

MINUTES OF THE AFI ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 20TH AND 21ST OCTOBER 2018 AT HERITAGE VILLAGE RESORT, MANESAR (GURUGRAM)

The Annual General Meeting of Athletics Federation of India was held on 20th and 21st October 2018 at Heritage Village Resort, Manesar (Gurugram). The list of members who attended the meeting is given at **Annexure-I**.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, President, AFI informed about the sad demise of Dr. Tony Daniel, Chairman, Technical Committee/AFI and Mr. Prahlad Savant, Former Vice President, AFI. The President applauded their contribution for the development of Athletics in the country and requested the members to observe two minutes silence to pay homage to them. Two minutes silence was observed by the House.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla President, AFI started the proceedings of the Meeting. He welcomed the members present in the House. In his opening remarks, he mentioned about participation of the Indian athletes in various international competitions and he also appreciated the athletes for their outstanding performance in Asian Games 2018 and Asian Junior Athletics Championships 2018. It was for the first time that 14 New National Records were created during the year. He informed the members that credit for all this goes to Athletes, Indian and foreign Coaches and, of course, to the Chairman, Planning Committee for his meticulous planning and clear vision.

The President informed the members that many athletes had not so far joined the camp which was a matter of concern. He advised the members to ensure that athletes of their respective state should join the camp immediately.

He further informed the members that Annual Competition & Training Calendar had been prepared keeping in view the 2020 & 2024 Olympic Games. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, were providing full cooperation and financial support, he added.

The President made special mention about Mr. Neeraj Chopra and Ms. Hima Das for their extemporaneous performance at the international platform. The President informed the members that the Federation had not so far achieved the target of involving 500 districts inspite of free boarding & lodging being provided to the athletes in addition to re-imbusement of to & fro rail fare. He appealed to the members to ensure that District Athletics Associations of the respective states

must participate in National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet after conducting their District Meets.

The President expressed his desire to further improve the technical conduct of the meet. He also mentioned that there has not been good response from the Affiliated Units for conducting the National Championships. In this connection, he proposed to involve private parties, which were in touch with the Federation to conduct the National Level Meets under the aegis of the Federation.

The President emphasized that athletes who meet the qualifying standard fixed by the Federation would only be sent for participation in International Championships if they repeat their performance. With these opening remarks the President, AFI requested Mr. C.K. Valson, Secretary, AFI to take up the agenda of the meeting.

The Secretary, AFI thanked the President and started the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda No. 1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 28th & 29th October 2017.

The Secretary, AFI informed that minutes of the previous AGM had already been circulated to all the Council Members and same were also kept in their folders. The Secretary requested the members to inform if they had any comments in this regard. Since no comments were received from any of the Member, the minutes were approved. It was proposed by Mr. Madhukant Pathak and seconded by Mr. H.S. Bhadu.

Agenda No. 2 Action taken report

The Secretary, AFI informed that the Action Taken Report was there in the working paper and asked the members for their comments, if any. Since no comments were received from any of the members, it was resolved to approve the Action Taken Report, which was proposed by Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry and seconded by Mr. Sunny Joshua. Copy of Action taken report is given at **Annexure-II.**

Agenda No. 3 Discuss and approve the Report of Secretary, AFI upto September 30, 2018.

The Secretary, AFI informed that the Report of Secretary, AFI upto September 30, 2018 had already been circulated to all the Members and same was also kept in their folders. The members appreciated the report and it was resolved to approve the same which was proposed by Mr. Pramod Jadam and seconded by Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak. Copy of the report of Secretary, AFI is given at **Annexure-III**.

Agenda No. 4 To Consider and approve the Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 & 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

The Secretary, AFI informed that the Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 & 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was circulated and also available in the working paper. Mr. P.K. Srivastava, Treasurer, AFI asked for the comments of the members, if any.

Since no comments were received from any of the members, it was resolved to adopt the audited statement of accounts which was proposed by Mr. Mumtaz Khan and seconded by Dr. Ashutosh Sharma.

Agenda No. 5 Appointment of Auditors and fix their remuneration.

