Federation
29.	Mr. Ahmad Ali	Pakistan Gymnastics Federation
30.	Mr. Painda A. Malik	
31.	Mrs. Nasreen Nazir	

32.	Mr. Muhammad Shafiq	
33.	Mr. Dabeer Hussain	Pakistan Handball Federation
34.	Ms. Tahira Saleem	
35.	Mr. Akhtar Rasool	Pakistan Hockey Federation
36.	Mr. Waqar Ilyas Khan	Pakistan Ju-Jitsu Federation
37.	Mr. Muhammad Jahangir	Delister Vente Federalina
38.	Mr. Shamim Hashmi	Pakistan Karate Federation
39.	Mr. Javaid S. Lodhi	National Rifle Association of Pakistan
40.	Mr. Ayaz Ali Khan	
41.	Mr. Shahid Nazir	Pakistan Rowing Federation
42.	Ms. Wajiha Abid	
43.	Mr. Fawzi Khawaja	5 5 . 5
44.	Mr. Arif Saeed	Pakistan Rugby Federation
45.	Cdr. Muhammad Akram Tariq	Pakistan Sailing Federation
46.	Mr. Haider Khan Lehri	Direction of the property of
47.	Malik Farhan Rashid	Pakistan Softball Federation
48.	Rana Tariq	Pakistan Squash Federation
49.	Maj (R) Majid Waseem	
50.	Mr. Hafeez Bhatti	Pakistan Swimming Federation
51.	Mrs. Asma Mustafa	
52.	Mr. Kifayat Ullah Khan	
53.	Mr. Khawaja Hassan Wadood	Pakistan Table Tennis Federation
54.	Ms. Qaisara Shamim Khan	
55.	Lt Col Waseem Ganjua	
56.	Mr. Murtaza Hassan Bangash	Pakistan Taekwondo Federation
57.	Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Tabassum	
58.	Mr. Muhammad Khalil	
59.	Mr. M. Iftikhar Hussain	Pakistan Tennis Federation
60.	Ms. Bushra Khalil	
61.	Mr. Shahid Raza	
62.	Mr. Rana M. Tauseef	Pakistan Tug of War Federation
63.	Ch. Muhammad Yaqub	
64	Mr. Muhammad Shahid Kamal	Pakistan Volleyball Federation
65.	Ms. Fareeha Khan	
66.	Hafiz Imran Butt	
67.	Mr. Amjid Amin Butt	Pakistan Weightlifting Federation
68.	Kh. Haseen Ahmad	

69.	Syed Aqil Shah	
70.	Ch. Muhammad Asghar	Pakistan Wrestling Federation
71.	Mr. Muhammad Arshad Sattar	
72.	Malik Iftikhar Ahmed	Pakistan Wushu Federation
73.	Mr. Amanullah Khan	Pakistan wushu redefation
74.	Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan	Balochistan Olympic Association
75.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Butt	KP Olympic Association
76.	Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja	Punjab Olympic Association
77.	Syed Sayeed Jamil	Sindh Olympic Association
78.	Mr. Muhammad Ramzan	Islamabad Olympic Association
79.	Mr. Imtiaz Afridi	FATA Olympic Association
80.	Lt Col Muhammad Tariq Bodla	ARMY
81.	Cdr. Abid Raza Jioya	NAVY
82.	Syed Haroon Masood	WAPDA
83.	Mr. Ali Raza Shah	Police
84.	Syed Muhammad Abid Qadri	Individual Member POA
85.	Hafiz Salman Butt	Individual Member POA
86.	Mr. Ehtasham Ul Haq	Individual Member POA
87.	Ms. Andleeb Ahmar	Individual Member POA
88.	Ms. Ambreen Malik	Individual Member POA
89.	Mrs. Fatima Lakhani	Lady Member
90.	Mrs. Veena Salman Masud	Lady Member
91.	Mrs. Nargis Rahimtoola	Lady Member
92.	Ms. Sumera Sattar	Lady Member
93.	Ms. Saba Shamim Akhtar	Lady Member
94.	Mr. Wajid Ali Ch.	POA Athletes Commission

