

AFVOA - MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 22 AUG 2021

1. **General.** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the AFVOA was held on 22 Aug 2021
2. **Venue and Time** Meeting was held over Zoom platform at 1030h.
3. **Chair and Attendance** The meeting was chaired by Air Mshl S Varthaman, PVSM AVSM VM VSM VSM, President AFVOA. 54 members and the ladies attended the meeting.
4. **Remembrance** Prior to the commencement of the AGM a two-minute silence was observed for the departed souls of our beloved members who left us for their heavenly abode.
5. **Opening address by the President** Air Mshl S Varthaman, President in his opening address said that AFVOA which has now completed 27 years has a rich heritage and today it is a very vibrant association with a global footprint. He touched upon the many new initiatives undertaken by his team.
6. He expressed his anguish that some members have chosen to question the integrity and intentions of the MC and that this clearly showed lack of faith and trust on his team. There have been accusations galore and the language used by some of them is unpalatable. Notwithstanding all these he said his team overcame personal tragedies at their home front to take AFVOA to greater heights. He said that he is immensely proud of every member in his team who have put in their heart and soul to bring AFVOA to a level which no one could have imagined.
7. He immensely thanked the members of the EC and Senior members for their unstinted solidarity, support and guidance to him. He announced that we have finally been successful in getting an office accommodation in DB Area Complex. Lastly he assured the house that he and his team will give all the required support to the new MC till they are fully conversant with the day to day affairs of AFVOA.
8. **Timeline Summary – Significant Events** Secretary then presented a Timeline Summary of significant events that have taken place since the last AGM held on 06 Dec 2020.
9. **Report by Wg Cdr S Harshavardhan, Secretary** Wg Cdr S Harshavardhan presented a detailed Annual Report. The same is attached as Appendix 'A' to this MOM.

10. **Passing of Minutes of last AGM held on 06 Dec 2020** Secretary informed that minutes of the last AGM held on 06 Dec 2020 was mailed to all members on 10 Dec 2020. No observations has been received from the members.

(a) **Amendments to Byelaws of AFVOA.** He informed the house that during the last AGM on 06 Dec 2020, the Members agreed that a revision of AFVOA Bye- Laws was due and necessary. Five of our Members volunteered to form the Committee to take on the task. Col Bhupinder Singh agreed to head the Committee. No specific terms of reference were issued. The Committee was requested to address all issues to make our Bye-Laws remain in sync with the times. The proposed amendments as suggested by this committee was circulated to all members vide our mail dated 20 Apr 21 and they were requested to submit their suggestions. The suggestions received from members were forwarded to the Committee. The Committee has submitted its report.

(b) **Revision of Subscription.** During the last AGM, a proposal was received to revise the Annual Subscription and Life Time Subscription. It was decided to form a committee to study the need to revise the subscriptions and make recommendations. President requested Maj Gen R Karthikeyan to study the revision and make his recommendation. Maj Gen R Karthikeyan in his report has stated that the financial position is very good and hence at present there is no need to revise the subscription.

There being no further discussion on the minutes, passing the minutes of the last AGM, Amendments to Byelaws and Revision of Subscription was proposed by Brig V A Subramanyam and Seconded by Gp Capt L V Mohandas and was unanimously passed by the house.

11. **Report by Wg Cdr C Ravishankar I T Consultant** Wg Cdr C Ravishankar, I T Consultant presented a report on I T activities undertaken by our association.

12. **Report by Gp Capt K Balasubramanian, Treasurer** Gp Capt K Balasubramanian presented a report on the financial status of AFVOA. The same is attached as Appendix 'B' to this MOM. A few queries were raised by Maj Gen C Govindaswamy and Lt Col Navaneetha Krishnan and these were replied to by Gp Capt K Balasubramanian and Wg Cdr C Ravishankar.

13. **Passing of Accounts of FY 2020 -21** Secretary informed that copy of Statement of Accounts and Audit Report were circulated to all members and that no observation / query has been the received. The passing of Accounts for FY 2020 - 21 was proposed by Lt Col R Rajkumar and seconded by Brig V A Subramanyam.

14. **Appointment of Auditor of FY 2020-2021** Secretary informed that it has been decided to continue with the services of our auditor M/S Narayanan & Sridhar & Co for the FY 2021-2022 and that they have also accepted our request. There being no further discussion on this subject, appointment of M/S Narayanan & Sridhar as Auditor was proposed by Brig T M Sridharan and Seconded by Col Bhupinder Singh.

15. **Budget for FY 2021 – 2022** The Budget for FY 2021 – 2022 and expenditure as on date was presented by Gp Capt K Balasubramanian, Treasurer. There were no queries from the members.