The Treasurer, AFI informed the members that the present Auditors were working to the satisfaction of the Federation. However, he wanted to have the opinion of the members regarding their re-appointment with the same remuneration. The members had no objection in this regard. It was therefore, resolved to continue with the same auditors i.e. M/s Sehra & Company at the same remuneration which was proposed by Mr. Madhukant Pathak and Mr. H.S. Bhadu seconded it.

Agenda No. 6 To present the report on performance of Indian Athletes in the following International major competitions:

- a. Asian Championships, Bhubaneswar 2017**
- b. Asian Youth Athletics Championships 2017**

- c. World Youth Athletics Championships 2017**
- d. Asian Junior Athletics Championships 2018**
- e. Commonwealth Games 2018**
- f. Jakarta Asian Games, 2018**

The presentation was made to the House by Mr. Bahadur Singh, Chief Coach and Mr. P. Radhakrishnan, Deputy Chief Coach. Mr. Bahadur Singh informed that Indian team got top spot in the Asian Championships 2017 held at Bhubaneswar winning 12 Gold, 5 Silver and 11 Bronze Medals. It was for the first time in the history of Indian Athletics that India topped the medal tally leaving behind China and Japan inspite of the fact that a record number of 900 outstanding athletes from all the 45 Asian countries had participated in the Championships.

Our athletes could not do better in the World Championships 2017 which was held at London from 4-13 August 2017. In all, 24 athletes qualified for the competition. Although Dutee Chand (100m) did not achieve the qualification standard set by IAAF yet she was given entry by IAAF to complete the minimum number of participants in the event.

The Chairman, Selection Committee Mr. G.S. Randhawa stated that the decision of Selection Committee for selection of athletes should be treated as final and no changes should be made later on.

During Asian Games held at Jakarta, the Bronze medal of G. Laxmanan was lost due to wrong decision of disqualification given by the Jury. The protest lodged by our officials was rejected due to lack of video recording for Track and Field events. Similarly, Hima Das also lost her Gold Medal as she was obstructed by Bahrain athlete and here also the Jury over ruled the protest of AFI. In Race Walking, almost every athlete got disqualified even though one medal was expected from them.

Presentation was made to the House by Mr. Sanjay Garnaik for International Youth and Junior Championships.

Mr. Sanjay Garnaik informed that 35 athletes (24 Boys and 11 Girls) participated in the 2nd edition of Asian Youth Athletics Championships held at Bangkok from 20-23 May 2017. Indian athletes won 14 Medals (Gold – 05, Silver – 05, Bronze –

04). India secured third place in the championships in which 20 Asian countries participated.

He further informed that the World Youth Athletics Championships was held at Nairobi from 12-16 July 2017. In all, 14 male and 05 female youth athletes earned qualification for the championships. Although the performance of the athletes was not very good, five athletes recorded their personal best. Damneet Singh won Silver Medal in Hammer Throw.

Regarding Asian Junior Athletics Championships 2018 held at Gifu Japan, India won total 17 medals (5 Gold + 2 Silver + 10 Bronze). He, however, requested the State Secretaries to send the athletes for the camp.

The presentations made to the House are given at **Annexure-IV**.

Agenda No. 7. To approve the Annual Calendar for the year 2019.

The President, AFI informed the members that we have considered the championships to be held in 2019 and also 2020. After detailed deliberations in the House, the annual calendar was approved which is placed at **Annexure-V**.

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed the members that many state units had requested to raise the entry standard for which we have constituted a committee as under:

Mr. Sanjay Garnaik
Mr. S.P. Pillai
Mr. M.V. Kutty
Mr. Raja Velu
Mr. T.R. Sharma

Agenda No. 8 Report on conduct of Competitions for Indian School Track & Field.