- 2. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Director General POA.
- 3. With the quorum complete and house in order, the meeting started with the permission of Chair. The President welcomed all the participants with his profound thanks, particularly those coming from far off areas at a very short notice. He expressed that the increasing strength of the house was in fact an acknowledgement of their firm stand, understanding and commitment for the Olympic Movement of Pakistan particularly the POA.
- 4. The President informed that this emergent meeting is being held to share the outcome of the meeting at Lausanne convened by IOC, summary of which has already been sent to all affiliate members. He informed the House that the IOC had also advised POA to convene its General Council Meeting to decide in principle if the tenure restriction, also provided in the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2005, is to be applicable upon the office bearers of the POA. It was also agreed in the meeting at Lausanne that the final decision taken by the General Council of POA has to be respected by all the stakeholders particularly the GoP.

- 5. He welcomed Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhry in the present meeting from himself and on behalf of the house. The President POA appreciated the understanding of the President PHF for sending entry through legitimate POA for participation in the Asian Games.
- 6. He also congratulated to Mr. Naveed Akram Cheema on his reelection as President PBBF with Mr. Tariq Pervaiz as New Secretary General and Mr. Syed Sayeed Jamil as the new Treasurer, hoping that the Federation will dedicate their best efforts to develop, promote and popularize Bodybuilding in Pakistan.

## ITEM # 1 - CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST EMERGENT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 JUNE, 2014

7. The Minutes of the last General Council Meeting of POA dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2014 were circulated to all concerned vide email dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 for their perusal and comments. As no comments from any quarter were received, the house was requested to confirm Minutes of the last General Council Meeting

#### **DECISION**

The house unanimously approved Minutes of the last General Council Meeting held on 1st June, 2014.

# ITEM # 2 - SITUATION OF OLYMPIC MOVEMENT IN PAKISTAN AND AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN IOC/ OCA/ NOC PAKISTAN/ GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN ON 19 JUNE, 2014 AT LAUSANNE.

- 8. The President informed the House that the objective of the meeting was to review progress in the implementation of the steps agreed in the previous meeting and resolve all pending issues between POA and GoP / PSB in order to protect Olympic Movement in Pakistan. It is a matter of fact IOC has been very concerned regarding the prevailing situation of Olympic Movement in Pakistan.
- 9. He informed the house that IOC made it clear to the participants of the meeting that NOC must protect its autonomy as per the Olympic Charter clarifying that POA as headed by Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan is the only NOC in Pakistan. It was further clarified that POA although endeavours to works in complete harmony, it does not come under the purview of the GoP / PSB nor it is affiliated with it. IOC also asserted that the National Sports Federations are independent to function in accordance to the respective International Federation's Constitutions and the Olympic Charter. As such any federation decides not to impose tenure restriction, then the GoP / PSB cannot not forcefully impose upon it. It was clearly agreed in the meeting at Lausanne that the final decision taken by the respective General Councils of the Federations on this issue has to be respected by the Goyt, of Pakistan.
- 10. The President POA apprised of the issues of Athletics and Cycling that were also discussed. The IOC was informed that the Presidents of these Federations themselves don't want to affiliate with POA. The General Council of POA therefore cannot force these Federations to join POA. In the process the Athletes of these Federations are suffering through non representation. The POA Chief said that they would soon write a letter the IOC to approach the International Federations of Athletics and Cycling to recognize only those bodies that were duly affiliated with the NOC Pakistan. He further stated that Athletics and Cycling Federation recognized by their respective International Federations are not only working against the IOC Charter but also do not recognize the legitimate POA. So we have no other choice but to write to IOC and International Federation concerned to give affiliation to the Federation affiliated with the NOC Pakistan.
- 11. The house was apprised that following decisions were taken at Lausanne:
  - a. The GoP agreed to take all necessary measures to reinstate the POA in its office and access to its Bank Accounts by 04 July, 2014.

