

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber**

Date and Time: 7<sup>th</sup> March, 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. Muhammad Rafique Khan  
Mr. Shahid Qayyum  
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  
Ms. Sadia Zia  
Mr. Waseem Aslam  
Mr. Martin Pervez  
Mr. Asad Aftab

Regrets: Chaudhry Jamil Ahmed  
Ms. Gull Zaiba Jawad

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Senior 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.12/2023/779 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.

**Res. No.43: To Offer Condolence/Fatiha Prayer for the deceased persons**

House offered Fatiha Prayer over the death of Niece of Mr. Sohail Altaf, Group Leader.

**Res. No44: To confirm the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the the Executive Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 and Minutes of Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.**

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

### **Decision**

The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 and Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 were approved by Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud and seconded by Mr. Abdul Rauf. House also accorded a unanimous approval for the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting and Emergent Meeting.

**Res. No.45: 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 107 applications for Associate Class and 24 applications for Corporate Class were approved by Mr. Mudasir Maqbool and Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan and seconded by Mr. Shahid Qayyum and Mr. Kashif Raheem. House also accorded a unanimous approval.

**Res. No.46: To overview the activities from last executive committee Meeting till date**

Over the discussions about Rawalpindi Gymkhana, Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf who is also the Secretary of Gymkhana Club briefed the expansion plans and benefits of the Membership of Gymkhana Club. He added that the rooms are under construction and we are considering other facilities for members which includes discounted price for Food etc. Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that sitting Executive Committee members should be given honorary membership of Gymkhana Club during their tenure. President replied that we will discuss the suggestion with the Gymkhana administration.

During the discussion over meeting with Director General Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, President added that we can consider barter trade option with Iran which has been allowed by Government of Pakistan. Mr. Asim Mahmood suggested the same mode of trade to be adopted with Afghanistan.

President also informed about a recently signed quadrilateral MoU with Forest Department, PHA, Directorate of Colleges and RCCI for launching a massive plantation campaign in Rawalpindi Region where Chamber will provide trees to different Universities, Colleges and Schools.

President asked Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud to brief about Education Summit. Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud thanked all the team members including the Staff and Departments of RCCI. He also thanked Secretary General, VP, SVP and President for the support. Mr. Mudasir Maqbool who is Vice Chairman of the event specially thanked Mr. Asim Mahmood for the support of the event.

Mr. Asim Mahmood appreciated all the members of the team and suggested that we should have a better marketing and advertisement plan in the future for the same event.

Ms. Sadia Zia added that the event had more members than General Crowd. We should have worked to increase the footfall as the footfall of the General Public was low. She also suggested that the venue was not appropriate, we should arrange on some other location.

Mr. Kashif Raheem added that the expo was focused on specific elite system of education, we should have focused on General Public and common Schools.

Khawaja Farooq Ali suggested that we should utilize the free spaces/Grounds of Government of Pakistan to cut down the rental cost of the event.

President replied Ms. Sadia Zia that she should have suggested the same before event and replied Khawaja Farooq Ali that setting up Marquees/Independent setups adds more cost than the readymade venues, however his suggestion will be kept in mind for next time. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf Immediate Past President added that we can arrange such events twice in year. He also registered an observation that the name of one of the sponsors was placed before RCCI as this never happened in the past and we have fetched many sponsors in the past but never did the same thing in any of our events. Ms. Sadia Zia continued the discussion and said that she also noted the same and this thing has led down the name of RCCI. President replied to Ms. Sadia Zia that we never let the name of RCCI to see disgrace and this is a common practice of every event in which the name of the sponsor comes first. He gave the example of HBL PSL Cricket Tournament. The subject sponsor was given title sponsorship with RCCI clearly mentioned at top as well as before name i.e. RCCI International Education Summit 2023.

We have to change our policies as per new trends. Mr. Asim Mahmood appreciated President and Senior Vice President to finalise these sponsorships without which the event would have to be cancelled.

Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh, Senior Vice President replied Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf that the market is not good these days to fetch the sponsors and we had to incorporate the name of the sponsors upon his specific demand. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf replied that he has asked the question to understand the logic so that he is able to answer others if they have the same question in mind.

