

Pakistan Tanners Association
(Central Office)

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SUB : **MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH SEPTEMBER'2011 AT SHERATON HOTEL, KARACHI** :

The 8th Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on **Wednesday, the 7th September'2011 at 12:00 Noon** under the Chairmanship of Mr. Fawwad Shafi, Acting Chairman, PTA (Central).

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. Fawwad Shafi	-	Acting Chairman
02.	Mr. Aziz Ahmed	-	Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Asfandyar Farrukh	-	Member
04.	Mr. Khurshid Ahmed	-	- do -
05.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	-	- do -
06.	Mr. Shakil Ahmed	-	- do -
07.	Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood	-	- do -
08.	Mr. Usman Umer	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Gulzar Firoz	-	Ex- Officio Member
10.	Mr. S.M Muneer	-	Special Invitee
11.	Mr. S.M. Saleem	-	- do -
12.	Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi	-	- do -
13.	Mr. Habibur Rehman Sheikh	-	- do -
14.	Mr. S.M.Naseem	-	- do -
15.	Mr. Tanweer Ahmed	-	- do -
16.	Mr. Farrukh H. Sheikh	-	- do -
17.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	- do -
18.	Mr. Mansoor Iqbal	-	- do -
19.	Sh. M. Afzal Hussain	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Usman Umer.

Before taking up the regular Agenda the House was apprised of the brutal assassination of Mr. Khalid Iqbal Brother of Mr. Anwer Iqbal of M/s. National Tanneries of Pakistan Ltd, Lahore and demise of the mother-in-law of Mr. Danish Khan of M/s. Highway's Creation (Pvt) Ltd, Karachi. The members offered Fateha praying to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in the eternal peace and grant strength to the bereaved families to bear the great losses.

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 BRUTAL ASSASSINATION OF MR. KHALID IQBAL BROTHER OF MR. ANWER IQBAL OF M/S. NATIONAL TANNERIES OF PAKISTAN LTD, LAHORE AND DEMISE OF THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF MR. DANISH KHAN OF M/S. HIGHWAY’S CREATION (PVT) LTD, KARACHI AND OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH TO REST THE DEPARTED SOULS IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES TO BEAR THE IRREPARABLE LOSSES.”

Mr. Fawwad Shafi proposed that All the member participants also pray to Almighty Allah for complete recovery of health of Mr. Arshad Alam father of Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman,PTA at the earliest.

Mr. Fawwad Shafi presiding over the meeting in the absence of Mr. Khurshid Alam thanked the Central M/C members and the special invitees for sparing their time to attend the meeting.

Mr. S.M.Muneer, founder member and ex-Chairman, PTA (Central) expressed his satisfaction on the congenial and friendly atmosphere maintained so far by the members of the Association and keeping the affairs of this prestigious trade body moving smoothly and peacefully all the times as our association’s history proves. He further averred that this could be possible because of our elders sacrifices and selfless dedication to the cause of promoting leather industry and maintaining impeccable image of PTA since its inception.

He sincerely appealed to all the M/C and other senior & junior members to stand united and join hands with mutual cooperation to serve the industry for the common cause. Healthy competition and difference of opinion are appreciable but any sort of controversy amongst the members on any issue breeds unpleasant atmosphere which is not in anyone’s benefits. He, therefore, stressed the need to shun differences, if any, in the interest of the industry and the association.

All members present in the meeting appreciated the sincere appeal of Mr. S.M. Muneer to be pondered from the core of the hearts and then advised those who tendered their resignations from the Central Executive Committee to continue shouldering their respective statutory responsibilities as usual as their resignations were already kept pending by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Habib Sheikh proposed that the resignations of some members of the CEC which were pending should be taken back by the respective members. All members present appreciated Mr. Habib Sheikh’s proposal and the subsequent withdrawal of resignations by the respective members. It was a very good omen for the bright and unified future of the PTA.

Mr. S.M. Naseem, a senior member, present in the meeting opined to adopt a resolution in favour of all the senior members of PTA in recognition of their long association, dedication

and selfless services rendered to the betterment of the Association and for upholding the image of the leather industry in the country and abroad by virtue of their conscientious principles.

The House heartily eulogized the sacrifices made by all the leading & senior members of Pakistan Tanners Association who had laid and consolidated the foundation of PTA for the benefits of particularly new Comers / Young members to follow the established tradition and take benefit from seniors' rich experience.

The Committee appreciating the views of Mr. S.M.Naseem adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE HOUSE APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS, LONG AND SELFLESS ASSOCIATION OF ALL THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION WHO SERVED THE ASSOCIATION AS CHAIRMAN OR MEMBERS FOR THE UPGRADATION, BETTERMENT OF LEATHER INDUSTRY AND TO UPHOLD THE IMAGE OF THE TANNING INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD. THE HOUSE HEARTILY EULOGISED THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE LEADING & SENIOR MEMBERS OF PTA WHO HAD LAID AND CONSOLIDATED THE FOUNDATION OF PTA FOR THE BENEFITS OF PARTICULARLY NEW COMERS/YOUNG MEMBERS TO FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED TRADITION AND TO TAKE BENEFIT FROM SENIORS' RICH EXPERIENCE.”

It was also clarified that the Rs. 2500,000 collected by the PTA Northern Zone was to be deposited in PTA North's accounts, and the Rs. 1500,000 that was requested by PTA Central was separate and would be collected from all members of PTA North.