The President, AFI stated that the proposal came up for the first time in 2015 but no headway had been made so far. He further informed the members that the report submitted by the committee was not complete and lacked some important points. He further mentioned that keeping in view some new competitions being

organised by Reliance, Khelo India etc., we needed to prepare a realistic report indicating inter-alia the finance involved for organising this meet. A committee comprising the following members was constituted for the purpose:

Mr. J.S. Saini

Mr. M.K. Pathak

Mr. Satish Uchil

Mr. S.P. Pillai

Mr. Stanley Jones

Mr. Ashok Gupta

Ms. Anusuya Bai

Ms. Anju Bobby George

Copy of the report of above Committee presented to the House is given at **Annexure-VI.**

Agenda No. 9 To present in details about the preparation of Indian Athletes for the following International Competitions:

- Asian Championships, 2019
- World Championships, 2019
- Olympic Games, 2020

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed the House that we had Planning Committee meeting at Patiala wherein lot of discussions had taken place. He informed the House that we would follow the system of double periodisation and our main target would be 2020 Olympics and also preparing for 2022 Asian Games and 2024 Olympics. We would have plans for 2028 Olympics also. The athletes preparing for 2020 Olympics had already been inducted in the national coaching camp. So, the athletes of 17, 18 and 19 years would be competing till 2028.

Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot further added that we had identified events for Asian Championships and also certain events for Olympic Games and Asian Games. For Asian Games, we had identified only those events where we had chances of winning medals. He further stated that we had more chances of winning medal in 400m Women in Olympics. Hima Das was very potential athlete and after systematic training for next two years we expect better results from her. The

Chairman was also hopeful of 4x400m Relay (Men & Women) team doing well in also. The targets for 2020 Olympics for elite athletes were also fixed.

We could also expect good performance in Shot Put event during the 2020 Olympics. One coach was likely to be engaged from New Zealand for Shot Put, he added.

Agenda No. 10 To present report about Sprint Academy established at JLN Stadium, New Delhi.

The Chairman, Planning Committee, AFI informed the members that the Academy was started in collaboration with IAAF, SAI and Athletics Federation of India at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. Although we are getting full cooperation from SAI to run this Academy, the Director General of SAI had suggested to shift this Academy to Sonapat due to heavy rush of athletes of other sports training there. The Chairman, Planning Committee further informed the House that all efforts would be made to run this Academy smoothly and include more talented youngsters in this Academy. The Federation would ensure that proper facilities were provided to the trainees in the Academy.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 11 To apprise the House about the Court Cases.

A detailed presentation was given by Mr. Parth Goswami, Legal Advisor of AFI. He informed the House that the athletes approached the Court if they were not selected by the Selection Committee to participate in the International Championships. AFI had fixed the qualification standard for participation in the domestic and international competitions. Till now all decisions of the Hon'ble Court have been given in favour of AFI which was applauded by the House. Similarly, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had also approached the Competition Commission of India against the decision of AFI regarding unauthorized Marathons and Road Races. This case was also decided in July 2018 in favour of AFI. So, all cases filed either by the Athletes or by the Ministry, were decided in our favour.

The details of Court cases are given herebelow:

STATUS OF CASES FILED AGAINST ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

2S.NO.	CASE TITLE	COURT/TRIBUNAL	STATUS/ REMARKS
1.	CHIRTA P.U V/s UNION OF INDIA & Ors. (WP (C). NO. 24620 OF 2017 (B))	HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA	A Writ Petition was placed before the Single Judge of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala as the Athlete against her exclusion from Indian squad for World Championships which were held in London. An interim order was passed by the Court directing AFI to send Athlete's name for the Championships.
2.	CHITRA P.U. V/s C.K VALSON & ORS (Contempt Case no. 1322 of 2017)	HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA	Contempt Petition was filed by the Athlete against members of Selection Committee of AFI for not selecting her for World Championships and also for not sending her name despite Court order. AFI defended its Selection Policy and defended the case before the Kerala High Court. Contempt Petition was dismissed by the Division Bench of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
3.	ATHELETICS FEDERATION OF	HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA	AFI filed a Writ Appeal before Division Bench

