

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION HELD ON SUNDAY, THE 6th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT R K KHANNA TENNIS STADIUM, NEW DELHI

Present: -

Smt Praveen Mahajan In Chair	-	President
Shri Hironmoy Chatterjee	-	Hon. Secretary General
Shri Suman Kapur	-	Hon. Joint Secretary
Shri Anil Dhupar	-	Hon. Joint Secretary
Shri Raktim Saikia	-	Hon. Treasurer
Shri Anil Khanna		
Shri Bharat Oza	-	Senior Vice President
Shri Rajan Kashyap	-	Senior Vice President
Dr S Marriya	-	Executive Committee Member
Shri. P V Rama Kumar		Andhra Pradesh Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Raktim Saikia & Shri Ankush Dutta		All Assam Tennis Association
Mr Hironmoy Chatterjee & Shri Mihir Mitra		Bengal Tennis Association
Dr Akhouri B Prasad		Bihar Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Rajan Kashyap		Chandigarh Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Gurucharan Singh Hora		Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association
Shri Anil Kumar Khanna & Shri Rohit Rajpal		Delhi Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Chintan N. Parikh & Shri Shrimal Bhatt		Gujarat State Tennis Association
Shri Suman Kapur & Shri Chetan Kapur		Haryana Tennis Association
Mrs. Praveen Mahajan		Himachal Pradesh Lawn Tennis Association
Capt Murti Gupta		Jammu & Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Sunil Yajaman		Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Thomas Paul		Kerala Tennis Association
Shri Aneil Mahajan & Shri Anil Dhupar		Madhya Pradesh Tennis Association
Shri Bharat Oza & Shri Sunder Iyer		Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association
Shri T Pamei & Shri Y Ibotombi Singh		Manipur Tennis Association
Shri Stadhi Nongrum		Meghalaya Tennis Association
Shri Madhu Sudan Padhi		Odisha Tennis Association
Capt M Prathaban		Pondicherry State Tennis Association
Shri Charanjeet Singh Chadha		Punjab State Lawn Tennis Association
Shri Vijay Amritraj & Shri Premkumar Karra		Tamilnadu Tennis Association
Shri Bala Kishan Rao & Shri Ashok Kumar		Telangana State Tennis Association
Shri Arun Kanti Bhowmik & Dr Sujit Roy		Tripura Tennis Association
Dr Anil Jain & Shri Navneet Sehgal		Uttar Pradesh Tennis Association
Shri Vijendra Singh Chauhan		Uttaranchal Tennis Association
Wg Crd D R Singh, Jt. Secretary		Services Sports Control Board

Shri Rajiv Khanna, DLTA, Shri Maheshwar Rao, KSLTA and Shri Mr C P Kacker, UPTA were also present in the meeting.

Since it's an election year, Independent Observers Shri Puneet Gupta, Executive Director (Operations), Asian Tennis Federation and Shri Rakesh Gupta, Joint Secretary, Indian Olympic Association were also present as ATF Observer and IOA Observer respectively at the AGM.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, most of the members attended the meeting through the video-conference mode on zoom app.

The Hon. Secretary General extended a very warm welcome to all the members and invited the President for her opening remarks.

The President, extended a very warm welcome to all the delegates and thanked each and everyone associated with AITA for being so supportive and cordial during her tenure as President and helping her in doing her responsibilities to the utmost perfection. She also congratulated the new team and expressed confidence that the new team will upkeep the legacy of AITA.

Thereafter, the items on the agenda were taken up:-

Item 1: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT CHANDIGARH AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM APP ON 27TH JULY 2020**

The Secretary General observed that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th November 2019 at Chandigarh and the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 27th July had been circulated and invited comments, if any, from the members.

The CEO informed the AGM that the EGM on 27th July had been held to approve the amendments that had been made to the Rules and Regulations of AITA in order to bring it in line with the requirements of Sports Code and the Model Election Guidelines. Subsequent to the EGM some minor amendments have been required to be made in the language of the AITA Rules and Regulations based on some advice from matter experts and also in order to streamline some operational process regarding cheques signing to make it more efficient.

