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**SUB : MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD
ON MONDAY, THE 27TH SEPTEMBER'2021 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 3:00 P.M.**

The 5th Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on Monday, the 27th September'2021 at 3:00 pm through Video Conference under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Anjum Zafar**.

Following Central Executive Committee members attended the Meeting only :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	-	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Anjum Zafar	-	Chairman
02.	Mr. Abdul Salam	-	Sr. Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Muhammad Tayyab	-	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. Amanullah Aftab	-	Member
05.	Mr. Amjad Hafeez	-	- do -
06.	Mr. Fazalur-Rehman Sheikh	-	- do -
07.	Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur	-	- do -
08.	Mr. Mansoor Iqbal	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq	-	- do -
10.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	-	- do -
11.	Mr. Naveed Ahmed	-	- do -
12.	Mr. Shafiq Ahmed	-	- do -
13.	Sh. Afzal Hussain	-	- do -
14.	Sh. Muhammad Shafi	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Tayyab.

Before taking-up the Agenda, the House was apprised of the sad demises of i) Late mother of Mr. Amjad Hafeez of M/s. Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi ii) Late Mian Arshad Iqbal s/o Late Haji Dost Muhammad (National Tanneries / Lite Fuels / Elegant / Quetta Textile) iii) Late mother of Mr. Shafique Ahmed of M/s. Shafique Leather Enterprises, Karachi. The members present in the meeting offered Fateha praying to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the great loss.

The Committee accordingly adopted the following Condolence Resolution in this regard :-

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA CONDOLED THE SAD DEMISES OF i) LATE MOTHER OF MR. AMJAD HAFEZ OF M/S. MUHAMMAD SHAFI TANNERIES (PVT) LTD., KARACHI II) LATE MIAN ARSHAD IQBAL S/O LATE HAJI DOST MUHAMMAD (NATIONAL TANNERIES / LITE FUELS / ELEGANT / QUETTA TEXTILE) III) LATE MOTHER OF MR. SHAFIQUE AHMED OF M/S. SHAFIQUE LEATHER ENTERPRISES, KARACHI. THE MEMBERS OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO REST THE DEPARTED SOUL IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE GREAT LOSS.”

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Thereafter, the proceeding on the Agenda of the Meeting started seriatim as under :-

01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH MAY'2021 KARACHI & LAHORE :

While confirming of the Minutes, on query made Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, the House was informed that No Revised Agreement made with Amantech, Karachi for NILT premises has yet been received @ PTA Central alongwith rest of information as decided/recorded in the Minutes of last CEC Meeting held on 26.05.2021, despite our letters & reminders made to NILT. It was revealed that No representative from NILT side was available during the meeting to revert to the queries/information as required by the House, resultantly the confirmation of Minutes has been decided to defer to the next CEC Meeting with ensure presence of NILT's representative for confirmation to the Minutes, besides remaining portion of the Minutes was approved by the House with satisfaction.

Thereafter, Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Convener, BOG, NILT has arrived @ meeting in Lahore but until that the matter has already been discussed & decided for deferment to the next CEC Meeting.

02. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING 4TH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY'2021 :

Implementation to the decision of the Minutes of 4th CEC of PTA held on 26th May'2021 was reviewed & approved satisfactorily by the House.

03. i) TO PRESENT ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN, PTA FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 OF THE RETIRING CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA :

Annual Report by the **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar** for the year 2020-21 was presented to the House with all features, activities & achievements published in prominence made during the entire year with exceptional achievements made during the year has been reviewed & approved by the House during the meeting with appreciation. The house highly made round of applause to the Chairman, PTA and his team for their dedication, devotion for the resolution of core issues confronted by the country wide members, which were shared from time to time @ Central whatsapp group and all the members were already aware about the achievements & sincere endeavors made during the whole year for the betterment of the Members & Leather Industry of Pakistan. It was also appreciated to those who released the Advertisements to the Annual Report to facilitate with financial eligibility for meeting the printing cost of the Annual Report.