	INDIA V/s CHITRA P.U (WA 1636 OF 2017)		against the interim order passed by the Single Judge in the Writ Petition directing AFI to send name of the Athlete for participation in World Championship. AFI through its lawyers defended its selection policy and was able to obtain an order setting aside interim order passed by the Single Judge.
4.	DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS V/s ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (Case no. 01. of 2015)	COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA	Complaint was filed before CCI by MYAS against the decision taken by AFI against unauthorized marathons/road races during its AGM at Varanasi. Commission prima-facie found decision of AFI anti-competitive and ordered for an enquiry by the office of DG, CCI. AFI faced investigation in the case. Various documents were supplied to the office of DG. AFI's senior management was called for recording their statements by the Jt.DG. Mr. Adille J. Sumariwala (President) and Mr. Ravinder Chaudhary recorded their statements and defended AFI's decision. Statements of various marathon organisers and NSF's were also recorded by the office of DG. Report filed by the office of DG found AFI guilty of anti-

			<p>competitive practices.</p> <p>AFI challenged the said report of DG before the Competition Commission of India.</p> <p>Vide Judgment dated 12.07.2018, the Commission rejected the report of the DG and observed that AFI's decision cannot be termed as abusive or the one which denies market access to marathon organisers.</p>
5.	<p>PRACHI & Anr. V/s UNION OF INDIA (W.P (CIVIL) 792 OF 2018)</p>	<p>HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA</p>	<p>Writ Petition was filed by Athletes Ms Prachi and Ms Chhavi for their non-inclusion in the 4 X 400 mts relay team for Asian Games. AFI successfully defended its selection policy and the case was dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p>
6.	<p>MONIKA CHAUDHARY V/s UNION OF INDIA & ORS. W.P (C) NO. 8801/2018</p>	<p>HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI</p>	<p>Writ Petition was filed seeking direction against AFI for including Athlete in the 1500 Mts (W) event for the Asian Games. Athlete had failed to impress during confirmatory trial held at Bhutan on 15.08.2018. AFI in the most fair and transparent manner made a proposal before the Hon'ble Court to conduct a fresh trial for the Athlete at New Delhi and also agreed to include the Athlete in the team if she manages to reach the qualifying standard. Accordingly, a trial was</p>

			conducted, but the Athlete did not manage to reach the qualifying mark.
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Agenda No. 12 To discuss about Foreign Coaches.

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed the House that the following foreign coaches were presently attached to the national coaching camps:

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| 1 | Dr. Nikolai Snesev | Middle and Long Distance |
| 2 | Mr. Iurii Minakov | Shot Put and Discus |
| 3. | Mr. Uwe Hohn | Javelin Throw |
| 4. | Ms. Galina Bukharina | Relay |
| 5. | Mr. Bedros Bedrosian | Long Jump |
| 6 | Mr. Anatoliy Fatyeyev | Heptathlon |
| 7 | Mr. Alexander A. | Race Walking |

The Chairman made special reference to Mr. Uwe Hohn and Ms. Galina Bukharina under whose expert guidance Mr. Neeraj Chopra and 4x400m Women Relay Team won Gold Metal in Jakarta Asian Games respectively. Appointments of High Performance Director, one foreign coach and two Recovery Experts had also been approved by the Government, he added.

The President, AFI emphasized the need to have more Level-I coaches so that they could be attached to the talented young athletes identified in NIDJAM. He added that the Federation was proposing to organise Level-II Coaches' course and requested the state units to motivate more and more coaches to appear in Level-I Coaches Course being organised by the Federation.

Mr. Bahadur Singh, National Chief Coach proposed the need of foreign coaches for junior athletes, so that they could adapt the right technique in the beginning of their athletics career. He was also of the opinion that any coach getting 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in Level-1 coaches' course should be appointed and attached to the foreign coaches to further update their knowledge. Dr. Bhanot fully agreed to this suggestion. The Chairman, Planning Committee Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot appreciated that Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair, Dy. Chief Coach was doing a good job and his name had been recommended for Dronacharya Award because of his total commitment in performing the activities of the Federation.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 13 To present the details of National Records approved by the Executive Council.

