

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber

Date and Time: 4th February, 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. 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
Ms. Sadia Zia
Mr. Martin Pervez
Mr. Asad Aftab

Regrets: Mr. Mudasir Maqbool
Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan
Mr. Abu Baker Siddique
Mr. Waseem Aslam
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

The 5th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Faisal Shahzad, VP. 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.12/2023/206 dated 26th January, 2023.

Res. No.35: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of Brother Mr. Manzar Khurshid Shaikh, Mr. Jamshed Abbasi, Cousin of Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed, Husband of Ms. Shumaila Shahzad, Victims of Peshawar Incident, Ali Raza Alvi owner of Ali Medical Center Islamabad.

Res. No36: To confirm the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the the Executive Committee held on 7th January, 2023.

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

Decision

The minutes of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting held on 7th January, 2023 were approved by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and seconded by Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi and Mr. Kashif Raheem. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting.

The house also approved the minutes of the emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27th January, 2023 circulated vide No.12/2023/213 dated 27th January, 2023.

Res. No.37: 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 122 applications for Associate Class and 29 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Khawaja Farooq Ali and seconded by Mr. Asim Mahmood. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

President insisted the Executive Committee Members for their active role in Annual Renewal process as the last date of renewal is falling during Ramzan.

Mr. Abdul Rauf suggested to waive of the additional renewal Charges of Rs.2,900/- which were approved in the 3rd meeting of the Executive Committee for the validity of membership till 2024. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf clarified and elaborated the benefits of membership whereas Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi said that we should not revert/rollback the previous decision as it is not a big amount for this facility to continue membership till 2024. President requested him to convince them all.

Res. No.38: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date

President briefed all the important activities during the past one month which includes the following:

President appreciated Ch. Jamil Ahmed for bringing Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) to International Chambers Summit dated 17-18 January, 2023.

Res. No.39: 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.4,953,911/- and expense incurred was Rs.3,983,515/-

Decision:

Mr. Muhammad Akram and Mr. M. Tariq Najeeb Butt seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending January 2023. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

Malik Asad Aftab suggested that we should see the ways and means for cost cuttings and may consult third party for placing the suggestions. He also added that we should start an aggressive campaign for new Membership. President requested him to come up with his proposals.

Res. No.40: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI

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

- Education Conference 3-5 March, 2023
- RCCI Members Night
- Tourism Expo
- Build Expo
- Health Expo

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

Res. No.41: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters

No staff matter for discussion.

Res. No. 42: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

While discussing the Blood Bank, President informed the house that the turn over was very low and we will re-arrange the camp in near future. Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that we should sign an MoU with Kh. Mohammad Asad who is also running Blood Camp for the patients suffering from thalassemia. President also informed the house that we are working with PIDE with an aim to provide a research report in near future.

Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf suggested that we should recontinue the venture of arranging conference at Gilgit Baltistan in near future which will highlight the business opportunities of that area. Mr. Martin Pervez and Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi assured their willingness to join this venture.

President also informed the house that the Staff of 32nd Senior Management Course along with faculty members from National Institute of Management (NIM), Lahore visited RCCI. The visit was part of the National Institute of Management Course. The Senior Officers present in the delegation appreciated the overall working and professionalism maintained by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq informed the house that we are trying to improve the working of Medical Welfare Council and will come up with suggestions very soon.

Mr. Asim Mahmood suggested that we should collaborate with Savour Foods for our Ramzan Dastarkhawan. He also inquired about the ICS declaration and its existing status.

Kh. Farooq Ali suggested that there should be a Standing Committee on Research & Development whereas Mr. Asim Mahmood suggested that Executive Committee Members should also participate in the think tank of RCCI. This will give them an opportunity to increase their experience and give good input to the Committee. Mr. Asad Aftab, Ch. Jamil Ahmed, Mr. Kashif Raheem and Mr. Asim Mahmood showed their interest to become a part of RCCI think tank.

Ch. Jamil Ahmed suggested that we should also visit Governor KPK for offering Fatiha for the victims of Police Line Peshawar. President replied that we are already meeting governor KPK very soon.

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman suggested that we should pay a visit to Mr. Jamshed Ahmed who died in recent past for Fatiha. President replied that we have already visited for funeral, however we should visit again.

Mr. Muhammad Akram said that number of officials of Tax department approaching us on regular basis for highlighting the non tax payers. He said that they should be dealing at their own.

Ch. Jamil Ahmed suggested the every business in Rawalpindi should be registered with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry as a member and no business should open up without the registration of local Chamber.

The house also gave the approval for the revision of Visa Processing fee for Chinese delegations:

- For Fresh Cases: RCCI Processing fee Rs.75,000/- (Non-Refundable)
and Security Deposit of Rs.100,000/- (Refundable).
- For Repeat Cases: RCCI Processing fee Rs.30,000/- (Non-Refundable)
And Security Deposit of Rs.50,000/- (Refundable).

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)
Secretary General