- b. GoP will immediately issue a letter to the President POA Lt Gen Syed Arif Hasan to confirm its full support to the POA.
- c. The GoP committed itself without reserve to not interfering with the jurisdiction of the National Sports Federations in regard to Sports Policy.
- 12. The IOC considers any restriction from the GoP on NSFs and NOC as interference compromising the autonomy that is not acceptable at any cost being violation of the Olympic Charter. The President further opined that the remedial measures taken by the GoP are not satisfactory and the autonomy is yet to be protected as per the sanctity of the Olympic Movement. The GoP has to change certain clauses in its NSP under which it had been pressurising the NSFs for the last ten years on the elections of President, Secretary and Treasurer for more than two terms. The GoP is still pressuring the Federations to amend their constitutions and is asking for confirmation by 9 Oct 2014.
- 13. The IOC wrote a letter to the GoP to implement the agreed decisions positively by 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 to avoid suspension in the IOC Executive Board since the suspension was already decided by the IOC EB in its preceding meeting.
- 14. The PSB in line of this agreement issued two (2) x letters confirming its position taken in the joint meeting with IOC. The PSB while withdrawing its previous letter issued to recognise the illegal and parallel body created to POA as an NOC confirmed that it is only the prerogative of IOC only to recognize an NOC in any country and as such it shall deal with only the NOC that is recognized by IOC. The PSB issued another letter to District Management and Police of Lahore withdrawing the previous instructions regarding the possession of Olympic House. The PSB informed them of the rightful position with a request to take all appropriate measures so that the legitimate NOC can once again operate from the Olympic House. It also clarified that the bank accounts of POA must be allowed to be operated by the POA as recognized by the IOC.
- 15. The GoP also issued clear instructions to the PSB to recognize only those Federations that are either affiliated to or recognized by the respective IF.
- 16. The President also informed that PSB had withdrawn the powers given to PSB in the PSB Rules, 1981 authorizing PSB to approve, amend and repeal the Constitution of any NSF in Pakistan. The other provision that was withdrawn resulted that now the PSB would no longer take sanctions against office bearers of NSFs including removal of office bearers. NSP's provision of two tenures will now applicable for the NSFs only if they themselves willing agree to this clause through a majority vote of their own General Council.
- 17. The house was further apprised that the illegal and parallel body created to POA along with three NSFs i.e. Athletics, Cycling and Judo, not recognised by POA, challenged the position taken by the government as per Lausanne agreement and got letters of the PSB suspended. They did their best to sabotage participation of the athletes in the Commonwealth Games through Court of law. On this PSB had to obtain clarification from the Court and thus the Contingent participated in the games. They have initiated contempt case against POA for participation in the Commonwealth Games as well as moved another contempt application for participation in Asian Games pleading such participation should only be carried out by them (the illegal body).
- 18. Prof. Painda A. Malik Secretary General PGF invited attention of the house to the notification of PSB to NSFs asking these to amend their Constitution by 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 incorporating two terms tenure which will be effective from the date of amendment. The notification further stated that PSB would only recognize those Sports Federations which were recognized by the respective International Federations and following the tenure policy of PSB. He sought consensus of the house whether we should accept the tenure restrictions of the PSB or not.