The Secretary, AFI Mr. C.K. Valson informed the House that the committee was constituted with the following members to peruse the national records and give its recommendation for consideration/ratification of the House:

Mr. S.P. Pillai, Chairman
Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry, Member
Mr. Raja Velu, Member
Mr. Stanley Jones, Member
Mr. P.K. Srivastava, Member
Mr. Satish Uchil, Member

Mr. S.P. Pillai, Chairman, Technical Committee informed the House that the Committee had checked all the records which were found to be in order except four cases; two records of 100m and Pole Vault created in Services Athletics Championships and other two cases where the results of dope samples collected in National Open Athletics Championships, held at Bhubaneswar were still awaited. All other records were approved by the committee. The presentation is given at **Annexure-V**.

It was resolved to approve the report of the Committee which was proposed by Mr. A.V. Raghvendra and seconded by Mr. H.S. Bhadu.

Agenda No. 14 To discuss about the working of affiliated State Units and propose action against the defaulters.

The Secretary, AFI Mr. C.K. Valson requested the State Units to make presentation regarding the annual activities performed by them. After presentations by the state units were over, the President, AFI advised them to adhere to the following;

- Have their own website where it was not available
- Not to make the Chief Coach as Chairman of the Selection Committee

- To conduct STO/FSTO examination to have sufficient number of qualified Technical Officials. It was felt that most of the states were not having the desired number of STOs/FSTOs.
- Election of Office Bearers must be held on due date.
- The state units of Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab were advised to conduct their elections latest by 30th November 2018 as their tenure had finished long back. If they failed to conduct election by 30th November 2018, AFI would constitute a three member committee to conduct elections.
- The state units which had not adopted AFI Model Constitution must do so by 31st December 2018, failing which action, as deemed necessary, would be taken against the defaulters.
- All state units must ensure that District Associations conduct district meets and send maximum number of districts to participate in NIDJAM.
- No leave will be given to the campers to participate in any meet conducted by affiliated units of AFI.

The presentation given by the units is given at **Annexure-VII**.

Agenda No. 15 To discuss about steps taken by the federation in curbing doping menace and ratify the list of athletes against whom sanctions were imposed during the period of the report.

Agenda No. 16 To discuss about age manipulation.

The President, AFI informed the House that two major problems viz. doping and age manipulation were hindering the development of Athletics in the country. He informed the members that India was no. 3 in doping and was out of watch list. However, there would be many problems if we come in the watch list. He felt that doping was prevailing right at the grass root level in almost all the states and he was afraid that the days were not far when doping would be made a criminal offence and even a law could be introduced any time in India for that. He therefore, requested all state units to remain alert in this regard and eradicate the menace of doping as well as age manipulation.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mendiratta, while making the presentation to the house informed that there were 25% of forged certificates of age during NIDJAM and Youth Championships. Dr. Arun informed the House that NADA officials were not even

given the requisite facilities. Even the Age Verification Committee was not given proper room/space and lighting system etc. Not only this, late arrival of athletes at 6.00 PM made the things worse.

The Chairman, Planning Committee proposed to form two teams; one headed by Mr. M.K. Pathak and the other by Mr. Sandeep Mehta to search the Athletes. AFI would make a rule that Athlete would not be able to participate in any Athletics meets if found violating the doping rules, he added. Similarly, if coach was found in possession of the forbidden supplements, he would be removed from the camp. These teams should also be given the right to search the room of athletes in the national camps. It was also proposed that we should make a format and send it to the states.

Dr. Arun K. Mendiratta showed his concern about the telephonic messages received from various Office Bearers expressing their displeasure about the action taken against their athletes found over age. Similar requests were also received for change of entry. This should be stopped, President said. He further informed that no President/Secretary was authorised to change the entry. It was also mentioned that people were charging money from athletes for participating in the competition from other states which they do not belong to. President, AFI asserted that receipt of results of the state meet alongwith online entry must be made mandatory. In addition, the Junior team must be accompanied by the Manager, otherwise their entry will not be accepted. It had also been observed that one particular athlete with different names was being entered by the state units for which UID number needed to be issued. This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 17 To approve the proposal to sanction domestic Competition (s) directly to the organizers other than Affiliated State Units.

