

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

(Central Office)

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SUB : MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 18TH JUNE'2011 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE IN PTA CENTRAL OFFICE, KARACHI AND PTA NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE _____ :

The 5th Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on **Saturday, the 18th June'2011 at 2:00 p.m.** through Video Conferencing System linking between PTA (Central Office), Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Khurshid Alam.**

Following Members of the Central Executive Committee of PTA as well as special invitees attended the Meeting in Karachi & Lahore simultaneously :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	-	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Khurshid Alam	-	Chairman
02.	Mr. Fawwad Shafi	-	Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Aziz Ahmed	-	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. Asfandyar Farrukh	-	Member
05.	Mr. Azam Malik	-	- do -
06.	Mr. M. Danish Khan	-	- do -
07.	Mr. M. Khurshid Ahmed	-	- do -
08.	Mr. Muhammad Usman	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	-	- do -
10.	Mr. Shakil Ahmed	-	- do -
11.	Mr. S. Anjum Zafar	-	- do -
12.	Sh. Muhammad Naim	-	- do -
13.	Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood	-	- do -
14.	Mr. Gulzar Firoz	-	Ex-Officio Member
15.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	Special Invitee
16.	Mr. Anwar Iqbal	-	- do -
17.	Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman	-	- do -
18.	Mr. Fawad Jawed	-	- do -
19.	Mr. Habibur Rahman Shaikh	-	- do -
20.	Mr. Mansoor Iqbal	-	- do -
21.	Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi	-	- do -
22.	Mr. S.M. Muneer	-	- do -
23.	Mr. S.M. Naseem	-	- do -
24.	Mr. Shahid Mahmud	-	- do -
25.	Sh. M. Afzal Hussain	-	- do -
26.	Sh. Sarfaraz Amin	-	- do -
27.	Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla	-	- do -
28.	Mr. Safdar Naeem	-	- do -
29.	Mr. Abdul Malik	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. S.M. Naseem.

Before taking up the Agenda, the House was apprised of the sad demises of (i) Late Prof. Ameen Javed father of Mian Naeem Javed of M/s.Sublime Group, Sialkot (ii) late mother of Mr. Wasim Zakaria of M/s. Footlib Ltd., Kasur and (iii) Late Mr. Muhammad Naseem brother of Mr. Shahid Mahmud of M/s.Hafiz Enterprises, Karachi. The Member participants in the meeting offered Fateha praying to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in the eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.

The Committee accordingly adopted the following 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 PROF. AMEEN JAVED FATHER OF MIAN NAEEM JAVED OF M/S. SUBLIME GROUP, SIALKOT (II) LATE MOTHER OF MR. WASIM ZAKARIA OF M/S. FOOTLIB LTD., KASUR AND (III) LATE MR. MUHAMMAD NASEEM BROTHER OF MR. SHAHID MAHMUD OF M/S.HAFIZ ENTERPRISES, KARACHI AND OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH TO REST THE DEPARTED SOULS IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE IRREPARABLE LOSS.”

The Chairman, PTA, Mr. Khurshid Alam thanked all the member participants for sparing their time to attend the meeting at Karachi and Lahore simultaneously.

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

1. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING AND EMERGENT (4TH) MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY AND 17TH MARCH'2011 RESPECTIVELY :

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting and Emergent (4th) Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of PTA proposed by Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Vice Chairman, PTA and seconded by Mr. M. Danish Khan, M/C member were confirmed by the Committee unanimously.

2. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE 3RD & 4TH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF PTA :

The Central Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed implementation of all the decisions taken in the 3rd & 4th Central Executive Committee Meetings held on 4th February and 17th March'2011 respectively and approved.

