



**Minutes of the EGM of Rowing Federation of India
held on Saturday, the 25th January at 1130 Hrs at SATS Water Sports
Academy, Hyderabad**

A Special EGM of the RFI was held on the 25th Of January at 1130 hrs at Hyderabad to amend certain provisions of the M&AOA of RFI, which were at variance with National Sports Code 2011.

The following Office Bearers and Delegates from 19 Affiliated States were present:

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| 1. Mrs Rajlaxmi Singh Deo , | President, in the Chair |
| 2. Mr Girish J Phadnis , | Secretary General |
| 3. Mr Balaji Maradapa , | Treasurer |

The President Mrs Rajlaxmi Singh Deo took the Chair and called the meeting to order, she requested the Secretary General Mr Girish Phadnis to take a Roll Call.

The Secretary General took a roll call of the Delegates present from the affiliated States. The required quorum was met. The attendance sheet was duly signed by those present and is attached to these minutes .

Opening Remarks

The President briefed the house of the recent developments giving a detailed explanation of the sequence of events

Elections to the new Office Bearers and Executive Council of the Federation was concluded on 06.12.2019 at the SATS Water Sports Academy, Hyderabad and three Office Bearers and eleven Members of the Executive Council were declared elected by the Independent Election Officer in the presence of the Observers from the Government of India and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to oversee and supervise the elections. After the announcement of results and publication of the same, the AGM of the IOA, held on December 30th 2019 in New Delhi, the IOA raised an issue regarding the RFI Elections. Then a letter was received from President IOA dated 04.01.2020 that elections was to be held again since RFI conducted the elections with three councillors instead of two from each eligible affiliate and allowed proxies in the election process, which was not acceptable by the IOA.



RFI's current Memorandum and Articles contain provisions for 3 Councillors to represent each state of which one has to be a woman councillor under Article 10.2 and permits Proxy Voting under Article 10.7.

To observe the provisions of the Nationals Sports Code 2011 and to follow the directions of the IOA letter, the below articles in the RFI's M & A of A need to be amended to permit only 2 Councillors to form part of the electoral college and vote for elections and to prohibit proxy voting

Under the powers granted to the President under Article 12.2.10, 12.2.11 & 12.2.13, to consider, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification, the following, as a Special Resolution amending the following articles of the RFI's Memorandum & Articles of Association:

The proposed resolution and the recommended amendments were circulated to All Members and since no comments have been received, is taken as read.

Tabulated list of the proposed changes are duly attached to these minutes and will be displayed on the screen.

She then requested the Secretary General to take up the Agenda of the Meeting.

1. The Secretary requested Mr M.V.Sriram to assist in going through each amendment point wise and explanation of the existing Articles / Proposed Changes / explanation were carried out item wise
2. Mr Ramnik Sing Mann from Haryana raised a point when article 8.1 regarding Re-Affiliation came up. He was assured by the Chair that the point would be discussed after the main agenda of the EGM was concluded, as it did not form a part of the Agenda of the EGM.
3. The circulated Amendments were discussed point wise and only once change was made in Article 23 . In the proposed Article the word "Proxies " was replaced by " Authorized Representatives " .
4. Some Members requested that a few important points to be taken up before passing the Resolution to be taken up for discussion at the EGM. Since the points were not part of the Agenda, the Chair ruled that the matter will be taken up separately after the present Agenda is completed.
5. The Amendment of Articles was presented to the House for approval:



Proposed : M.V. Sriram (TARA)

Seconded : Kalyan Sarangi (WBRA)

The House unanimously passed the amendments by a voice vote.

Additional points taken up for discussion

1. Rowing Association of Haryana (RAH) was advised to send a letter of Commitment of Good Governance to satisfactorily address the several complaints received from the Rowers of Haryana, after receipt of the same, the permanent status of RAH will be restored.

2. The issue of voting by Chandigarh Rowing Association (CRA) was raised. Since CRA had a Court order giving them permission to vote being the recognised affiliated body of RFI, the House agreed that it would be the representative body from Chandigarh unless proven otherwise.

The above additional points were passed unanimously by the House.

As there were no further items the President thanked the members for the support and declared the meeting closed

Chairperson

**Date: 25th January 2020
1400 hrs**

Place: Hyderabad