The President, AFI informed the members that this agenda was also discussed in the Executive Council Meeting and the House had already agreed that AFI could allow the private parties or any other institution to conduct athletics meet as per terms and conditions laid down by AFI.

This agenda item was approved and same was proposed by Mr. Raj Kumar Mittan and seconded by Mr. M.K. Pathak.

Agenda No. 18 To discuss about the Constitution of the States Units.

The President, AFI mentioned here that the Chairman, Planning Committee had already made it clear earlier that all those Units which have not amended their constitution, must do so latest by 31st December 2018 failing which action as per AFI Constitution would be taken against the defaulters in the next AGM.

Agenda No. 19 To approve the updated AFI Constitution.

The President, AFI informed the House that the updated copy of AFI Constitution had already been circulated to all the state units and this issue was also discussed in the last AGM. We had already taken signatures of the Office Bearers of State Units and same would be sent to the Registrar of Societies.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 20 To apprise the House about the shifting of office premises from 114 G, Todapur, Main Road to A-90, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-1 and approve the expenditure incurred on this count.

The Secretary, AFI requested Dr. V.K. Tyagi, Hony. Director (Admn.) to make presentation to the House about the new premises in Naraina Industrial Area which have been hired by AFI. Dr. V.K. Tyagi informed the House that the old office premises at 114 G, Todapur were sealed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi as per directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The said building was sealed as the same could not be used for commercial purpose as per records of Municipal Corporation. Moreover, the said building was constructed on Government land and hence, was deemed as encroachment. Under these circumstances, we had to shift to new office at A-90, Naraina Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi. Dr. Tyagi further informed the House that the rent for the new building at Naraina Industrial Area was same as it was at Todapur. While making the presentation to the House, Dr. Tyagi informed the members that the Federation had suffered a great loss towards expenditure incurred on the renovation of the previous office premises at Todapur. However, the House was informed that the present Office in Naraina was fully furnished and hence, the existing equipment, furniture and ACs etc. were needed to be sold.

He requested the House to approve this agenda item and condone the loss which the Federation had to make due to the above incidence. **This agenda item was approved.**

Agenda No. 21 To discuss about NIDJAM to be conducted during 2018

The President, AFI informed the members that this year the National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM) would be held at Tirupati from 01-03 December 2018. We had kept the target of involving 500 districts for participation in this Meet.

The President mentioned that we had very less number of coaches as compared to about 600 districts in the country and expressed the views to increase the number of Level-I coaches to 1000 in the near future. The Chairman, Planning Committee requested all the states to conduct Level-I Coaches' Course in their respective states.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 22 To discuss about License fee to be charged for various Competitions.

The President, AFI mentioned that it was a new system proposed to be introduced by AFI and in fact, he was not clear about the obligation of the State Units. He proposed that a committee should be made with the following members:

Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry

Mr. J.S. Saini

Mr. Divesh Bhal

Mr. Raj Mittan

The President mentioned that this committee should meet and complete its report within next six months.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 23 To present a Report on IAAF Coaches Level-1 Courses being conducted by AFI.

Mr. Divesh Bhal, Manager (Communications), AFI made a presentation to the House. He informed the members that many coaches in India were not aware of the latest technique of coaching. Hence, to update their knowledge IAAF Coaches Level-1 Courses were conducted at Patiala, Chennai, Gwalior and in Ranchi. There were 24 participants in each course. One Lecturer from India and one from abroad were invited to conduct this Course. Certificates to all the participants were distributed on conclusion of the course. AFI would be conducting similar courses in the year 2019 also.

The presentation given by Mr. Divesh Bhal was appreciated by the House.

