



BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

(RECOGNISED BY MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS UNDER PRIORITY CATEGORY)

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NOTICE

A notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for the year 2023 of **BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA** will be held on **FRIDAY the 24th November, 2023 at 19.00 hrs** at Bhogeswari Phukanani Indoor Stadium, Guwahati also known as Holocaust Indoor Stadium. Rudra Singha Sports Complex, Guwahati to transact the following business.

AGENDA

1. To receive and adopt the audited Balance sheet and the Income & Expenditure account for the year 2022-23
2. To constitute Technical / Development & National Laws Commission Committees for the year for a period of two years;
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration for the year 2023-24.
4. Performance of Indian Teams at Asian Games, 2023
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Secretary for 2022-23
6. To consider any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.
7. To elect the Interim Office bearers of the Federation for the vacant posts (Vice President – 1 post and Hon. Treasurer – 1 post) up to the tenure of the existing term (2026) or up to the election date of new general elections announced by BFI.
8. **FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,**

Thanking you,

With regards,



C.M. Kulkarni

Hon. Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of the audited statement of accounts is being circulated separately.
2. Members are requested to intimate the names of their representative attending the Meeting so as to reach the Honorary Secretary before 2.00 PM on 24th November, 2023.
3. If there is no quorum for the meeting up to 19.30hrs. The meeting shall be adjourned, and the adjourned meeting will be held at the same place on the same day at 20.00hrs.
4. In the adjourned meeting the business on the agenda will be transacted irrespective of the quorum.



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Minutes of the BFI Annual General Meeting 2023-24 held at Hotel Courtyard, Guwahati on 24th November, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Executive Committee Members Present:

1. Mr. Sutanu Behuria, President
2. Mr. CM Kulkarni, Hon. Gen. Secretary
3. Mr. Ranjan Bhattacharya, Jt. Secretary
4. Mrs. Monica Jajoo, Executive Member
5. Mr. Sumit Mukherjee, Executive Member

Permanent & Associate Members:

1. Mr. Srinivasan Iyengar (Gujarat)	13. Mr. Mani Kumar (Manipur)
2. Mr. Vibhas Todi (West Bengal)	14. Mr. Suvendu Patnaik (Odisha)
3. Mrs. Satish Kumar (Tamilnadu)	15. Mr. Ajay Singh (Bihar)
4. Mr. Jyotirmey Dey (Assam)	16. Mr. Shankar Chatterjee (UttarPradesh)
5. Mr. Kunal Jaiswal(Karnataka)	17. Mr. Sanjay Chakraborty (Jharkhand)
6. Mr. Hatinder Panwar (Himachal)	18. Mr. Mukil Kumar (Puducherry)
7. Mr. JS Bahl (Punjab)	19. Mr. N Ramkumar (DAE)
8. Mr. Hemant Pande (Maharashtra)	20. Mr. Swaminathan (CRSCB)
9. Mr. Ramachandra Rao (Telengana)	21. Mr. Rajesh Tewary (PSPB)
10. Mr. TC Pant (Delhi)	22. Mr. RVS Chauhan (Uttarkhand)
11. Mr. Pankaj Choudhary (Madhya Pradesh)	23. Mr. Prakash Paul (Meghalaya)
12. Mr. Uttam Gupta (Goa)	24. Brig. Kurain (Kerala)

Items Discussed

The President called the meeting and thanked the members for their presence. He appraised them about the current executive members and also thanked them for supporting the initiative to hold the national championship at Assam after several years of efforts made by local organizers towards the hosting rights.

He thanked the representatives of all state associations for their continuous support to the federation as well encouraged them to come forward for conducting national level events with good support from the federation and technical expertise.

He congratulated the Asian Game Medallists (**Sandeep Thakral, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sumit Mukherjee, Rajeshwar Tewari, Raju Tolani and Ajay Khare**) who have brought glory to our country by securing Silver Medal in the Men category. Also, the federation is grateful to all the national coaches and support staff who have worked hard towards the preparations of the athletes in the Men/Mixed/Women and Juniors sectors and requested that this process should be continued to achieve long terms goals of our game. The members were informed about the achievement of Indian teams in the Asia Cup, BFAME and APBF Championships where India emerged strong among other nations.

