

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION
(CENTRAL OFFICE)

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**SUB : MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 30TH OCTOBER'2010 AT
PTA NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE :**

The 2nd Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on Saturday, the 30th October'2010 at 11:00 a.m. in PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore under the Chairmanship of Mr. Khurshid Alam.

Following M/C members 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. Aziz Ahmed	-	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. M. Danish Khan	-	Member
05.	Mr. M. Khurshid Ahmed	-	- do -
06.	Mr. S. Anjum Zafar	-	- do -
07.	Mr. Shahid Usman	-	- do -
08.	Sh. Muhammad Naim	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Usman Umer	-	- do -
10.	Mr. Gulzar Firoz	-	Ex-Officio Member
11.	Mr. Shahid Mahmud	-	Special Invitee
12.	Sh. Sarfaraz Amin	-	- do -
13.	Sh. M. Afzal Hussain	-	- do -
14.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	- do -
15.	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq	-	- do -
16.	Shaikh Muhammad Naeem	-	- do -
17.	Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla	-	- do -
18.	Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Gulzar Firoz.

Before proceeding to take up regular agenda for item-wise discussion Mr. Khurshid Alam thanked the member participants for sparing their time to attend the meeting at Lahore. He also expressed gratitude for the encouraging words offered by the valued members for him on his election as Central Chairman, PTA.

Mr. Khurshid Alam as well as Mr. S. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, Duty Drawback Standing Committee, PTA eulogized Mr. Gulzar Firoz for his remarkable performance during his tenure as Chairman for his hectic efforts, inter-alia, in realizing outstanding subsidies for International Fairs from TDAP and getting most of the pending Duty Drawback refunds released from Customs Collectorate (CARE), Karachi. He also appreciated the working of all the Standing Committees of PTA in resolving the problems of the Association's members. Other members present in the meeting fully endorsed these praiseful remarks. Mr. Gulzar Firoz thanked all the members for appreciating his performance during the tenure of his Chairmanship and assured that he would be still available for any service to the betterment of the leather industry and its members as and when required.

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

01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST (7TH) MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2009-10 AND 1ST CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF PTA FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011 BOTH HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER'2010 AT KARACHI :

Minutes of the 7th (last) Meeting for the year 2009-10 and 1st Central Executive Committee of PTA for the year 2010-11 held on 30th September'2010 at Karachi, as proposed by Mr.M.Danish Khan and seconded by Mr. Shahid Usman, both M/C Members, were confirmed by the House unanimously.

02. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE 7TH & LAST CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 2009-10 & 1ST M/C MEETING OF PTA FOR THE YEAR 2010-11 :

The Central Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed implementation of all the decisions taken in the 7th (last) Central Executive Committee Meeting for the year 2009-10 and 1st Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of PTA for the year 2010-11 held on 30th September'2010 at Karachi and approved.

03. TO NOTE PTA'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER'2010 :

The PTA's monthly accounts for July, August and Septembr'2010 were minutely examined, noted and approved.

Chairman, PTA, Mr. Khurshid Alam apprised the House of his policy for granting financial approval as and when required for smooth functioning of PTA Administration according to which such requisitions/estimates should first be subjected to scrutiny by the Finance and Administration Standing Committee and upon its recommendations finally approved by the Chairman or the Executive Committee, as the case may be.

The members unanimously appreciated this policy procedure adopted by the Chairman, PTA as according to them the Executive Committee members had no ample time for deeply scrutinizing financial documents tabled in the meetings for review and approval.

04. TO APPROVE PTA'S VARIOUS CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2010-11 :

The Committee reviewed PTA's various proposed Central Standing Committees to be formed for the year 2010-11, details of which were placed in the meeting.

After reviewing list of all the Standing Committees carefully the same were approved. However, some members showed their interest for inclusion of their names in the Committees of their choice which were also approved and inserted therein accordingly. The Secretary was directed to circulate the final list for immediate implementation.

The Committee also decided that at least four meetings of these Committees should be held during the year by the respective Chairmen to prove their active performance by taking up the matters timely in the benefits of the Association's members and the leather industry.

05. TO ADOPT CRITERIA FOR PRESENTING AWARD IN THE SHAPE OF SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORIAM OF SHAHEED NAJEEB ZAFAR TO BE CONFERRED ON TWO STUDENTS OF NILT, KARACHI & GUJRANWALA LEATHER INSTITUTE RESPECTIVELY :

The Committee discussed the proposal aimed at adopting criteria for presenting the award to two students of the above institutes and after contemplated consideration it was decided to request the Principals of both the training institutes to furnish the name of one student each who is academically brilliant as well as really deserving for the scholarship. Total annual fee of each student be also sought.

06. TO APPRISE OUTCOME OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN, PTA (CENTRAL) HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER'2010 AT LAHORE :

The Chairman, PTA apprised the House of the media briefing Conference organized appropriately on 6th October'2010 at 4:00 p.m. at Royal Palm Golf & Country Club, Lahore in which prominent print & electronic media representatives participated. Hi-tea was served at the end of the successful Press Conference.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz appreciated the efforts of Mr. Khurshid Alam on the holding of Press Conference and wide media coverage.