It was highlighted exceptionally some major achievements made during the year were 1) Revision of Duty drawback rates for Finished Leather 2) Reduced Tariff of Electricity & Gas 3) Approval of Rs.60 Million for Int'l Lab Testing for Leather 4) Approval of Rs.18.1 Million out of total for Rs.133 Million was approved on account of participation of PTA's members in Int'l Leather Fairs around the globe & while remaining amount would hopefully be released by EDF later on with our submission & follow up of PTA Central 5) Reduction of duty on chemicals & wet blue 6) DLT on FINISHED LEATHER has been finalised in result of various meeting with MOC and specially atleast three meetings with PM as well and it has been assured that it is to be announced in new SRO, which is presently held up due to some textile revision issues . This new SRO is expected to be announced shortly besides other aspects of the Annual Report which was self contained in consolidated & colour printed mode was requested to be reviewed by the members for submission for comments/views thereon in next AGM meeting already scheduled to be held on 30.09.2021 in PTA, if deemed necessary.

ii) **TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS OF PTA (CENTRAL) FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 (JULY-JUNE)** :

The House reviewed the Accounts of PTA Central in final mode for the year 2020-21 (July-June) in all respect, while Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur has pointed out with the proposal to consider for effecting necessary cut further on expenditure to make it more economical & also increase the income of PTA Central, which is the need of the hour for meeting the recurring monthly/yearly expenses of PTA Central in particular and with financial stability & sufficient fund availability in PTA's kitty in general, for which the Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar informed to the House that during previous CEC Meeting the austerity drive has already been approved & launched as all the expenses of travelling within the country for meetings would be met by the members from their own pockets and assured to keep it continue in future for financial facilitation to PTA Central, besides, the Chairman, PTA also informed to the House that he already spent a considerable amount of approx. Rs.2.5 Million from his pocket during the whole year for the traveling to Islamabad, Hotel accommodation & transportation, while lunches & dinners hosted by them independently for their Government officials specially Commerce Minister at PTA N/Z Lahore, besides also informed to the House that rest of CEC Members have also spent considerable amount from their pockets for travelling to Islamabad & others activities, which was appreciated by the House wholeheartedly.

He also informed to the House that it is for the first time in the history of PTA that on appeal of Chairman, PTA the country wide members had donated worthwhile amount to PTA Central, which was also the supportive part for PTA's Central office for meeting the annual or monthly expenses, but it was also realized the gravity to adopt the source of proper income on perpetual basis to avoid donations from the some members concerned only, who were generous only out of total members of the Association country wide and emphasized to create the avenues for the revenues for PTA Central Office in future for financial stability.

It was also informed to the House that new avenues have already been introduced for regular income of PTA Central on account of service charges @ 10% on total claimed amount of Lab Testing charges, which has already been approved by the Government to make it effective shortly, while the Int'l Fairs have also been initiated as recently organized by PTA in Lineapelle Fair, Sept'21 at Milan, Italy as such sufficient revenue are on the pipeline for financial stability for PTA's Central office as per previous practice, besides the charges for issuance of certificate for the New DLTl could be determined later on would also bring positive impact to the revenue for PTA – Central in future.

It was also shared informally by Mr. Abdul Salam that an handsome amount for NILT is fixed at Al-Barka Bank, Karachi for certain period, which was objected by the House and need to check its authenticity first before placing such informal information/statement about NILT to the House for the investment, while the question raised to the receivable Loan for **Rs.2 Million** paid to NILT earlier which is **still shown receivable in PTA's Account** for the last several years Accordingly, with mutual understanding/decision with consensus to make request to NILT's authority for submission of **3-4 years Audited Accounts of NILT** to PTA Central for the study/review by the CEC Members in its next meeting. It was also realized with endorsement that PTA is the moral supreme authority of NILT as the project was originated/established by PTA in collaboration with Government of Pakistan.

It was also highlighted that the receivable amount of **1/3rd obligatory** fee payable by PTA NZ to PTA Central for the last year while PTA S/Z has already defrayed it to Central for which it was strongly emphasized again by the House to request to NZ to make early payment to close this long **pendency for meeting** the constitutional obligation and to enable PTA Central to meet their expenses as well.

Thereafter, the Accounts of PTA for the year **2020-21 (July-June)** was approved by the House with the satisfaction in all respect.

04. TO DISCUSS LETTER DATED 14.09.2021 RECEIVED FROM PTA-NORTHERN ZONE, LAHORE FOR PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE RATE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (RENEWAL FEE) FY 2022-2023 :

The letter of PTA NZ was reviewed/discussed by the House for the propose increase of **25%** annual membership for **the year 2022-23** with the proposed slab made in PTA N/Z letter and mutually decided to get consent first from PTA S/Z for the proposed increase so that the consolidation report would be placed to the next **CEC Meeting** for finalization & decision amicably.

