

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 7th January, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.
Venue: Mian Parvez Aslam Hall of the Chamber
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. Shahid Qayyum
Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed
Mr. Kashif Raheem
Khawaja Farooq Ali
Mr. Asim Mahmood
Mr. Muhammad Akram
Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt
Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Mr. Martin Pervez
Mr. Asad Aftab
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

Regrets: Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Ms. Sadia Zia

The 4th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, SVP. 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.12/2022/5706 dated 30th December, 2022.

Res. No.27: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of Mother in Law of Group Leader Mr. Sohail Altaf, Mr. Ali Zaidi (Bara Bazar) and Mother in Law of Mr. Zafeer Ahmed, Qasid of RCCI and all other deceased members and for their families.

Res. No28: To confirm the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the the Executive Committee held on 10th December 2022 attached vide No.12/2022/5705 dated 30th December, 2022.

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

Decision

The minutes of the 3rd Executive Committee Meeting held on 19th December 2022 were approved by Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed and seconded by Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 3rd Executive Committee Meeting.

The house also approved the minutes of the emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on 31st December, 2022 circulated vide No.12/2022/5725 dated 31st December, 2022.

Res. No.29: 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 102 applications for Associate Class and 16 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Mr. Abu Baker Siddique and seconded by Mr. Waseem Aslam. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

Mr. Kashif Raheem added that he is working on 2000 new membership for Chamber and he will share a good news very soon.

President RCCI individually requested each member of the house to focus on new Membership and come up with their progress in each meeting of Executive Committee.

During the discussions over the new membership, Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that we should have more interaction and meet ups with the Industry as we have more than 450 Units in the Industrial Estate and many of them are our members. President replied that we will work on it.

Res. No.30: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

President briefed all important activities during the past one month. House appreciated the pace maintained by Office Bearers.

Res. No.31: To discuss monthly financial statement of Chamber

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq briefed the financial position to the house. He informed the house that total revenue collected during the past one month was Rs.5,966,000/- and expense incurred was Rs.6,402,480/-

Decision:

Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud approved and Mr. Asim Mahmood seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending December, 2022. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

Secretary General suggested the house that the Cash Purchase limit should be increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.25,000/- due to inflation. House approved the proposal.

He further suggested that the purchase over single quotation should also be increased from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.100,000/-. Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, SVP added that we should keep the limit to Rs.50,000/- at the moment, hence the limit for the recommendation remained the same.

Res. No.32: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq elaborated the upcoming events which are as follows:

- 15th International Chambers Summit 17-18 January, 2023.
- Education Conference 3-5 March, 2023
- Rawal Expo 3rd Week of May, 2023.
- Delegation of KSA.

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

Res. No.33: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters

President RCCI Mr. Saqib Rafiq added that staff needs to improve their performance as there are very shotcoming and mistakes.He added that he will re-structure the departments accordingly with the consultation of HR Committee. House endorsed the suggestion.

He futher showed concern on performance of BRC department and issues faced by other departments.

Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf, Immediate Past President suggested to convert the BRC to R&D Department.

Mr. Abu Baker Siddique said the improvement is required in R&D Department.

Mr. Asim Mahmood added that departments may submit weekly performance reports related to their activities.

Res. No. 34: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that we should be more participative in the Standing Committees of FPCCI. He gave the examples of Small Chamber which are more participative.

Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf, Immediate Past President replied that it is a political matter and seniors decides the participation according to the requirement.

Khawaja Farooq also inquired the criteria of making Chairman for the Standing Committees.

President replied that the selection of Chairman is done in consultation with Immediate Past President and reviewing the past performances of Chairmen and potential candidates as per relevant sectors.

Khawaja Farooq Ali further suggested that the members of the business community should be added to the Board of TDAP. President replied that we will ask the criteria from TDAP and will take it in consideration.

Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that Executive Members should also be given membership of Gymkhana Club of Rawalpindi on discounted rates. President replied that membership is open for Gymkhana Club and any one can apply to take the membership for a limited time as there are many departmental works going on and they are affiliating the Club with number of other Clubs of the country which will be beneficials for the members for the long run.

Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad suggested that each member of Executive Committee should be given 3-4 Standing Committees for supervision the coordination, she further recommended that the "Executive on Duty" which was practiced in the past should be revived . President appreciated the idea and replied that the work will start on it.

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq added that we require an R&D Cell to support the Research and Development activities in Chamber. House endorsed the suggestion.

Mr. Kashif Raheem suggested that we should give membership to the overseas Pakistanis on some fee which will add up to the revenue of the RCCI. President replied that we will look into the suggestion.

Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed suggested that more members be added in RCCI Dastarkhawan for gathering more funds for this noble cause. President replied that we are working on it.

Mr. Asim Mahmood appreciated Raja Muhammad Mujahid for hosting Lunch dated 2nd January, 2023.

Houe also congratulated Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf on the appointment as President IST Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) – Formation of working Group, Institute of Space Technology.

Mr. Asad Aftab suggested that we should start Incubation Centre for entrepreneurship development for RCCI, President replied that we look into this and further suggested come up with workable plan.

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi suggested that we should work on upgradation of government schools Education through government schools and may take up the expenses of any government schools. President requested to come up some workable plan.

Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf suggested that we should formulate a calendar of Training Programs with SMEDA. Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, SVP replied that we are already trying to conduct 2 trainings per month and will work further on it.

House also passed a resolution that the Ex-Officio will be called & written as “Immediate Past President”.

During the discussions over the role of Trade Associations in Rawalpindi, President Mr. Saqib Rafiq added that they are the backbone and part & parcel of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in all respects.

House appreciated the nominated Committee of PHA by RCCI which include the names of Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf, Immediate Past President, Mr. Tariq Mehmood Jadoon and Mr. Mohammad Hafeez Ahmed for resolving and negotiating the issues of Board Tax in city.

Mr. Martin Pervez added that we should keep the sponsors of different events of RCCI involved and invited throughout the year and highlight them as maximum as possible.

Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad added that we should develop a liaison with different research organizations including State Bank of Pakistan to keep ourselves updated with the recent happenings in the economy.

Over a question regarding the standing committees and its membership, President said that we will send the standing committee membership form to all the members through our official whatsapp group and social media channels.

Ch. Muhammad Akram suggested the meetings with government officials related to industry related departments should be organized.

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General