Very positive result was achieved out of the Press Conference and the burning issues of the leather industry expounded by the Chairman, Mr. Khurshid Alam were conspicuously highlighted in all the leading Newspapers and the image of Pakistan Tanners Association was consequently accentuated. The House appreciated such result oriented measures adopted by Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman as the same attracted the attention of the Government authorities concerned and the media men started visiting PTA (NZ) office for knowing about more details of leather industry's issues.

07. TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION STANDING COMMITTEE OF PTA FOR THE EXPENDITURE AMOUNTING TO RS.74,390/- INCURRED ON HOLDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN, PTA (CENTRAL) :

The Chairman informed the Committee that a sum of Rs.74,390/- was spent on the whole arrangements made for holding the press conference in a befitting manner which was duly recommended by the Finance & Administration Standing Committee of PTA. The Executive Committee then approved the above expenses defrayed on the aforesaid occasion.

08. TEAR SHEETS OF PRESS RELEASES ETC. OF THE CHAIRMAN, PTA (CENTRAL) ON DIFFERENT KEY ISSUES OF THE LEATHER INDUSTRY PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS DAILY NEWSPAPERS :

The member participants appreciated the efforts of Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA for releasing numerous press statements which were published in various daily newspapers during the month of October'2010 on different significant issues and proposals made for the betterment of leather industry.

09. TO CONSIDER HOLDING OF MEGA PAKISTAN LEATHER SHOW AT LAHORE :

In order to proceed further with the M/C decision for holding Combined Pakistan Leather Show at Expo Centre, Lahore splendidly in collaboration with PLGMEA, PGMEA & PFMA it was decided to convene a joint meeting again with all the leather related associations as soon as possible to discuss all the relevant aspects to give final shape of the above said programme to make it a real success from the perspective of image building of leather sector industry of Pakistan within the country and abroad.

10. TO CONSIDER LETTER DATED 19TH OCTOBER'2010 FROM MR. AZIZ AHMED, CHAIRMAN, PTA (SZ) PROPOSING HOLDING OF DINNER FUNCTION AT KARACHI PARTICULARLY FOR IMAGE BUILDING OF PTA _____ :

The proposal of Mr. Aziz Ahmed, Vice Chairman, PTA was discussed at length and it was unanimously decided that a dinner function be organized providently at Karachi in honour of the Governor of Sindh and all relevant Government functionaries, foreign diplomats and other VIPs to be decided by Mr. Aziz Ahmed in consultation with Mr. S.M. Muneer and Mr. Gulzar Firoz with proper media coverage be invited on the occasion.

11. TO DISCUSS LETTER OF MR. S.M. MUNEER REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE MEMBERS WITH SUBSIDY IN LINEAPELLE FAIR-2010 AND COMMENTS OFFERED ON IT BY MR. MUHAMMAD NASEEM SHAFI & MR. S.M. SALEEM _____ :

The comments received from Mr. S.M. Muneer, Mr. M. Naseem Shafi and Mr. S.M. Saleem on the decision of the Central Executive Committee in its meeting held on 26.06.2010 regarding private participation in Lineapelle Fair for which no subsidy for space rent and construction charges of stands would be claimed by including their names in one consolidated invoice, were discussed at length.

Mr. Shahid Mahmud, Chairman, International Fairs & Delegations Standing Committee clarified the whole position in detail which was also amplified by Mr. Muhammad Ali, Dy. Secretary, PTA whereby it was made clear that as per Rules & Regulations of TDAP with regard to the release of subsidy for Int'l Fairs, subsidy on space rent only and not on construction/decoration of the stands would be payable to the private participants.

After listening to the above explanation, the Committee reviewed its earlier decision and unanimously decided to get one consolidated invoice from the Fair Organizer for upcoming Lineapelle Fair for SPACE RENT only in respect of all Private Participants concerned to enable them to get subsidy to the above extent.

12. TO APPRISE THE HOUSE OF THE NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN, PTA AS MEMBER ON THE RE-CONSTITUTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION (NPO) _____ :

The members were pleased to note the nomination of the Chairman, PTA as one of the members of the re-constituted Board of Directors of National Productivity Organization (NPO) under Ministry of Industries & Production, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

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

(a) TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCING VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM IN PTA CENTRAL OFFICE, KARACHI AND NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE AND TO CONSIDER QUOTATION THEREFOR RECEIVED THROUGH MR. USMAN UMER _____ :

The proposal for introducing Video Conference System between PTA (Central Office), Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore to facilitate the Members of the Central Executive Committee and the Special Invitees in order to save their time and traveling hardships for the convenience and maximum participation of the members to attend M/C Meetings as and when held as well as to make it easy for getting their valued view points on each Agenda items of the M/C Meetings by installing this video conferencing System was brainstormed by the Committee. Besides, heavy expenditures on reimbursement of cost of air tickets to M/C Members and Special Invitees will be saved.

