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SUB : MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT (7TH) MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON MONDAY, THE 1ST AUGUST'2011 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE IN PTA CENTRAL OFFICE, KARACHI AND PTA NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE :

The **Emergent 7th Meeting** of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on **Monday, the 1th August'2011 at 4:00 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 :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	-	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Khurshid Alam	-	Chairman
02.	Mr. Fawwad Shafi	-	Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Azam Malik	-	Member
04.	Mr. Naeem Akhtar	-	- do -
05.	Mr. S. Anjum Zafar	-	- do -
06.	Mr. Shahid Usman	-	- do -
07.	Sh. Muhammad Naim	-	- do -
08.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	Special Invitee
09.	Mr. Badre Alam	-	- do -
10.	Mr. Mansoor Iqbal	-	- do -
11.	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq	-	- do -
12.	Shaikh Muhammad Naeem	-	- do -
13.	Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla	-	- do -
14.	Mr. Adeel Shafiq Alam	-	- do -
15.	Mr. Fazalur Rehman	-	- do -
16.	Mr. Tayyab	-	- do -
17.	Mr. Zaheer Shaikh	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Badre Alam.

Before taking up the agenda, Mr. Khurshid Alam thanked all the member participants for sparing their time to attend the emergent meeting on a short notice.

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

1. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE 5TH & 6TH MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON 18TH JUNE & 7TH JULY'2011 RESPECTIVELY :

Minutes of the 5th & 6th Meetings of the Central Executive Committee of PTA held on 18th June'2011 and 7th July'2011 as proposed by Mr. Fawwad Shafi, Vice Chairman, PTA and seconded by Sh. Muhammad Naim, M/C member were confirmed by the Committee unanimously.

2. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL/SUMMARY OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE MOVED TO ECC FOR IMPOSING BAN ON EXPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS FROM PAKISTAN :

The Chairman, PTA apprised the House of his concerted efforts and time devotion for 20-25 days persistently with sincere cooperation of Mr. Azam Malik at every step in visiting Islamabad time and again and taking up the crucial issue/PTA's proposal with the authorities concerned in the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Interior, Livestock and authorities in FBR to withdraw the Government permission for exporting live animals from Pakistan. This sort of activity was quite detrimental to the leather industry which causes not only acute shortage of Hides & Skins, the basic raw material being used by the tanners but also increases meat & beef prices in local market.

It was regretfully pointed out that healthy animals were being smuggled or exported whereas sick animals were left in the country.

He further averred that all such hectic endeavour with perseverance for the sole advantage of the bonafide members of PTA and for the uplift of leather sector industry, consequently yielded positive result. The Ministry of Commerce, at last after having been fully convinced, moved necessary summary to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Federal Cabinet with the genuine proposal to ban the export of livestock initially for 3 months.

Since there was an apprehension that the opponents (exporters of livestock) would viciously come forward to counter the proposed ban vehemently, it was considered all the more essential and appropriate to use all strong channels to seek public support by making it a real public issue as export and smuggling of live animals cause tremendous increase in meat & beef prices and in the forthcoming Qurbani on Eid-ul-Azha the nation would have to face the shortage of sacrificial animals to large extent. Mr. Khurshid Alam evinced that to achieve this objective he called an Emergent Meeting on 7th July'2011 thru Video Conference to seek members' opinion as to how could the Association proceed for generating public awareness and getting their support in this regard. The Members sitting in Lahore and Karachi favoured the idea of launching effective campaign through electronic and print media without delay before announcement of National Trade Policy for which the CEC decided to arrange Rs.5 Million to be shared as under by funds raising for subsequent recoupment :

By PTA (Central)	=	Rs. 2.0 Million
By PTA (NZ)	=	Rs. 1.5 Million
By PTA (SZ)	=	<u>Rs. 1.5 Million</u>
Total		<u>Rs. 5.0 Million</u>

It was further decided that both the Zones would call urgent meetings of their zonal Committees to seek necessary approval for Rs.1.5 Million each to be replenished through funds raising from amongst their respective zonal members.

Mr. Khurshid Alam revealed that the Northern Zone Executive Committee approved its share of Rs.1.5 Million whereas PTA (SZ) did not send its consent in this behalf. The Chairman, PTA happily announced that some PTA (NZ) members donated a total sum of Rs.25 Lacs towards above funds as per detail given hereunder to start the rational campaign without delay :

Sl #	Name of Firms	Amount of Donation	
01.	M/s. Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
02.	M/s. Dada Enterprises Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
03.	M/s. HMB Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.	Rs.	200,000.00
04.	M/s. Leathertex Gloving (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
05.	M/s. Eastern Leather Co. (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
06.	M/s. Royal Leather Industry Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
07.	M/s. Leather Connections (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.	Rs.	200,000.00
08.	M/s. EPCT (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.	Rs.	200,000.00
09.	M/s. Permair Leather Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	200,000.00
10.	M/s. Ravi Agencies, Lahore.	Rs.	200,000.00
11.	M/s. Unique Tanning Industries, Lahore.	Rs.	200,000.00
12.	M/s. Hafeez Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	100,000.00
13.	M/s. H. Sadar Ali Akhtar Ali (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore	Rs.	100,000.00
14.	M/s. Badre Alam Trader, Lahore.	Rs.	50,000.00
15.	M/s. Atlanta Enterprises, Lahore	Rs.	50,000.00
TOTAL :		Rs.	2,500,000.00

The Committee adopted the following Resolution in recognition of the gesture of financial cooperation extended by the above mentioned bonafide members of PTA belonging to the Northern Zone in making the proposed launch of the campaign via electronic & print media, a success.

