

**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA
NIAW CAMPUS, BALLABHGARH**

**MINUTES OF THE 122nd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI ON 22.01.2019**

MEMBER PRESENT

1. Shri S.P. Gupta IAS (Retd.), Chairman, AWBI
2. Shri Rajeev Gupta IAS (Retd.), Member, AWBI
3. Shri Girish Shah, Member, AWBI
4. Shri Sunil Mansinghka, Member, AWBI
5. Dr. Neelam Bala, Secretary, AWBI
6. Mrs. Prachi Jain, Assistant Secretary, AWBI

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 121st Executive Committee Meeting held on 19.4.2018 at Ahmedabad

The Executive Committee considered the minutes of the 121st Executive Committee meeting held on 19.4.2018 at Ahmedabad and ratified the same.

The Executive Committee noted the action taken on the decision of the 121st Executive Committee with the following directions.

Item No.1

The Executive Committee (EC) decided to include the proposed schemes of Gochar Land and Sheltering Stray Animals in the existing AWBI Plan Scheme and the scheme of Maintenance of Rescued Animals from illegal transportation/slaughterhouse in the existing Scheme of Relief to Animals during Natural Calamity and Unforeseen circumstances.

Action taken:

The matter was discussed in the 45th General Meeting of the Board and the revised guidelines for AWBI Schemes were submitted to the Ministry for consideration. The approval of the Ministry is awaited. Ministry has sought some clarification on the revised guidelines and the same is placed in the Grants Committee meeting on 22.1.2019.

Decision of the Committee:

The Committee noted the status.

Item No.1 contd..

The EC decided that those HAWOs whose HAWO ID cards have not expired are allowed to use the same ID cards issued by the AWBI till new ID cards are issued to them. And that those whose ID cards have expired or wish to apply fresh for a new HAWO ID card have to apply for new ID card

with the endorsement of either Member, AWBI / State Animal Welfare Board / Go Seva Ayog / District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) along with the details of activities carried out by them during the period. The fees of Rs.100/- will be collected after the approval of HAWO ID card by the Board.

Action taken:

Details uploaded in AWBI Website. Now the Board is issuing the Identity Cards for Honorary State Animal Welfare Officer, Honorary District Animal Welfare Officer and Honorary Legal Animal Welfare Officer. The details of these officers have been uploaded in the website.

Decision of the Committee:

The Committee decided to nominate the Honorary Animal Welfare Officers (HAWO) at the Block / Village level in all the States. Police verification of the HAWOs nominated may be done whenever required.

Item No.2

The EC decided that in the matter of Animal Helpline that at least one district in each State should be implemented and directed to get the details of implementation in Gujarat State from Shri Mital Khetani of Gujarat SAWB for implementation in other States.

Action taken:

The revised scheme guidelines are under consideration.

Decision of the Committee:

On approval of the revised guidelines, the said proposal of animal helpline will be implemented.

Item No.2 contd..

The EC also directed to ensure that the four vehicles being kept in NIAW campus, which were purchased under the NRCP funded by NCDC, M/o Health and Family Welfare should be put to use. A circular is to be uploaded in the website of AWBI after obtaining the approval of Chairman inviting proposals from those who can run the Ambulance and who can incur the recurring running expenses of the vehicle to apply to the Board. The four vehicles will be allotted to four States, each State with one vehicle.

Action taken:

The matter is under process.

Decision of the Committee:

The Committee decided to allot all the four Ambulance Vehicles to the eligible applicants who has already applied and those who can run the Ambulance and who can incur the recurring running expenses of the vehicle at the earliest.

Item No.2 contd..

The EC decided that in addition to the District Co-ordinators to be nominated, State level co-ordinators should also be nominated in each State so that the States which do not have representation also get some people to represent the States on Animal Welfare issues.

Action taken:

A circular has been uploaded on the Website of the Board. The Board has nominated Honorary State Animal Welfare Officer, Honorary District Animal Welfare Officer, Honorary Legal Animal Welfare Officer and conducting training programmes for them. Further, Board had also nominated State Representatives of the Board.