- 19. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA informed that house that in the meeting at Lausanne with IOC it was agreed that the decision of tenure be left to the discretion of the Federations. He observed that contrary to this decision the PSB is now asking for the amendment in the Constitution of the Federations. He assured the house that he will take up this matter with IOC. According to the agreement reached in Lausanne such a restriction cannot be imposed. On this issue the house unanimously authorized the President to take up this matter in his meetings with IOC/ ANOC/ OCA.
- 20. Col (R) Ahmad Yar Khan Lodhi, Secretary General PFF stressed that we must respond to PSB in strong words that such unilateral steps cannot be implemented.
- 21. Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, Secretary Punjab Olympic Association suggested in the case of Athletics and Cycling Federations the IOC and International Federations concerned may be requested to recognize only such Federations which are affiliated to NOC and also ready to honour the statute of International Federations. He further suggested that the decision of the Federation being legal or illegal should be with the NOC.
- 22. Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt drew attention of the house to a derogatory statement of Mr. Muhammad Akram Sahi and asserted that he is no longer member of this house due to his by choice disassociation with legitimate POA. Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt firmly opined that participation in the International events come entirely under the ambit of POA. Therefore we cannot stop any athlete from participation. To ease the situation he proposed that a committee may be constituted who may hold purposeful dialogue with those who are still not toeing the line of POA recognized by IOC.
- 23. Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, President PVF observed that POA is not affiliated to PSB nor it is subordinate to PSB. PSB has itself submitted in the Court of Law that POA is neither affiliated with PSB nor under it and that it does not receive any grant from PSB. He further asserted that PSB cannot force any change in the Constitution of any Federation. The issue of two terms only relates to the Federation who desires to take grant from PSB but the Constitution of National Federation have to be according to the laws of the International Federations concerned. He suggested that those Federations which are not affiliated to their International Federations must get themselves affiliated as soon as possible. He observed that the parallel body of POA was still creating obstacles and the most recent of them is the letter written to the airport authority to not allow Contingent to board the plane on the NVP without their NOC.
- 24. Hafiz Salman Butt an Individual member offered his congratulations to Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary for his becoming President PHF and participation of Hockey Team in the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Incheon Games. He further opined that if PSB intends to recognize any National Federations, they may do so after confirming from the POA whether this Federation is affiliated to the later. Talking about the NOC for going abroad of the teams, individual members or contingents for participation in International events, he strongly held that this should not be the prerogative of PSB rather this authority must vest in the POA. He further observed that sports facilities under the PSB may be allowed to be used by the needy Federations as these stand created from the public exchequer.
- 25. Syed Aqil Shah, Chairman Pakistan Wrestling Federation congratulated Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA for his courage and determination leading the POA from the front for the great cause of Olympic Movement of Pakistan and also offered congratulations to the house taking a firm stance and backing the President POA.
- 26. The President POA also drew attention of the house to the resolution passed in the General Council Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 and that was passed again in the last Emergent General Council Meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2014. The President POA asked the house that same strength is needed from the house for further deliberations/ meetings with IOC/ANOC/OCA. A resolution was tabled before the House in this context.

27. Mr Painda Malik again raised the point of non applicability of the tenure clause on POA and the House being unanimous on the point that they have no desire of its implementation in POA. In this regard he stated that despite the fact that the resolution has been approved he would like to propose that the House should once again, in no uncertain terms, reemphasise that they do not agree and would not accept any restriction on the tenure of any office bearer. The President asked the House to once again reemphasise the point. He asked the House to raise their hand if they agreed that there should be no tenure restriction in POA. All members of the House raised their hands to support that there should no tenure restriction in POA. The President then asked the House to raise their hand if there was any disagreement. There was no vote of dissent.

#### **DECISIONS**

1. The house unanimously expressed their gratitude to IOC/ ANOC/ OCA for taking appropriate measures to protect the Olympic Movement of Pakistan, and further urged the IOC to ensure that the agreements reached between all parties in Lausanne take finality.