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE GESTURE OF FINANCIAL COOPERATION GENEROUSLY EXTENDED BY THE ABOVE MENTIONED FIFTEEN BONAFIDE MEMBERS OF PTA BELONGING TO THE NORTHERN ZONE IN MAKING THE PROPOSED LAUNCH OF THE CAMPAIGN VIA ELECTRONIC & PRINT MEDIA, A REAL SUCCESS.”

In order to monitor and keep strict watch on the whole process of media campaign for imposing ban on smuggling/export of live animals approved to be launched cautiously and economically with the assignment to design the advertisement, collate and verify rates etc. in this regard, it was decided to constitute a Special Committee consisting of the following members :-

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| 1. Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq | - | Convener |
| 2. Mr. Khurshid Alam | - | Member |
| 3. Mr. Azam Malik | - | Member |
| 4. Mr. Agha Saiddain | - | Member |
| 5. Mr. Fawwad Shafi | - | Member |
| 6. Mr. Shakil Ahmed | - | Member |
| 7. Mr. Asfandyar Farrukh | - | Member |

It was further decided that the above Special Committee after finalizing the assigned task will give its recommendations/presentation to the Finance & Admin. Standing Committee to review the same from financial perspective particularly to ensure transparency and reasonability in defraying proposed expenditure on the aforesaid project providently. The Finance & Admin Committee's report will be placed in the CEC meeting for final approval.

3. TO DISCUSS THE EXPORT OF WET BLUE AND WET BLUE SPLIT LEATHER FROM PAKISTAN THRU MIS-DECLARATION/UNDER INVOICING AND PROPOSAL FOR IMPOSING BAN THEREON :

The Chairman, PTA informed the members denovo that the Ministry of Commerce has moved a summary to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of Federal Cabinet proposing ban on the export of live animals, from Pakistan under the permission granted by the Government. He further added that a comprehensive letter was addressed to the Prime Minister to ban not only export of livestock but also Wet Blue & Wet Blue Split Leather Export in order to avert its export by some unscrupulous parties through mis-declaration or under invoicing for which PTA offered full cooperation to the Customs Authorities concerned for checking such export by unfair means.

The Chairman assured the House that he would continue requesting the Prime Minister as well as other competent authorities concerned for appointment to PTA delegation to apprise them of the dire consequences if export of livestock and wet blue leather was not banned permanently.

The members while appreciating the continued struggle of Mr. Khurshid Alam in tackling such crucial matters, advised to seek appointment and hold meeting with Prime Minister, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani as soon as possible so that PTAs view points would be kept in vision at the time of taking final decision by the ECC.

In the end, Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA explicitly expounded that he, Mr. Azam Malik and some other colleagues have been devoting precious time and making hectic exercise in extensive traveling, holding day to day meetings with the higher competent authorities in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi without caring for their own business interests during the whole year in the ultimate benefit of the Association but unfortunately instead of uttering a word of appreciation their selfless strides were subjected to criticism by some of our respectable friends which can only be termed discouraging and unbecoming.

Mr. Khurshid Alam categorically enunciated that he never took any decision single handed and never took any step against the interest of the leather industry and the Association.

The Chairman, PTA also informed the House that in view of transparency in the financial matters of the Association so far maintained, necessary steps were taken from the beginning of his chairmanship and invariably authorized the Finance and Admin Standing Committee of PTA to verify and approve all the expenditure in respect of organizing various meetings, functions, press conferences and other incurred expenses of the Association for examination and recommendation to the CEC for approval. Accordingly every financial matter was first referred to the Finance Committee for its scrutiny and recommendation. He also apprised that all the members of the Association specially from Northern Zone kept in view the aim to strengthen the Association. For that purpose they donated large chunk of the amounts as & when required to save it from financial shortfall as a result of which the PTA (NZ) agreed as approved by its Zonal Committee to share the amount of Rs.1.5 Million for the good cause in the benefit of the Industry.

4. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR :

I) RESIGNATION FROM THE CEC :

Mr. Khurshid Alam also apprised the Committee that he had been devoting his time and energy for the last 19 years to this Association without any vested interest and did all this only for the cause of the uplift of leather industry. The matter relating to resignations of some of the CEC members belonging to Southern Zone having no appropriate reason is the sign of their showing non-respect of the decisions of CEC as well as ignoring PTA's Memorandum & Articles of the Association in which it is clearly defined that "The Executive Committee has the final decision making power in the Association".

The Chairman said that there was no way to deny the decision of the CEC at the time of initiating the campaign for the core issue to impose ban on smuggling and export of live animals as they have already committed in the CEC meeting of 7th July and appreciated the efforts of the Association made in this regard. The Chairman informed the Committee that he accepted the resignations of the members concerned from the Central Executive Committee.

The members of the Committee present in the meeting ratified acceptance of the resignations tendered by the following members from the Central Executive Committee effective from 29th July'2011 :

01. Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Vice Chairman, PTA (Central).
02. Mr. M. Danish Khan, Member, CEC.
03. Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Member, CEC.
04. Mr. Usman Umer, Member, CEC.
05. Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Member, CEC.

The letters of acceptance of the resignations were conveyed to the above gentlemen.

II) MEETING / CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AT ISLAMABAD :

The Committee also decided to hold a Conference with lunch or dinner as per convenience after Ramadan at appropriate time in which foreign diplomats of those countries where our business relations normally exist in order to invigorate further trade ties and to get maximum facilities particularly visa facilities to have easy excess to their market for promotion of export.

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

APPROVED:



**(KHURSHID ALAM)
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

**(MOINUDDIN QURAIHI)
SECRETARY**