RESOLVED THAT in conformity with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of AITA 2020, all cheques for all bank accounts of AITA shall be issued under the joint signatures of Mr Rohit Rajpal, Hon. Treasurer or Mr Akhouri Bishwadeep, CEO or Mr Vivek Sharma, CFO and one of the following:-

- i. Dr Anil Jain – President, AITA
- ii. Mr Anil Dhupar – Hon. Secretary General, AITA
- iii. Mr Anil Khanna – Chairman, Finance Committee

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT cheques for amounts upto Rs 50,000/- in all bank accounts may be issued under the joint signatures of Mr Rohit Rajpal, Hon. Treasurer and Mr Akhouri Bishwadeep – CEO, AITA.

On the proposal of Shri Sunder Iyer and seconded by Shri Rohit Rajpal, the minutes as well as the required amendments were approved unanimously.

Item 2: **RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY GENERAL**

Hon. Secretary General stated that his report circulated along with the activities of Affiliates be taken as read. He invited comments from the members, if any. On the proposal of Shri Suman Kapur seconded by Shri Sunil Yajaman, the report was approved unanimously.

Item 3: **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE BALANCE SHEET OF THE ASSOCIATION AS ON 31ST MARCH 2020 AND THE RELEVANT REVENUE ACCOUNTS TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF HON. TREASURER**

The Hon Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and the relevant revenue accounts together with his report. He mentioned that certain long standing liabilities had been written off in conformity with good accounting practices. Thereafter, on the proposal of Shri Prem Kumar Karra seconded by Gurucharan Singh Hora, the accounts were approved and adopted unanimously.

Item 5: **TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2020 – 2021**

On the proposal of Dr S Marriya seconded by Shri Rajiv Khanna Members decided to retain the retiring auditors M/s Vang & Company, Chartered Accountants as the Auditors for the year 2020-2021.

Item 6: **ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS, VICE PRESIDENTS, JOINT SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM 2020 – 2024**

Adv. Surinder Goel had to excuse himself from being present at the AGM on account of a medical emergency in his family. However, he sent a letter addressed to the AGM giving his report on the election procedure. The report was read out by the CEO and is given below:-

“6th Sep 2020

*The Presidents / Secretaries
Of the Affiliates of AITA
And Distinguished Members present in the AGM*

Dear All,

I am Adv Surinder Goel and I was appointed as the Returning Officer for the election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of the AITA which was scheduled to be held along with the AGM today i.e. 6th Sep 2020.

I am happy to inform you that the process of election was duly followed in conformity with the process of election guidelines of the Govt of India. I wish to further inform that the nominations were received for the following posts:-

*President
Vice Presidents
Secretary General
Treasurer
Joint Secretaries
Executive Committee Members*

All nominations papers were scrutinised and found to be valid and the list of valid nominations was published on 28th Aug 2020. Subsequently after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations the final list of contesting candidates was also prepared and displayed as per the requirements of the election guidelines.

I am happy to further inform you that as stated in my letter of 1st Sep 2020 addressed to the President and Secretaries of the affiliated units of AITA, all the posts in the final list have either equal or less number of contesting candidates and therefore, all the candidates in the final list were deemed to be duly elected unopposed to their respective positions. Accordingly, I have communicated that it would not be necessary to conduct the polls for election.

Following is the list of final names for the different posts which have been declared for the different positions:-

<i>President</i>	<i>Sh Anil Jain</i>
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	<i>Sh Anil Khanna Sh Bharat N Oza Sh Chintan N Parikh Sh C S Sunder Raju Sh Hironmoy Chatterjee</i>

*Sh Navneet Sehgal
Sh Rajan Kashyap
Sh Vijay Amritraj*

Secretary General

Sh Anil Dhupar

Treasurer

Sh Rohit Rajpal

Joint Secretaries

*Sh Premkumar Karra
Sh Raktim Saikia
Sh Suman Kapur
Sh Sunder Iyer*

Executive Committee Member

*Sh Aneil Mahajan
Dr Akhouri B Prasad
Sh Ankush Dutta
Sh Ashok Kumar
Sh Gurucharan Singh Hora
Sh Murti Gupta
Sh Thomas Paul*