3. TO NOTE ACCOUNTS OF PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE) FOR THE MONTHS FROM JANUARY TO APRIL'2011 :

The monthly accounts of PTA (Central) for January, February, March and April'2011 presented by the Chairman were minutely examined, necessary clarifications sought where-ever deemed necessary, noted as under and approved by the House :

- (i) Chairman, PTA, Mr. Khurshid Alam, apprised the House of the over all financial situation of PTA (Central) explaining that when he took over charge in

October'2010 the balance in the accounts was Rs.32,35,754/-. He exercised extra efforts and managed to generate income as well as controlled

expenditure as maximum as possible and after encouraging income earned mainly, among others, through Int'l Fairs the balance in PTA's accounts was worked out to be around Rs.65,60,000/- as on 31st May'2011.

The House applauded the judicious planning and good efforts of Mr. Khurshid Alam in this regard, by resounding clapping.

- (ii) The Committee also approved prescribed application, complete in all respects, with renewal fee for PTA's licence amounting to Rs.30,000/- for further period of 3-years w.e.f. 10.09.2011 to be granted by the Trade Organizations, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.

4. TO REVIEW DECISION OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKEN IN ITS 3RD MEETING FOR PARTICIPATION OF PTA'S MEMBERS UNDER INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY IN LINEAPELLE FAIRS, BOLOGNA, ITALY WITH THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY :

Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA informed the House of the negotiations of PTA's Representative, Mr. Muhammad Ali held with the Fair Organiser during the last Lineapelle Fair, April'2011, Bologna, Italy that a Consolidated Invoice of space rent for PTA's member participants + individual member participants can be issued by them to PTA on receipt of necessary space rent & requisition of total quantum of space for PTA's member participants + individual member participants jointly/directly from PTA within the deadline fixed by the Fair Organizer to enable them to issue One Combined Invoice of space rent in favour of P.T.A.

In this context, the House reviewed all pros & cons in view of TDAP's existing rules & regulations for the issuance of one combined/consolidated invoice of space rent for PTA's member participants + individual member participants and unanimously decided to extend all maximum possible facilities/assistance to the individual member participants of Lineapelle Fairs also in realizing the Government subsidy towards their participation in individual capacity within the ambit of TDAP's rules framed in this regard.

Mr. Muhammad Ali, Deputy Secretary, PTA (Central) was directed by the Committee to coordinate with the Fair Organiser for issuance of one combined/consolidated invoice for PTA's member participants + individual member participants and accordingly to initiate to interact with all individual member participants for getting their requirement of space + payment of space rent for their individual stands' reservation in next Lineapelle Fair, Oct'2011, Bologna, Italy, so that further course of action would be adopted in this regard.

It was also decided by the House to chalk out the working plan properly and convincingly to persuade the TDAP for getting its official approval for grant of Govt. subsidy for PTA's member participants as well as individual member participants in the above fair.

5. TO DISCUSS ITEMS OF FINISHED/CRUST LEATHER FOR INCLUSION IN THE FTA WITH CHINA :

Chairman, Mr. Khurshid Alam, apprised the members of the list of items of Finished/Crust Leather already sent to the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Commerce for inclusion in the FTA with China for duty free access into China.

The Committee appreciated this exercise and advised to pursue the matter with the Ministry of Commerce for doing the needful in the interest of promoting leather industry.

6. TO DISCUSS SALIENT FEATURES OF FEDERAL BUDGET 2011-12 :

The House noted the Budget 2011-12 announced by the Federal Finance Minister on 3rd June, 2011 through electronic and print media.

7. TO CONSIDER LETTERS RECEIVED FROM NILT & INSTITUTE OF LEATHER TECHNOLOGY, GUJRANWALA FOR AWARDING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO ONE MERITORIOUS-CUM-DESERVING STUDENT EACH OF NILT & ILTG IN MEMORIAM OF SHAHEED NAJEEB ZAFAR :

Both the letters received from NILT, Karachi and ILT, Gujranwala for the grant of scholarship to the meritorious-cum-deserving student each of the above institutes as per policy decision already taken by the Central Executive Committee, PTA in this behalf.