The members were all also apprised about the media campaign and that the committee formed earlier will continue to work on the subject reporting to the Finance committee which would give a presentation to the CEC. It was also decided that members should on a personal level talk and try to lobby the members of the Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet of Pakistan to ban the export of Live Animals and Wetblue. The list of ECC members would be circulated amongst all members. Since the house was of the opinion that personal lobbying can work well too. The media committee formed to handle the export of live animals was also asked to get the issue to be discussed in the TV talk shows and to send media savvy members of the PTA to these shows to highlight this important issue. The house was notified that about Rs 300,000 had been spent on the ads placed in the Newspapers. And approximately Rs. 450,000 was paid to an advertising firm to make a video on the issue.

1. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON 1ST AUGUST'2011 :

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of PTA held on 1st August'2011 through Video Conference as proposed by Mr. Usman Umer and seconded by Mr. Khurshid Ahmed, M/C member were confirmed by the Committee unanimously.

2. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE 7TH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF PTA OF 1ST AUGUST, 2011 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE :

The Central Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed implementation for all the decisions taken in the 7th Central Executive Committee meeting held on 1st August, 2011 and approved.

3. (i) TO NOTE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY & JUNE'2011 OF PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE).

The monthly accounts of PTA (Central Secretariat) for May & June, 2011 tabled in the meeting were thoroughly examined, noted and approved by the committee.

(ii) TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF PTA CENTRAL OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011 BEFORE FINALLY PRESENTING IN THE AGM.

The committee reviewed and examined the annual accounts of PTA (Central) office for the financial year ending 30th June, 2011 audited by PTA's appointed auditors M/s. S.M. Rehan & Co, Chartered Accountants.

The members asked about the excessive increase in salary of employees of the PTA (Central) and told Mr. Moin Qureshi to present a report in the next CEC meeting on the number of times and the increment that was given to the employees in the last financial year.

The House having taken note of the heavily accumulating amounts of service gratuity of the secretariat employees on annual basis due to the high increments. Keeping in view this alarming position as shown in the Annual Audited statement of Accounts ending 30th June, 2011 it was proposed as a policy system to discontinue accumulation of gratuity amounts progressively as retirement benefits of the staff and square up the dues by liquidating the liability on this account of each individual every year after the close of financial year, thereby dismissing employees and then re-hiring them every year. It was further proposed that the amounts of gratuity accumulated till 30th June, 2011 be paid in final settlement to the staff concerned. This matter may be reviewed/decided in the next CEC meeting.

Thereafter, the audited statement of annual accounts containing Receipts and Expenditure as detailed therein for the financial year 2010-2011 was approved by the Committee to be finalized by the auditors for presentation in the forthcoming AGM.

4. TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON M/C & OTHER MEETINGS AND PRINTING OF PTA'S NEWS LETTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE & ADMIN COMMITTEE OF PTA.

The Committee considered and granted ex-post facto approval to the payments made on the following accounts on the recommendations of the Finance & Admin Standing Committee, PTA:-

(1) Cost of Printing of PTA's News Letter	Rs.74,400.00
(2) Lunch etc on Central M/C meeting & Press Conference held at Lahore on 7 th July, 2011.	Rs.36,435.00
(3) Expenses on the meeting of Central M/C and meeting with US Consulate Economic officer on 19 th April, 2011 at Lahore..	<u>Rs. 51,905.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>Rs. 1,62,740.00</u>

5. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

(I) HOLDING OF PTA's AGM IN KARACHI & LAHORE ON ROTATION BASIS.

Some members present in the meeting showed reservation on the policy decision taken by the Central Executive Committee in its meeting held on 30.10.2010 at Lahore for holding AGM on rotation basis in Karachi & Lahore as according to their contention no such policy was ever practiced in the past and the AGM was always held in Karachi, the Centre.

However, the House agreed to the holding of AGM in Karachi or Lahore on the discretion of the Chairman/CEC, but decided not to make it a permanent policy. The AGM was decided to be held at Karachi or Lahore through Video Conference if convenient to all concerned.

(ii) FORMATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE FOR VERIFYING KINDS OF LEATHER FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE:

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, Export Standing Committee, PTA informed the Committee that the Customs authorities concerned seek assistance from PTA time to time for the verification of leather being exported in order to check any mis-declaration of HS Codes to evade payment of Custom duty. There is therefore need to form a Committee consisting of atleast two knowledgeable members for the purpose on the pattern of such Committee already working in PTA (Northern Zone) Lahore. These nominated members may, if imperatively needed visit the Port to verify the leather on the spot to avoid delay in Customs clearance/shipment.

It was decided to constitute the proposed Committee in consultation with the Central Chairman and the Southern Zone Chairman.

(iii) TO PROPOSE ENHANCEMENT OF DUTY DRAW BACK RATES FOR LEATHER:

The Committee in view of existing rates of Duty Drawback being on the lower side decided to ask the Chairman, Duty Drawback Standing Committee to take up the matter with the FBR for increasing the rates of leather under different HS Codes. In this case all the help would be needed from Mr. SM Muneer. And it was decided that the committee should coordinate with him.

(iv) COST OF FIBRE OPTIC LINK-UP:

Members thought that the cost of the fibre optic link-up was very high at Rs. 50,000 a month; and that it should be reduced. It was decided that the monthly cost would be negotiated with the help of Mr. Usman Umer, who said that he will provide rates from different people using the same service.

Mr. Fawwad Shafi thanked the CEC members and special invitees for being very cooperative and solving this contentious issue in a very gracious manner. He also thanked all present for showing confidence in him and other young members such that they can come and lead the PTA and work for the bright future of the association.

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

APPROVED:

Sd/-

**(FAWWAD SHAFI)
ACTING CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

**(MOINUDDIN QURAISHI)
SECRETARY**