Agenda No. 24 To discuss about the steps to be taken to upgrade the knowledge of Technical Officials to bring at par with ATOs/ITOs

Since Dr. Tony Daniel, who was the Chairman of Technical Committee, AFI, had since expired, Mr. S.P. Pillai was made the Chairman of Technical Committee in his place and he was requested to make presentation to the House for the period he joined this assignment. It was mentioned that there should be area-wise training of technical officials for which support from all the state units was required. He further elaborated that the Federation did not have qualified officials to operate the electronic devices. He also suggested that the use of EDM should be made mandatory in all meets. The Chairman, Planning Committee narrated that EDM should be used not only in national meets but also in the state meets. Unqualified officials for TSR would not be deputed for standard meets, he asserted. The Chairman, Planning Committee was of the view that the performance of technical officials in the international meets held in India was quite upto the mark whereas, the standard of technical conduct was not satisfactory in the domestic meets. It was further stated that we need to have 30-40 Technical Officials who should be familiar with the latest technical rules for whom we should conduct some workshop/seminar.

The report was approved by the House. Copy of the presentation given to the House by Mr. S.P. Pillai is given at **Annexure-VIII**.

Agenda No. 25 To discuss about “On Line” entry system.

After discussions some of the members were of the view that the on line entry system should be simplified stating that a provision should be made for correction of mistake(s), if any. Mr. Nitin Arya replied that we would introduce this by way of data base through UID system.

The Chairman, Planning Committee of AFI informed the members that in order to bring more and more transparency, we would put the minutes of Selection Committee Meeting on AFI website and the results of the meet would also be put on the AFI website as soon as same are generated.

Some members were of the opinion that there was problem with the online entry of Relay event. The members were informed that that Mr. Nitin Arya could be contacted in this regard.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 26 To discuss and approve the entry fee for all National Competitions.

The President, AFI informed the members that the Federation was receiving the complaints from the organisers of the Meet that they had to make boarding/lodging arrangements as per the entries received. However, it was noticed that there was difference between the entries received and the actual participation. This resulted in financial loss and wastage of food. It was for this reason that the Federation had decided to fix nominal amount of entry fee to be charged from the athletes which would be non-refundable. It was proposed that entry fee of Rs. 50/- per head would be charged from the junior athletes.

This agenda item was approved by the House.

Agenda No. 27 To discuss about non-inclusion of athletes who are not part of the National Athletics Coaching Camp for selection in 4X100m & 4X400m Relay Teams for all International Competitions.

Mr. Bahadur Singh, National Chief Coach informed the House that this agenda item was discussed in details yesterday in the Executive Council Meeting. He was of the views that athletes training outside the camp were not performing satisfactorily in the main competition as in the case of Nirmala in 400m event. He further informed that there were 25 athletes each in men and women section in 400m/4x400m Relay and we were likely to win medal in the 2020 Olympics. He also suggested that we should include other events also besides Relay observing that we have world class foreign coaches to train the athletes like Hima Das, Vismaya etc. who are the medal prospects.

Mr. G.S. Randhawa, Chairman, Selection Committee congratulated everybody for the excellent performance of the Indian Athletes in 2018 Asian Games for which credit goes to Chairman, Planning Committee, President, AFI and Secretary, AFI. He fully agreed with Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot that if all the athletes are trained together then they would definitely give better performances. He strongly recommended that all the athletes of Relay event must train together in the coaching camp, otherwise, they should not be selected.

Mr. H.S. Bhadu agreed to the joint training of athletes of Relay event but not the case of individual events. Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak mentioned that as per his opinion, the personal coach or use of forbidden substance could be the reason of not joining the camp by some athletes and desired that all athletes should join the camp if they wanted to be part of the Indian continent.

Some of the members including Mr. KPS Brar, Mr. Stanley Jones, Mrs. Shiny Wilson and also Ms. Anju Bobby George were of the opinion that other than Relay some athletes for other events from out of the camp should also be given chance to participate.

Mr. J.S. Saini mentioned that everybody had agreed for compulsory camp for Relay and he was happy that 25 athletes were selected for the camp each in men and women section for 400m and 4x400m Relay but for other events the views of the members were different. He suggested that 5-6 athletes from outside the camp should be selected prior to the major competitions. In the interest of the

country we should keep the option open for the outsiders also for other events, he added. He however, reiterated that we would have to be cautious about doping regarding athletes training outside the camp.