Mr. Usman Umer, M/C Member was requested to get necessary detail with quotation for the installation of the above system. He, after consulting/negotiating many dealers, obtained the estimate from M/s. MSOFT, Lahore and provided the same for consideration of the Committee. He explained the working of the video conferencing system and apprised the Committee of the recurring approximate expenses of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand) per month and non-recurring expenses of Rs.1500,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs) for the establishment of the whole system 'new Polycom Vsx 6000 IP', 2 Cameras/TVs and Internet connection. The Committee appreciated the efforts of Mr. Usman Umer exercised by him in this regard.

The Committee, after contemplated consideration of all the aspects, approved the proposed system in principle. However, in the meantime Mr. S. Anjum Zafar was requested to observe the already installed system of this technology in the APTMA, Lahore in order to ascertain the performance and usefulness of the Video Conference System as well as total expenses (one time and monthly) for further consideration.

(b) TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER HOLDING ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF PTA CENTRAL ON ROTATION BASIS AT KARACHI & LAHORE LIKE M/C MEETINGS :

After due consideration, the Committee decided to hold the Annual General Body Meeting of PTA Central at Karachi & Lahore on rotation basis like Central Executive Committee Meetings. The AGM will be held in PTA (Central OR Northern Zone Offices), to which the Central Chairman belongs.

(c) TO APPRISE THE HOUSE OF THE NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN, PTA AS MEMBER IN THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STANDARDS (NEQS) EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE :

Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA apprised the Committee about nomination of the Chairman, PTA as Member in the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) Expert Advisory Committee. The House noted the said nomination with appreciation.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz having rich experience in the field of environment offered his cooperation to the Chairman in this regard as and when required.

(d) OUTCOME OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS :

i) MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB ON 25TH OCTOBER'2010 :

Meeting with Mr. Salman Taseer, Governor of the Punjab held on 25th October'2010 at Royal Palm Golf & Country Club, Lahore to discuss core issues of the Leather Industry.

The Chairman, PTA apprised the problems being faced by the leather industry for which the Governor assured PTA members of his support & cooperation in addressing their problems.

A large number of PTA's members attended the meeting and the representatives from electronic & print media were present on the occasion for coverage and highlighting the same in daily Newspapers and TV Channels.

The Governor later placed PTA proposals in the Federal Cabinet Meeting held on 26th October'2010 chaired by the Prime Minister of Pakistan in the Governor House, Lahore. The PM directed the Federal Minister for Petroleum & Gas, Mr. Naveed Qamar and Federal Minister for Industries & Production, Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani to hold meetings with the PTA's delegation to sort out the issues/proposals for early remedial action.

Accordingly, a PTA delegation led by Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA met both the Federal Ministers concerned on 28th October'2010 at the Governor House, Lahore and discussed a few burning issues like (i) Export & Smuggling of live animals (ii) Frequent Electricity Load Shedding (iii) Short Supply of Natural Gas. The Chairman informed that both the Ministers assured for doing the needful for the uplift of leather industry. They also assured to have separate meeting with PTA's delegation shortly again to solve the problems and to chalk out the Industrial Policy for Leather Industry for which PTA was asked to furnish necessary proposals/suggestions. Accordingly all the members of PTA have been asked through a Circular to provide their proposals/suggestions/issues to be sent to the Government for the above purpose.

ii) MEETING WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN LAHORE ON 29TH OCTOBER'2010 :

On PTA's invitation Ms. Carmela Conroy, Consul General of the United States of America in Lahore visited PTA Northern Zone Office and met the members on 29th October'2010 to discuss bilateral business related issues. She thanked the Chairman and members of PTA for inviting her to have the opportunity to know the status of Leather industry to tie up closer liaison between both the countries.

The Chairman, PTA while welcoming the lady Consul General of USA with thanks, apprised her of the status of leather industry particularly its export to USA and hardships in getting US Visa by PTA member exporters.

She assured to give due facilities particularly for issuance of US Visa to PTA members to enable them to invigorate their business relations for having easy access to US market.

A large number of print & electronic media covered the said event and daily newspapers published the news with photographs in next day.

(e) VISIT OF MR. IMRAN KHAN, CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN TEHREEK-E-INSAF TO PTA (NORTHERN ZONE) OFFICE ON 30TH OCTOBER'2010 :

After the end of Central Executive Committee meeting on 30th October'2010, Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf visited PTA (Northern Zone) Office on PTA Chairman's invitation. Mr. Khurshid Alam apprised him of the over all status of leather industry and its burning issues causing decline in export. The Chairman, PTA expected Mr. Imran Khan to raise our problems before the Government authorities concerned as and when any such occasion arises.

Mr. Imran Khan made the member participants aware of his welfare activities and future planning in the field of health and education in various parts of the country. He simultaneously assured the members to do whatever he could for them by creating possible coordination between PTA and the Government for the up-lift of leather industry.

A large number of PTA members as well as print & electronic media representatives were present in the meeting. This event was covered in leading daily Newspapers and some TV Channels

In the end, Mr. Khurshid Alam, Chairman, PTA thanked Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman, PTI for visiting PTA office at Lahore.

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

APPROVED:

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

**(KHURSHID ALAM)
CHAIRMAN**

**(MOINUDDIN QURAIHI)
SECRETARY**