The house categorically reaffirmed that POA in neither affiliate to PSB nor subordinate to it and would continue holding its independent structure at all times. In this context the house unanimously resolved as under

"The House reaffirms the resolution, passed in the General Council Meetings of POA dated 01 June, 2014 that (Resolution) states We the Members of NOC Pakistan (Pakistan Olympic Association) hereby resolve to abide by the provisions of the Olympic Charter in letter and spirit including but not limited to its Para-5 and para-7 of Fundamental Principles of Olympism as well as its Rule-27 (Mission and Role of the NOC's) and Rule-28 (Composition of the NOC's) read with their Bye-laws and Rule-29 which stipulates that the National Federations affiliated with their respective NOC shall be governed by and comply with in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the Rules of their International Federations recognised by IOC. We also pledge to comply with the Preamble, Mission (Article-IV), Compliance (Article-VI-v) and other clauses of the Constitution of Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) duly approved by the IOC requiring the observance of the Olympic Charter and protection of autonomy and independence of Olympic and Sports Movement in Pakistan. We the Members of NOC Pakistan (Pakistan Olympic Association), in pursuance of the above provisions of the Olympic Charter as well as the relevant Articles of the Constitution of Pakistan Olympic Association, undertake to uphold the Olympic Charter and the constitution of POA in its entirety and while making every effort to work in harmony, will not accept the interference of the Government in the affairs of NOC Pakistan and its affiliated National Federations/Associations, being violative of the Olympic Charter and Constitution of Pakistan Olympic Association. As a consequence of the above, it is resolved that POA is an autonomous and independent body, affiliated with the IOC and OCA. It is not affiliated with the PSB and shall not be affiliating itself with the PSB. The Federations further resolve that they shall have the right and obligations of autonomy, which include freely determining the structure and governance of their organisations through their own General Councils. The House resolves that the House is the only competent body to decide upon the tenures of the office bearers and the statutes of Constitution of POA entails no tenure restriction for the office bearers of POA which the House once again endorses. The House further resolves to invariably abide the Constitution of POA to strengthen the Olympic Movement in Pakistan"

- 2. POA was never nonexistent since its creation nor any illegal and parallel body created to POA had the right to claim and function as NOC Pakistan.
- 3. The house strongly opposed the notification of PSB asking the NSFs to amend their Constitutions by 09 October, 2014 as it was in defiance of the agreement reached between the IOC/ GoP/ POA/ OCA. The Constitutions of National Federations have to be in line with their International Sports Federations at all times. The President, POA was urged to take up this matter with the IOC/OCA/GoP.

- 4. To write a letter to IOC to approach the IFs of Athletics and Cycling to recognize those Federations which were duly affiliated with POA (NOC Pakistan). This decision was necessitated by the fact that Athletics and Cycling Federations recognized by IFs concerned had themselves disassociated with POA.
- 5. Those Federations that are not affiliated to their IFs concerned must get them affiliated to them at the earliest.
- 6. President, POA was once again unanimously authorized to take any action at any International forum in the best interest of Olympic Movement in Pakistan including disciplinary actions against those violating the Constitution of POA and IOC Charter.

#### ITEM #3 - ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Following matters were discussed by the House with the permission of chair

### A. 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Incheon, 2014

- Briefing the house on the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, the President apprised that the POA provided all relevant information to PSB well in time. POA also sent reminders to PSB particularly regarding the accommodation and Damage/ Deposit Fees and arrival and departure schedule. Unfortunately the matter was considerably delayed much beyond the timelines and the Contingent was finalized by PSB at eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Hour dropping sizeable strength of athletes and officials. He further informed that rules of the OCA levy heavy penalties if teams are either withdrawn or not allowed to participate after draws of their respective games are notified. The consequences of such slashing or rejection of the Contingent were also informed to PSB. However despite all odds, POA had handled all issues befittingly. He lamented that two delegates of POA going for the DRM were disallowed to board the plane from Sialkot airport on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. However they proceeded the next day from Karachi airport.
- 29. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood informed the house that PSB was sponsoring only limited sports from among already entered by POA for participation in the Asian Games. As an obligation POA has managed participation of those not approved by PSB. The house was thus requested to accord its approval for sponsoring all these sports by POA.