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed that he was happy that majority of the members had given their views on this important agenda item and further added that we were mainly concerned about the use of forbidden substance by the athletes who were training out of camp. That was the reason why we had decided in the last AGM that we would take trials before the 2018 Asian Games for which dates of 15th and 16th were fixed and it was also posted on AFI website. He further informed the House that it was only our Federation which conducted the open trials and no other Federation ever done so. It was decided to approve only for Relay events and for other events this issue would be discussed in the next meeting. He further proposed to constitute a committee comprising the following members and request them to give their report tomorrow:

- 1 Ms. Anju Bobby George
- 2 Mr. Bahadur Singh
- 3 Mr. Parth Goswami
- 4 Mr. KPS Brar

The report of the said committee was presented by Ms. Anju Bobby George to the House. The committee was of the views that athletes selected for major international competitions must train in the national camp which were under AFI's watch list. By doing so, AFI could impose more effective monitoring and screening of the athletes to eradicate the doping violation. In case of extraordinary performance by a non-camper it should be notified to AFI in writing by the state/affiliated unit/coach or any other responsible person. The Chairman, Planning Committee mentioned that the suggestions given by the committee were good and further reiterated that the doping was very serious issue and that problem had to be tackled properly. He added that our aim was not to discourage the athletes or to make any harm to them but he only wanted to give them warning that we were on the watch list of WADA. As such, the athletes would have to give whereabouts wherever they were training and that they could not hide themselves.

Copy of the report of this committee presented by Ms. Anju Bobby George is attached at **Annexure-IX**.

Agenda No. 28 To discuss and approve the Reports of the following Committees:

- **Selection Committee**
- **Medical Committee**
- **Technical Committee**
- **Planning, Coaching & Monitoring Committee**

The President, AFI informed the members that since lot of discussions had taken place in this regard, there was no need for further discussions. It was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Sharma and seconded by Mr. Pradeep Nunisa.

Agenda No. 29. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Chairman, Planning Committee made a proposal to introduce Mixed Relay Event in National Championships as this event was also included in the Asian Games 2018. This proposal was appreciated and approved by the House.

The President, AFI was happy to inform that we had taken some good decisions regarding coaching camps, upgrading the knowledge of our coaches and technical officials. He was of the opinion that the state units were the backbone of the Federation for development of Athletics in the country. He also appealed to the state units to ensure that election of office bearers was held on time.

He was also pleased to inform that we had changed our format of competitions which proved to be very successful. We started our district programme with the aim of popularizing and promoting Athletics at the grass root level. However, it was observed that some of the states even were not taking much interest to implement this programme. He advised them to do their activities as per AFI Constitution and also to have their own website.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla requested all the state units that they should have independent Selection Committee without any interference of President/Secretary and they must send Manager with the team. He also requested the state units to give uniform to their athletes as per design approved by AFI.

In the end, he thanked Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot for always giving his guidance and expert advice. He also thanked Mr. J.S. Saini and other senior members of the House for attending the meeting and giving their valuable suggestions which would definitely help in further development of Athletics in the country.

Since there was no other item on the agenda for discussions, the meeting came to end with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C.K. Valson', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

C.K. Valson
Secretary, AFI

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA TO AGM HELD ON
20TH AND 21ST OCTOBER 2018

- 1 To discuss about the non-selection of athletes in the National Team who are not part of the National Coaching Camp.**

The President, AFI informed that this agenda item has already been discussed in details in AGM.

- 2 To discuss and approve the Qualification Marks for Asian Championships.**

The President, AFI informed that this agenda item had already been discussed in details in AGM.

- 3 To discuss regarding signing of agreement between AFI and athletes.**

It was observed that some athletes are getting sponsors of their own for their training abroad for which some code of conduct needed to be made. The President, AFI therefore, proposed that the Federation was considering to prepare an agreement to be signed by the athlete and Federation.



C.K. Valson
Secretary, AFI