16. **Agenda Points**

(a) **Item No 1 – Maj Gen Jose Manavalan AVSM**

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<p>Executive committee for AFVOA for the next term ending August 2024 – Provisions of Para 9.5 of Bye laws be waived as an exceptional case for the President to continue for another term of two years.</p>	<p>Maj Gen Jose Manavallan explained his reasoning behind the need to revise the byelaws. This point was discussed at length by the Members and many of them expressed their views on this subject.</p> <p>Air Marshal S Varthaman, President clearly stated that his present team is not looking for another tenure and that there are many more members who are waiting in the wings to take AFVOA to greater heights and that they should be given a chance. He assured the house that the present MC will give full support to the incoming team</p> <p>After a detailed discussion it was unanimously agreed that this point will not be perused further.</p>

(b) **Item No 2 – Maj Gen Jose Manavalan AVSM**

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<p>Decisions of the Executive committee need not await approval at an AGM.</p>	<p>Maj Gen Jose Manavalan brought out, that of late a few members are questioning every decision taken by the committee and that this is incorrect. If this continues to happen the functioning of AFVOA would come to standstill. He brought out many instances in the past where EC had taken decisions in the interest of AFVOA and none of these decisions were questioned by anyone.</p> <p>This point was discussed in length and many members expressed that we must repose our faith in the committee that has been elected by our very own members and they should be given a free hand to run the affairs of AFVOA. The fact that the M C is accountable to the General Body for all their actions is good enough rather than expecting the M C to seek prior approval every time</p> <p>It was unanimously decided that the decisions taken by the EC need not await the approval of AGM.</p>

(c) Item No 3 – Lt Cdr L Radhakrishnan, Lt Col C G Manickam & Col EJJ Isaacs

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<p>New Logo of AFVOA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process followed to be discussed & and approved in AGM - Suitability & Reasons for change - MC has no authority to make such changes 	<p>Wg Cdr C Ravishankar gave a detailed presentation outlining the need for a new logo and process followed for designing the same. He clearly rebutted the charges that our motto clashes with the motto of OTA Alumni Association. He also talked about the design on the lapel pin.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present stock of lapel pins - Motto clashes with OTA Alumni Association 	<p>Col EJJ Isaacs categorically stated that he is not against the new logo but expressed his concern that due process was not followed for adopting a new logo. He further stated that it is incorrect to have the same motto of OTA Alumni Association more so because it is a Chennai based organization.</p> <p>Many other members took part in the discussion and talked in favour of adopting the new logo.</p> <p>Ari Mshl S Varthaman asked those present as to how many members are against the new logo. No member had any objection and it was unanimously decided to adopt the new logo.</p>
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(d) Item No 4 – Lt Col C G Manickam

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<p>WhatsApp Group of AFVOA be open to all Members instead of using only for Broadcast as most of the time it is unutilized and the main purpose for which this was formed is not been achieved.</p>	<p>Lt Col C G Manickam was not present in the meeting to explain his point of view.</p> <p>Wg Cdr S Harshavardhan explained in detail the purpose behind forming this group and why it had to be kept under Admin control. He also brought out that MC has received appreciation from many members for keeping the group free of clutter with unsolicited forwards and messages.</p> <p>Many members expressed their views on the subject and it was unanimously agreed that the present arrangement should continue.</p>

(e) Item No 5 – Lt Col C G Manickam

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
AFVOA Newsletters being sent by E Mail is not read by many Members due eye problem and not Computer Savvy as it contains too many pages. Suggest a smaller Version may be on monthly basis as it was done earlier be followed and copies sent by post..	<p>Lt Col C G Manickam was not present in the meeting to explain his point of view.</p> <p>Wg Cdr S Harshavardhan explained to the house that our Newsletters are published as eBook and in PDF format. He also said that till date we have not received any complaints from members regarding the readability or size of newsletters.</p> <p>Maj Gen C Govindaswamy suggested that articles written by our members only should be published and that the number of pages should be reduced.</p> <p>Air Mshl S Varthaman said that it will now be the prerogative of the new MC to decide on the format, size, contributing authors etc of the Newsletters to be published in future and this was unanimously accepted by the house.</p>

17. **Election of New Management Committee** Col A Krishnaswami, Electoral Officer explained the procedure followed for election of the new Management Committee and declared the results. The composition of the new Management Committee will be as follows:

- (a) Maj Gen P K Ramachandran : President
- (b) Gp Capt L V Mohandas : Vice President
- (c) Col Bhupinder Singh : Secretary
- (d) Cdr D S Rao : Treasurer

18. **Acceptance Speech by the President Elect.** On behalf of the President Elect, Col Bhupinder Singh thanked the members for having elected them and he said that

it will be the endeavor of the new MC to standup and meet the expectation of the members.

19. **Address by Lt Gen V R Raghavan** Lt Gen V R Raghavan addressed the members and conveyed his sincere appreciation to the outgoing committee for the excellent conduct of activities of AFVOA during the last two years. He said that he was pained to see the animosity of a few members towards outgoing committee headed by Air Mshl S Varthaman. He congratulated the new MC headed by Maj Gen P K Ramachandran on being elected to take over the affairs of AFVOA. He concluded his talk by suggesting that a few copies of our latest Newsletter be printed and these be given to the dignitaries in Govt of Tamilnadu and Dakshin Bharat Area.

20. **Vote of Thanks** Wg Cdr C Ravishankar proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the Managing Committee.

21. **National Anthem** There being no further agenda points the National Anthem was played and everyone stood up.

22. The meeting came to a close at 1420 h.

Wg Cdr S Harshavardhan
Secretary
AFVOA

23 Apr 21