#### B. Restoration of Affiliation of Equestrian Federation of Pakistan (EFP)

30. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Director General POA informed the house that new elections of the Equestrian Federation have been held and POA has received a request from its new management for restoration as member of the POA ending up the suspension imposed with the approval of General Council of POA. After deliberations the house decided that the affiliation of EFP may be restored provisionally, without right of the vote, by President POA subject to completion of required formalities. The affiliation shall be restored as per the decision of the General Council in next General Council Meeting of POA as an agenda item.

#### C. So Called National Games by Illegal and Parallel Body Created to POA

31. Mr. Idress Haider Khawaja informed that the parallel POA has announced to hold the National Games once again and requested the house for their decisions not to participate in the unauthorized National Games. Being Secretary General Punjab Olympic Association he disclosed his plan to announce the provincial Games on the same dates on which the illegal POA would announce.

- 32. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA observed that the National Games being planned by the parallel POA would be illegal and the house should resolve that if any unit / individual takes part in such illegal games or attend any meeting to organise any such event in connivance with illegal and parallel body created to POA, constitution of POA shall be followed to take appropriate measures against these all.
- 33. Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput, President Pakistan Gymnastics Federation talking about National Games stated that it was the turn of Balochistan to hold these Games but still nothing is heard from them and sufficient time is required for preparation for these Games.
- 34. The house took strong cognizance of the announcing of National Games by the illegal and parallel body created to POA unanimously decided that no member unit of this house shall in any manner support or participate in the said unauthorized and illegal Games else it shall forfeit its affiliation with the Olympic Movement of Pakistan thus the POA. Similarly if any individual in any capacity participated in these games, he / she will be liable for disciplinary action.

#### D. Request of President PHF for Lifting the Ban on Rana Mujahid Ali

- 35. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood apprised the House that Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary, President Pakistan Hockey Federation has written a letter to the President POA requesting to lifting ban imposed on Rana Mujahid Ali by the General Council of POA.
- 36. At this point Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary taking up the floor thanked Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan the entire house for according him warm welcome and remembering him in good words. He stated that he has always followed the principles and the PHF will continue following such principles in cooperating with Pakistan Olympic Association. Presenting the case he pleaded that Rana Mujahid is the elected Secretary of PHF and all working of Hockey affairs is to be done by him. He further informed that Rana Mujahid also been elected as Vice President of Asian Hockey Federation. Therefore the ban imposed on him by POA may be lifted. He expressed that the great people have big hearts therefore he would request the house to show their greatness in forgiving Rana Mujahid.
- 37. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA remarked that since it was the decision of the house thus only the house has the authority to accept the request of Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary. The President expressed forgiveness on his personal level for the harsh and dirty language used by Rana Mujahid against him and Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood. It was also brought into the notice of the house that Mr. Rana Mujahid Ali has yet not proved that he realises about the damage he made to the Olympic Movement in Pakistan. He left the issue open to the decision of the house.
- 38. Mr. Muhammad Afzal Awan, Secretary General BOA suggested that Rana Mujahid may himself personally tender his apology before this house.
- 39. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Malik, President Pakistan Wushu Federation observed that Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary have had a nice talk but the fact remains that Olympic Movement is still suffering from the actions of Rana Mujahid particularly creating an Interim Committee of POA. The house being competent may take any decision viewing the issue quite comprehensively.
- 40. Mr. Khawar Shah, Secretary General Pakistan Federation Baseball endorsed views of Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Malik. He however opined that Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary is a respectable figure for all of us and suggested that a committee may be constituted to resolve the issue of Rana Mujahid.
- 41. Mr. Haider Khan Lahri, Secretary General Pakistan Softball Federation questioned the house whether a person who had damaged the Olympic Movement putting all of us in great troubles deserves any leniency of the House. However if the house if so desires the house may pardon Rana Mujahid.
- 42. Col (R) Ahmad Yar Khan Lodhi, Secretary General Pakistan Football Federation observed that there is always a procedure to resolve such a request. If anybody is punished he must first tender apology, and so is the case with Rana Mujahid.