#### **Res. No.47: To discuss the Annual Renewal of RCCI Membership**

Mr. Faisal Shahzad, Vice President requested everyone for maximum participation during the renewal process. President added that 4 Executive Members should come daily to facilitate the renewal process. He also requested everyone for their suggestion in advance rather than criticising after 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

President Mr. Saqib Rafiq informed the house that so far total number of 1127 members have renewed their membership. Their detail is as under:

1. Associate Members	874
2. Women Associate Members	26
3. Corporate Members	214
4. Women Corporate Members	13

He further requested the house to assist and renew the Membership from their respective sectors.

**Res. No.48: 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.4,842,600/- and expense incurred was Rs.4,433,095/-

**Decision:**

Kh. Farooq Ali and Mr. Asim Mahmood approved and Mr. Muhammad Akram and Mr. Tariq Najeeb Butt seconded the summary of total revenue and expenses for the month ending February 2023. House unanimously approved the details of revenue and expenses.

**Res. No.49: To discuss the upcoming events of RCCI**

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

- RCCI Ramzan Iftar Dastarkhawan starting from 1<sup>st</sup> Ramzan.
- Education Excellence Awards – May 03 at Aiwan-e-Sadar
- Build Expo – May 19 to 21, 2023.
- Delegation to UK and USA
- Health Summit – July 2023.

President informed the house that we are arranging special session on PSW for Women in coming few days.

Mr. Kashif Raheem suggested that we should have a Qirat Competition in Chamber as well. President replied that we will look into it. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf, Immediate Past President inquired about Annual Achievement Awards, President replied that we are considering two destination i.e. Qatar and Uzbekistan and we are working on packages and Charter Flights etc. Mr. Asim Mahmood added that we should also keep an eye on current economic position as it is not possible to send the dollars abroad

Mr. Shahid Qayyum suggested Topi Rakh and Railway Guests Houses for arranging the events.

**Res. No.50: Approval of RCCI Staff Matters**

No staff matter for discussion.

**Res. No. 51: Any other point with the permission of the Chair.**

Mr. Shahid Qayyum inquired about the progress on the recently held meeting with Russian delegation. President replied that we will look into it and let him know the development.

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi said that SVP and VP should sit in the office of President in his absence as per practice in the past which will give them ample opportunity for leading and Training. Ch. Nadeem A. Rauf made a reply that the Office Bearers used to sit in the same office in the past and now all of them have their separate rooms, hence it is not required in Chamber neither practice any where also. He took the decision by taking in confidence his SVP, VP, Seniors and Executive Committee. However, it is the prerogative of new Executive Committee to revoke as it was approved by the previous house. The Committee decided to let the original decision intact.

Few members of the house highlighted the problems of Trades/Bazars which are as follows:

Mr. Ikram-ur-Rehman Abbasi said that the shops are forcefully closed due to PSL matched and we should be allowed to open the shops after clearance and use the roads for parking.

Mr. Muhammad Akram said that PVC Scrap is going to Kabul which is the basic ingredients of his trade and should be stopped by talking to the relevant authorities.

Mr. Muhammad Rafique Khan said that Sust border is closed and their consignments are held at border facing damages.

President replied all three of them that we will write letters to the concerned.

President informed the house about the process of establishment of Display Centre for Women Entrepreneures, SMEs and Cottage Industry. President proposed the following nine members Tendering Committee for the project:

Mr. Saqib Rafiq	-	Member Committee/President
Mr. Muhammad Hamza Sarosh	-	Member Committee/SVP
Mr. Faisal Shahzad	-	Member Committee/VP
Mr. Mohammad Nasir Mirza	-	Member Committee/Former
President)		
Khawaja Abdul Rashid Waien	-	(Member Committee)
Mr. Mohammad Badar Haroon	-	(Member Committee)
Mr. Tallat Mehmood Awan	-	(Member Committee)
Mr. Waqas Bin Mahmud	-	(Member Committee)
Mr. Waseem Riaz	-	(Member Committee)

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

(Irfan Manan Khan)  
Secretary General