05. TO SHARE THE DGTO'S LETTER DATED 11.08.2021 ABOUT TOR ALONGWITH AN E.MAIL OF 7TH&14TH JUNE'2021 AND PTA'S REPLY LETTER TO DGTO DATED 21.06.2021 :

While initiating the discussion thereon, the House was informed the history of the case in brief commenced from the email sent by a group of PTA members to DGTO on 7th June'2021 and again complained in follow up on 14th June'2021, which were already attached with the Agenda Points. It was revealed that a letter dated 07.06.2021 signed by the Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA, Mr. Abdul Salam was submitted to Chairman, PTA for reconsideration of TOR but when Mr. Amanullah Aftab came to Lahore on 8th June'2021 to discuss this matter duly authorized by members concerned, who sent e.mail of 7th& 14th June, 2021 written by Mr. Hamid Zahur having names of Mr. Afzal Hussain, Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Mr. Ejaz Ahmed, Mr. Aziz Ahmed & Mr. Muhammad Shafi (Mateen Brothers) @ e.mail of 14.06.2021, it was NOT revealed by him that a complaint has already been sent to DGTO one day before on 7th and then again on 14th , which actually makes discussion useless after the complaint has already been lodged and not disclosed during the meeting held on 08.06.2021. Accordingly in reply to the complaint e.mail sent to DGTO transmited by Mr. Hamid Zahur with other names of members, a letter was received @ this Office on 18th June, 2021 from DGTO, Islamabad with copies of e.mail sent to them on 7th & 14th June, 2021 which was shocking for PTA, whereby asking for submission of reply from PTA and consequently a reply has also been submitted to DGTO on 21.06.2021, which was also shared with the Agenda papers.

Thereafter, Mr. Amanullah Aftab had submitted his apology e.mail to PTA on 21.06.2021 wherein stated that his name was included without his intention in the e.mail and also stated that Pakistan Tanners Association is working for betterment for the Industry, besides he also sent e.mail on the same day i.e. 21.06.2021 to DGTO in this regard with the same version.

Mr. Hamid Zahur, who was signatory of both e.mails pointed out that he was not present in the CEC Meeting held on 19th December, 2020 and also Mr. Muhammad Shafi (Mateen Brothers) and quoted their name at various pages of the reply sent to DGTO was incorrect, which has been admitted by SG/PTA as was typo error, but the persons concerned were present in remaining two meetings of CEC held on 03.04.2021 & 26.05.2021 held at zoom. It was further clarified here that the CEC Meeting held on 19.12.2020 was held thru Video conference system Link between PTA Central Office & N/Z Office and proper attendance sheet with signatures is also available in record wherein Mr. Gulzar Firoz & Mr. Waqas Shakil were also present as "**Special Invitee**". A copy of Attendance sheet with signature of the participants in both offices of South & North is enclosed with the Minutes to keep in record properly. Besides some areas of PTA's letter dt. 21.06.2021 were highlighted/objected during the meeting were noted carefully after due discussion made during the meeting in House, which was pointed out by Mr. Hamid Zahur.

Apart from the above in reply, Mr. Amjad Hafeez has also highlighted some areas of the e.mail sent to DGTO on 7th & 14th June, 2021, written by Mr. Hamid Zahur with the names of members concerned, which was termed to be a serious concern to PTA's image as it never happened earlier in the history of PTA that someone complained to DGTO one day before without re-discussing matter by their representative on trip to Lahore on 8th June'2021, even though it was already discussed by the complainant sitting in various CEC meetings earlier. It was generated view from that the original complaint without discussing and taking CEC into confidence was actually the **root-cause and this should be addressed and questioned first** so that no one could adopt unethical practice to proceed to DGTO directly in future, otherwise anyone and everyone will go to DGTO and running affairs of association will become extremely difficult with this available precedent. No suitable reply was received from the complainants in this regard.

Mr. Amanullah Aftab also explained about the Meeting held in Lahore with Chairman, PTA & some senior members on 08.06.2021 for discussing the TOR with its relaxation and most of the part of TOR was discussed & reached with mutual consensus and conclusion that at that time of the Election, the Zonal Chairman to be the exporter of leather only to represent in CEC, PTA. Later on, Mr. Amanullah Aftab negated this after discussing with members concerned in South who did not agree and meanwhile it was also revealed that complaint has already been lodged to DGTO so further discussion was not possible any more in this behalf. It was also proposed during the meeting that the Vice Chairmen to represent in PTA Central shall be elected amongst 16 members in compliance with DGTO's Rules 2013.