- 43. Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, Secretary General Punjab Olympic Association addressing to President POA said that he has always been kind and sympathetic and in our Holy Book forgiveness is recommended. He stated that Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary is respectable for us and that he has personally informed him to be aware of Rana Mujahid. However decision of the house will prevail.
- 44. Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput, President Pakistan Gymnastics Federation suggested that an application for apology must come from Rana Mujahid he should appear before the Ethics Committee and decision should be taken by this house on the recommendation of the said Committee.
- 45. Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhry, President PHF assured that he is with the POA. He stated that great people talk great and forgive. He pleaded for such treatment. He said that forgiveness is great service. He opined under a highly a tense situation many harsh and bitter words are uttered in enmity. He requested the house for granting apology to Rana Mujahid.
- 46. Syed Abid Qadri, Individual Member POA proposed pardon of Rana Mujahid.
- 47. Mr. Arif Saeed, Secretary General Rugby Union of Pakistan stated that we should not make any procedural mistake and the request of Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary be processed under proper procedure.
- 48. Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, President PVF proposed that provisionally a committee be constituted and Rana Mujahid may also represent on this Committee. He further suggested that due to Asian Games, the case of Rana Mujahid may not be taken up with IOC/OCA/ANOC/FIH for the time being.
- 49. Mr. Ahmad Ali Rajput, informed the house that Rana Mujahid has also transgressed in the affairs of Sindh Olympic Association by keeping Sindh Hockey Association out of legitimate Sindh Olympic Association.
- 50. Mr. Salman Iqbal Butt stressed that due process should be processed. He endorsed proposal of Ch. Muhammad Yaqub and also suggested that Rana Mujahid may provisionally be allowed to participate in the Asian Games.
- 51. Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, DG POA also favored the proposal of Ch. Muhammad Yaqub for the formation of a committee, which may present its recommendations to the President who may give the final decision.
- 52. Mr. Arif Saeed, Secretary General Rugby Union of Pakistan enquired whether Rana Mujahid is accredited for the Asian Games. He further stated that it will be a wrong precedence to exonerate a person who is given punishment on solid ground, and this should not be done on the recommendation of any person without following a due process.
- 53. Hafiz Salman Butt, Individual Member POA suggested that legal committee may be consulted so that there is no mistake to resolve this matter as per the Constitution of POA.
- 54. Mr. Akhtar Rasool Chaudhary thanked the house for the kind words expressed for him and honoring his request through legal procedure. He agreed that the due process must be followed and that he would honour any decision by the House.

#### E. IOC Member in Pakistan

55. President POA apprised the house that a meeting between IOC and IOC Member Syed Shahid Ali was held prior to the former meeting between all concerned, and according to his apprehension the points as contained in the email generated from one Muhammad Waliuddin for the notice of Secretary IPC were apparently conveyed at the behest of the IOC Member in Pakistan. These points were targeted to undermine the legal stature of the IOC recognized POA particularly to prove as if President POA is working against the Olympic Movement in Pakistan. Interestingly the representative of the government in the meeting expressly raised these points in the meeting with IOC. The President however expressed that, if the House agrees, he will

personally get the points verified from the Member IOC as he is at the moment not present in the House and has been absent during the last so many meetings.