Decision of the Committee:

The Committee noted the status and also decided that the States which have not been allocated to any members of the Board, the same may be allocated to Honorary State Animal Welfare Officer.

Item No.2 contd..

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

Action taken:

Quotations called for developing of online portal for Performing Animals Registration, Schemes, Recognition and issuing ID Cards. NIC is also contacting for the same to expedite the matter.

Decision of the Committee:

The committee has decided the following in respect of performing animal registration till the online procedures start:

- (i) Offline procedure will be followed in letter and spirit of the judgment of Hon'ble Bombay High Court.
- (ii) All animal suppliers shall be registered by the Board.
- (iii) Self-certification of the applicant based on the declaration of the applicant may be accepted.
- (iv) Format and proforma for the pre-shoot permission and no objection certificate should be simplified and updated.
- (v) Cruelty will be checked at the time of shooting on random basis.

Item No.2 contd..

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

Action taken:

Letter No.11-21/2017-18/Estt dated 27.4.2018 has been sent to the Ministry with a request to grant exemption to AWBI from the office of Profit for nominating MPs as Members of the Board as notified in the Section 5 of the PCA Act, 1960.

Decision of the Committee:

The Committee noted the status and decided to send the reminder letter for the same. The Chairman informed about the letter sent to Shri Kalraj Misra, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairperson, Joint Committee on Offices of Profit on the above subject. The same may be followed by the office.

Item No.4

The EC directed that the Board should also seek donations from the general public/corporate by appealing in the AWBI website. It was decided that the Board should write to the Ministry for not insisting for the remittance of the Performing Animals registration RRAECF fund to the Government and allow the Board to utilise the same for Animal Welfare matters.

Action taken:

The matter has been discussed in the Animal Welfare Resources Committee and is under consideration.

Decision of the Committee:

The committee noted the status and decided that a reminder letter to be sent to the Ministry for enhancement of fees for performing animal registration under NOC and PSP. The Ministry should be informed about the expenditure for inspection of shooting process and to request the Ministry for utilization of the application fees by the Board.

Item No.2: Progress report on the activities of the Board after the previous Executive Committee Meeting held on 19.04.2018.

The committee noted the status.

Item No.3: Consideration of the decisions of the Grants Committee held on 22.1.2019.

The Executive Committee agreed with the decisions of the Grant Committee held on 22.01.2019.

Item No.4: Finalization of new guidelines of various schemes in view of the observations made by the Ministry.

The point wise reply on the observation of IFD was discussed in the Grant Committee meeting held on 22.01.2019. The Executive Committee agreed the point-wise reply to be sent the IFD, MoEF&CC.

General discussions:

Hon'ble Chairman briefed the Members about the work done by the Board for the National Award function and celebration of Jeev-Jantu Kalyan Divas to be held on 10.02.2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Shri Girish J. Shah, Member suggested that appointment with the Hon'ble Minister, Officials of the Department should be obtained on the day of Board meetings so that the Members of the Board could meet and apprise about the activities of the Board.

He has also informed the Executive Committee about the requirement allowing grazing of cattle in the Gir-Forest. The Board should request the Forest Department for the same.

Shri Girish J. Shah, Member has also informed about the commendable work done by the Government of Maharashtra for cattle camps, financial assistance of Rs.1.00 crores each to 34 organizations, 50 animal ambulances provided by Shirdi Saibaba Trust and suggested that the Board should issue appreciation letters to the concerned departments. The Board should circulate these information to other States and request them to implement the same for the welfare of animals.

Shri Sunil Mansinghka informed about the Tiger menace and attack on animals in Brahmपुरi, Chandrapur in Maharashtra and asked that the Board should take up the matter with the concerned department on receipt of details.

The Members discussed about the mentioning of "homeless animals" as "stray animals" and decided to issue an Advisory in the matter.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.