It was also confirmed by Chairman, PTA that the SG/PTA was directed on the request of Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA to appear in meeting held in SZ on 29.05.2021 for briefing about TOR to the House. Sheikh Afzal Hussain also explained the history of the case in brief for calling CEC Meeting for which request was submitted with signatures of EC Members of SZ to Chairman, PTA SZ, which was endorsed by Mr. Muhammad Shafi of Mateen Brothers, for which it was informed with clarification to the House that the matter in question was since pending at Court of Law (Civil Court – DGTO) and therefore becomes subjudice matter and further discussion as was proposed to be made in CEC Meeting was not eligible due to this.

In continuation to the above, a consolidated Report was placed to all CEC Members with enclosures concerned on Elections in PTA for Central Committee with legal observations with conclusion and a copy of consolidated Report is enclosed herewith also and accordingly in brief it was explained to the House as per Clause # 29 of PTA's M&AoA the common member(s) are not eligible to hold the seats in Zones & Central simultaneously, which could be violation of Law of DGTO's for which a detailed e.mail was already transmitted to all CEC Members on 16th Sept., 2021, which is also attached for record purpose just after receipt of Election results from both Zones by 15.09.2021.


Based on comments received from the members against PTA's e.mail of 16.09.2021 some of the members were of the opinion to endorse the legal aspects as envisaged in the e.mail and also in consolidated report placed during the meeting while some have consented to get the legal opinion from DGTO in this regard. It was also explained during the meeting the results of Election was completed & submitted to PTA Central by 15th Sept., 2021 and accordingly the legal observation based on PTA's approved M&AoA & DGTO Rules, 2013 (existing), while in email of Mr. Fazlur Rehman Sheikh has referred the Article # 52 (i) & (ii) in the Old Law which was expired in 2007 for which oral clarification was also given to him and also envisaged in the consolidated report submitted during the meeting with all related enclosures of Old Law and existing Law.

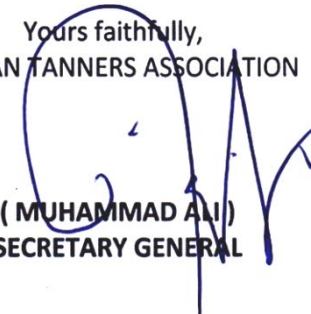
It was also clarified during the meeting that the verdict of DGTO issued on 11.08.2021 has clearly stated in the last line **quote:** any election conducted outside of the existing law shall be deemed **void ab initio** by this Office" **unquote.** Besides another letter of DGTO which was issued by them on 13.09.2021, but received @ this Office on 18.09.2021 which was stamped inward diary in PTA was also clarified containing the detailed procedure for conducting the Election in the Association, which was also shared with comments/consolidated report in support to PTA's letter dt. 01.09.2021 sent to DGTO, Islamabad with all CEC Meeting during the meeting held on 27.09.2021 for seeking guidance under the existing scenario of Elections already conducted in both Zonal offices. Initially only some members have commented on my e.mail of 16.09.2021 with their valued comments and most of them have not responded to PTA as such a reminder was transmitted to them again for compilation a consolidated report, but in final mode out of 16 members only 12 Members have submitted their comments, as one e.mail received from Secretary, PTA NZ which was transmitted in compliance with the directives of Mr. Muhammad Tayyab, Vice Chairman, PTA Central as was received just before commencement of the meeting held on 27.09.2021, while remaining Members, Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla, Mr. Muhammad Shafi (Mateen Brothers) Sh. M. Shafi (Pan Asia Int'l) & Mr. Badre Alam have not responded with their comments and accordingly a Report was compiled and submitted immediately during the meeting held on 27.09.2021 just after Lineapelle Fair held from 22-24th Sept., 2021 as some of them were left for Italy for participation in this event of Leather Fair organized by PTA.

With the conclusion remarks of **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar** has issued directives to comply with the existing Rules & Regulations of PTA's M&AoA and existing Law of DGTO, 2013 for proceeding further in submission of precise report to DGTO, Islamabad with all facts & figures as to be firm responsibility to the Custodian of the Association/constitution i.e. SG/PTA, which was finally endorsed by the House in majority with consensus.

Since there being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

APPROVED :


ANJUM ZAFAR
CHAIRMAN

Yours faithfully,
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