- Prof. Painda A. Malik, Secretary General PGF proposed to move against the member IOC who has been supporting Maj Gen (R) Muhammad Akram Sahi so called president of the illegal and parallel body created to POA. He further suggested that the Writ of Quo Warranto be filed to resolve the issue of parallel POA once for all.
- 57. Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja, Secretary Punjab Olympic Association suggested that 2/3 Members may call on Syed Shahid Ali to enquire that being Member IOC in Pakistan why doesn't he come to the meetings of POA.
- 58. Syed Aqil Shah, Chairman Pakistan Wrestling Federation congratulated Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA for his courage and determination to have led the POA and fought for the cause of Olympic Movement in Pakistan and also applauded the house to have stood by him and supported him. Talking about the attitude of Member IOC Syed Aqil Shah stated that IOC Member has opposed POA at all platforms evident from his absence from so many meetings. Being IOC Member he is custodian of Olympic Charter and rights of the NSFs in Pakistan, but he never spoke in favor of IOC recognised POA in Pakistan. He expressed that he should be removed as Member IOC from Pakistan since he negates the interest of Pakistan in the Olympic Movement. He proposed that Mr. Idris Haider Khawaja must be one of the members calling on Syed Shahid Ali.
- 59. Mr. Khawar Shah, Secretary General PFBB stated that Punjab is the biggest Province in Pakistan in terms of human resources and main contributor of athletes to the National Teams. Despite this fact sports are being destroyed in Punjab. He suggested that Punjab Olympic Association might elect its new President in place of Mr. Syed Shahid Ali who may be instrumental in the reactivating sporting activities in Punjab.

#### F. POA Secretariat – Functioning

- 60. Ch. Muhammad Yaqub, President PVF commended the efforts of Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, DG POA to ensure efficient functioning of POA Secretariat after illegal occupation of Olympic House and with freeze Bank accounts. He opined that none of the NSFs faced any issues while working with POA that speaks for the efficient working of POA Staff. He also appreciated stance of the NSFs standing firm with legal POA despite the fact that they were deprived of their rights. He also appreciated that POA did help the Federations as far as possible in financial matters.
- 61. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan appreciated working of the staff, their dedication, their correspondence with International contemporaries, the quantum of work and above all completing all related tasks meeting the timelines for participation of Pakistan Contingent in the Commonwealth, Youth Olympic and Asian Games.

#### G. Repossession of Olympic House

- 62. Hafiz Salman Butt suggested that a letter be issued by the Chief Secretary Govt. of Punjab for the repossession of the Olympic House when the opposite group managed its possession.
- 63. Talking about the repossessions of the Olympic House, Mr. Idrees Haider Khawaja, proposed that we will have to show our strength and occupy the possession the same way as was done by the parallel POA.
- 64. Lt Gen (R) Syed Arif Hasan, President POA clarified that PSB in line to the agreement reached in Lausanne had written a letter to the illegal POA to handover possession to the legitimate POA working under him, but since the operation is suspended by the Court of Law it could not be implemented. He also emphasized that no illegal steps would be resorted to.

#### **Decision**

#### The house decided

- i. That POA and NSFs shall share participation expenses of the sports excluded by the PSB from the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, 2014.
- ii. That the affiliation of EFP may be restored provisionally, without right of the vote, by President POA subject to completion of required formalities.
- iii. That none other than the POA can organise the NATIONAL GAMES and as such if anyone attempts to do, so shall be liable for illegally calling any event as National Games. The House further decided that anyone among the units of POA or any individual found participating in this game or any other illegal one in any manner whatsoever shall forfeit its affiliation with the POA and shall be liable for disciplinary action.
- iv. That the matter of exonerating Mr. Rana Mujahid Ali shall be referred to the Ethics Commission of POA that shall process this application and table recommendations before the General Council of POA for the final decision.
- v. Authorised President POA to discuss this matter with Mr. Syed Shahid Ali, IOC Member in Pakistan along with senior members of POA as well as with IOC and OCA.
- vi. Appreciated the efficient working of POA Staff for efficient and smooth functioning of POA Secretariat in difficult circumstances.
- vii. Urged the Government of Pakistan to ensure repossession of the Olympic Properties including the Olympic House and Bank Accounts under the rightful custody of the IOC recognised POA.

64. The meeting ended with the thanks of chair.

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**APPROVED** 

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