

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 28th October 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm
Venue: Fiora Hotel, Murree
Participants: Mr. Saqib Rafiq (President in Chair)
Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh (SVP)
Mr. Faisal Shahzad (VP)
Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf (Immediate Past President)
Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud
Mr. Abdul Rauf
Mr. Mudasir Maqbool
Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Mr. Shahid Qayyum
Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed
Mr. Asim Mahmood
Mr. Muhammad Akram
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Mr. Asad Aftab
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

Regrets:
Mr. Kashif Raheem
Khawaja Farooq Ali
Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique
Ms. Sadia Zia
Mr. Martin Pervez

The 13th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Faisal Shahzad, Vice President. President Mr. Saqib Rafiq who chaired the meeting welcomed all Executive Committee Members for their attendance.

Later the President started the proceedings according to the following agenda points which were circulated vide letter No.12/2023/4715 dated 24th October, 2023:

Res. No.102: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of son of Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai, former Vice President RCCI, Aunt of Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed and relative of Kh. Farooq Ali. Fatiha/Dua was offered by Mr. Muhammad Akram.

Res. No. 103: To confirm the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 28th September, 2023 and Emergent EC meeting held on 20th October, 2023.

Mr. Saqib Rafiq, President RCCI announced the agenda item No. 2 for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the 12th Executive Committee Meeting held on 28th September, 2023 and Emergent Meeting held on 20th October, 2023 were approved by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and seconded by Mr. Mudasir Maqbool. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 12th Executive Committee Meeting and Emergent Meeting.

Res. No.104: To consider the applications for the Chamber's Membership of the firms/companies mentioned in the attached list.

President announced the agenda item No. 3 for approval.

Decision:

The total of 212 applications for Associate Class and 43 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan and seconded by Mr. Shahid Qayyum. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

Res. No.105: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

During the discussions over the activities of past one month President added that by virtue of his appointment as Chairman RWMC the department has launched a toll free help line (1139) for immediate assistance over the cleanliness matters in the city. House appreciated the initiative.

President requested Senior Vice President Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh to brief the meeting with the officials of Civil Defence, Mr. Hamza Elaborated that the meeting was arranged to facilitate the business community and develop an understanding with the department. In this regard a MoU will be signed between RCCI-Civil Defence very soon.

President requested Mr. Shahid Qayyum to brief the meeting at the Embassy of Cyprus. Mr. Shahid Qayyum added that the meeting discussed different sectors including Tourism, Pharma and Agriculture.

Res. No.106: To discuss monthly financial statement of Chamber

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed the financial position to the house. He informed that total revenue collected during the past one month was Rs.4,828,900/- and expense incurred was Rs.4,313,838/-

President added that Chamber is successfully managing its monthly expenses through conventional income.

Decision:

Mr. Asim Mahmood approved and Mr. Muhammad Akram seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending September, 2023. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses. House appreciated the Office Bearers.

Res. No.107: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq requested Secretary General to brief the upcoming events of Chamber, Secretary General elaborated the upcoming events as follows:

- Global Entrepreneurship Week 13-19 November, 2023.
- Economic Manifestos of all the leading political parties of Pakistan.
- Business Plan Competition.
- Pindi Food Fest.
- Working Women Day.

President requested all the members of House for maximum participation and support.

Res. No.108: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters.

House regularized the services of the following staff:

1. Ms. Areej Iftikhar, F&E Officer w.e.f. 26th September, 2023.
2. Mr. Muhammad Umar, Membership Officer w.e.f 26th September, 2023.
3. Ms. Muniba Ishtiaque, R&D Officer w.e.f. 5th November, 2023.

Whereas a Service Contract for one year was approved for Ms. Mariam Nawaz as IA Officer from 30th August, 2023.

House also approved Rs.20,000/- per month as minimum stipend for the Internees.

Res. No.109: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

President informed the house that as the tenure is extended to 02 years now each and every one of us is more experienced and thus more responsibility towards Chamber, he added that we should fulfill the expectations of members.

House thanked and appreciated Mr. Mudasir Maqbool and Kh. Farooq Ali for arranging Executive Committee meeting at Murree and President further informed the House that the subsequent meetings will be arranged at Gujar Khan and Taxila.

Deputy Commissioner Murree Agha Zaheer Abbas Shirazi also attended the clousure of the meeting as on special invitee, he briefed the house about the business environment and problems of Murree city. He also gave a presentation about the development works being carried out at Murree.

House also met representatives of business community of Murree to listen to their issues. President Mr. Saiqb Rafiq assured them the support of Chamber for resolution of their issues.

Since there was no other point, the meeting was adjourned with vote of thanks to the chair.

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General