The Committee approved two scholarships, one student each institute in the shape of payment of annual fees to the following students as recommended by the NILT and ILTC Gujranwala every year as Shaheed Najeeb Zafar Awards :-

Sl#	Student's Name	Class	Amount to be paid	Period
1.	Rizwan Suleman S/o. Muhammad Suleman National Institute of Leather Technology, Karachi	DAE – 1 st Year	Rs.21,550.00	For 1-Year's Course
2.	Usman Masood S/o.Masood Akhtar Institute of Leather Technology, Gujranwala.	DAE - 2 nd Year	Rs.27,410.00	For 3-Years' Course

It was decided to pay the above fees to the aforesaid students through their respective institutes out of PTA's account.

8. TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE FPCCI REQUESTING FOR DONATION OF RS.100,000/- TOWARDS FPCCI FLOOD RELIEF FUND :

The Committee considered FPCCI's Circular letter asking for donation and approved payment of Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One Lac only) as PTA's contribution towards FPCCI's Flood Relief Fund as per Resolution passed by the Federation in this regard.

09. TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTING DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, PTA :

The House considered and discussed the proposal threadbare. Taking all the relevant aspects in view it was decided that both the zones should constitute such Committee at

their zonal level and take PTA (Central) on board as and when deemed expedient for seeking assistance to take up the issue of international nature or serious dispute with foreign importer or exporter for which TDAP or Pakistani concerned foreign Embassy be approached to help resolve the matter in dispute.

10. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PTA SECRETARIAT STAFF FOR GRANTING LEAVE WITH FULL PAY OUTSIDE THE NORMAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO PROCEED FOR PERFORMING HAJJ OR UMRAH. THE PTA'S SERVICE RULES HAVE NO SUCH SPECIFIC PROVISION :

— The Committee considered the above demand of the Secretariat staff and disapproved advising that leave for Hajj or Umrah be availed out of the existing 32 days leave admissible to them annually under PTA's Service Rules.

11. PRESENTATION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHAUKAT KHANUM MEMORIAL CANCER HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, LAHORE :

— Since Video Conferencing System developed some problem all of a sudden, the Representative of the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital was advised to give the desired Presentation in writing.

12. TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF EXPORT OF WET BLUE LEATHER :

— A threadbare discussion was held on the export of Wet Blue Leather & Split Leather through mis-declaration and under-invoicing by some un-scrupulous exporters in order to evade millions of rupees regulatory duty imposed on its export which is loss to the national exchequer as well as harmful for the tanning industry.

Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA apprised the Committee that with the active coordination of the MCC's officials concerned 3-containers of wet blue leather which were being exported through un-fair means were seized by the Customs.

Since M/s. Paradise Leather Co., Kasur is PTA's member who was involved in the above export through mis-declaration, it was decided by the Committee unanimously to issue a Show Cause Notice to them to explain their position by 30th June'2011 and if no reply is received by the above stipulated deadline necessary action as required under Clause 8(a)(ii) of PTA's Memorandum & Articles of Association be taken to expel the above member firm from PTA's membership.

After due deliberation, the Central Executive Committee unanimously decided to request the Government to impose a complete ban on export of all kinds of Wet Blue Leather including Wet Blue/Split Wet Blue Leather / Raw Hides & Skins and Pickled Leather from Pakistan to ensure availability of these precious articles needed for the local Leather Industry particularly to meet foreign buyers' export orders.

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

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE A COMPLETE BAN ON THE EXPORT OF ALL KINDS OF WET BLUE LEATHER INCLUDING WET BLUE/SPLIT WET BLUE LEATHER / RAW HIDES & SKINS AND PICKLED LEATHER FROM PAKISTAN TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF THESE BASIC RAW MATERIALS FOR THE LOCAL LEATHER INDUSTRY OF PAKISTAN .”

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

APPROVED:

Sd/-

**(KHURSHID ALAM)
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

Sd/-

**(MOINUDDIN QURAIHI)
SECRETARY**