The President concluded by expressing his concern that BFI has been totally supportive towards the national interest of the game at large with several financial constraints on account of lower revenues and restricted spending permitted by Sports Ministry. As a result, efforts to build the financial strength through CSR programs are needed for which assistance from member stakeholders are necessary

The President also informed that members that on account of resignation of few committee members and vacancy of posts in the year 2023-24, it is proposed to convene the BFI elections in near future at suitable date for which information will be circulated to all members.

The Hon Secretary was requested to take over the points of the Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes: The previous AGM Minutes held on 17th September, 2022 at PYC Gymkhana that had been circulated were accepted unanimously.

2. Annual Report: The Secretary updated the committee the federation had revived from the COVID crisis and live events have started to emerge with the 64th Winter Nationals held at Jaipur during December, 2022 and from thereon, several organizers have successfully held their events during 2022-23 though the participation level has dropped down significantly on rise of incremental costs and online bridge as a substitution. He appraised the members that statewide players count at BFI has been on a decline and efforts should be made by all state association to infuse fresh blood and especially more towards youth programs.

The Secretary's report approval motion was proposed by **Mr. Hemant Pande** and seconded by **Mr. Suvendu Patnaik**

3. Financial Statements 2022-23: The audited financial statements were circulated to all members where in the Secretary appraised the members that annual budget of BFI was around Rs. 2.5 crores as it has provided a lot of exposure on coaching camps and foreign tournaments at junior and senior levels. The Financial Statements approval motion was proposed by **Mr. Sanjay Chakravorty** and seconded by **Mr. Ajay Singh**

4. Appointment of Auditors:

A resolution to appoint **HSK & Co. LLP** based in Ahmedabad as the statutory auditor of Bridge Federation was proposed which was unanimously accepted by all members. The audit fees and other services obtained will be as per the terms of engagement.

5. To constitute Technical/ Development & National Laws Commission Committees:

The Secretary appraised the committee about the recent resignation of Mr. Debasish Ray (Chairman of Technical Committee). The federation had proposed for Mr. TC Pant's candidature which was not accepted by him. It was unanimously decided to empower the Executive Committee to appoint the Chairman of Technical Committee.

It was also proposed to appoint Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal being the BFI Head TD to continue as Chairman of the National Laws Commission which was unanimously accepted by the members

6. Performance of Asian Games by Indian teams

The Secretary informed the members that the Men Team has a decent performance while the Mixed Team lost ground in the final league of qualification which was quite a disappointment. With regard to the Ladies team, it was noticed that there needs more training and workshops towards their weak performance.

7. On the Juniors/Sub Juniors front, the federation had successfully conducted two coaching camps and two national championships where the selection of juniors for the World Transnational Teams Youth Championships at Salsomaggorie, Italy. BFI is pleased to that announce that India secured 3 Golds, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal in the various categories (Teams, Pairs and Individual), the details of which have been mentioned in the annual report. The secretary heartily congratulated all the merit performers and wished the best for all future endeavours to make the nation proud.

8. The Secretary appraised that coaching of the pairs for the Asian Games and World Championships were conducted online as approved by SAI and will commence after the selection trials.

9. He also informed the members that the grants received from the Spors Authority of India are purely on reimbursement basis as per the sanction order sent to them and all event expenses are audited by CAG appointed auditor before submitting them. No special grant is received towards the administrative overheads or towards the national competitions conducted by the federation.

10. The Selection Trials for the 2022-23 Trials will be held at Shiv Nadar University in 1st week of March, 2023 for the Asian Games and World Teams Championships, Morocco as per the BFI Ranking policy 2022-23.

11. It was unanimously approved to adapt the revised BFI Capitation Fees and Technical Honorarium Charges as proposed by the Executive Committee for the BFI affiliated tournaments from 1st April, 2023.

12. It was unanimously approved to adapt the revised BFI Material Rental List as proposed by the Executive Committee for the materials sent towards BFI affiliated tournaments organized by any organizer other than BFI w.e.f. from 1st April, 2023 along with the freight and handling charges. For National level recognized events, BFI will provide 30 Bridgemates with one server and 1 Dealing Machine at no cost for the event.

The **National Ranking Points Scheme** for the upcoming year 2023-24 is under review to be implemented for upcoming selection trials for next calendar year.

The online meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

For Bridge Federation of India,



Chandrakant M Kulkarni
(BFI Hon Secretary)