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

*(Adv Surinder Goel)
Returning Officer
AITA Elections, 2020-2024"*

Designation of Vice President (Chair) and Vice President (Sports) by the AGM

As per the Rules and Regulations of AITA, the AGM Thereafter, as per the Rules & Regulations of AITA, the AGM was informed that it was required to designate the Vice President (Chair) and Vice President (Sports) out of the members who have been elected as Vice Presidents. Accordingly the AGM unanimously designated Mr Anil Khanna as the Vice President (Chair) and Mr Hironmoy Chatterjee as the Vice President (Sports). The above proposal was accepted with applause and was proposed by Mr Suman Kapur and seconded by Mr Anil Dhupar., and suitable resolutions were proposed and passed:

Accordingly the following resolutions were proposed and approved:-

- 1) **RESOLVED THAT** Mr Anil Kumar Khanna, Vice President, AITA be and is hereby designated as Vice President (Chair) of AITA for the period 2020-2024 in conformity with the requirements of the amended Rules and Regulations of AITA 2020.
- 2) **RESOLVED THAT** Mr Hironmoy Chatterjee, Vice President, AITA be and is hereby designated as Vice President Sports of AITA for the period 2020-2024 in conformity with the requirements of the amended Rules and Regulations of AITA 2020.

Mrs. Praveen Mahajan invited Dr Anil Jain to join on the dais and presented him a bouquet. Shri Anil Khanna presented a bouquet to Shri Anil Dhupar. Mrs. Praveen Mahajan presented bouquet to Shri Sunder Iyer, Shri Rohit Rajpal and Shri Suman Kapur.

Mrs. Praveen Mahajan invited Dr Anil Jain to give his address.

Mr Jain congratulated everybody and gave the following address:-

"Dear Colleagues,

It is a real honor to get associated with the All India Tennis Association and to take up the mantle of the President of the Association for the term 2020-2024.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Praveen Mahajan for her highly successful tenure as the past President of the AITA. Under her able leadership, the performance of AITA as the National Sports Federation for Tennis rose from strength to strength.

I also wish to extend my greetings and good wishes to the entire Tennis Community which includes the Affiliates of AITA, the Players across all age groups in the country, the Coaching fraternity, the Officials, Tournament Organizers, Sponsors who have supported tennis, the ITF and other governing bodies of Tennis and sports in the world, other National Federations.....and last but not the least, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India as well as the Sports Authority of India for their continuous support and guidance.

In collaboration with the AITA Trust and the DLTA, I propose to set up the High-Performance Tennis Academy in Delhi which will be a residential training center for excellence. The primary aim would be to bring together and create a pool of our top junior players and provide them with the best possible training, coaching, nutrition, mental training and every other support to help our most talented and promising juniors to break into the top 30 in Junior Category in the world.

The Academy will be equipped with the most modern facilities including a dedicated gym, swimming pool, sports medicine center, A-I based performance monitoring and enhancement systems etc. and would be run by a team of the top coaches, trainers, nutritionists, sports psychologists, sports medicine specialists etc.

I shall be actively pursuing all possible financial and other support from the Government as well as Corporates to help get this project and all of AITA's initiatives off the ground at the earliest.

I would like to conclude this address by once again thanking all of you, and I shall urge you to feel free to reach out to me during my term with any of your thoughts and suggestions.

Jai Hind!"

Mr Hironmoy Chatterjee invited all other virtual participants to speak in case they had something to say.

Mr Anil Dhupar the Hon Secretary General gave his acceptance address in which he said that new team will further excellent job done in the past by various teams. The main challenge before us is to return of tennis. He thanked all for getting elected unanimously & will work for betterment of the tennis across India.

Thereafter, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(PRAVEEN MAHAJAN)
President

(HIRONMOY CHATTERJEE)
Hon. Secretary General