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Proceedings of the 39th Annual General Body Meeting of the Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bangalore for the year 2010-11, held on Saturday the 1st October 2011 at 2-30 P.M. at Dr. H.R. Arakeri Auditorium of the Institution.

Members Present :

The members assembled for the Annual General Body Meeting at 2-30 P.M. and 146 members as against the total membership strength of 3233 were present in the Annual General Body Meeting. As the number was not satisfying the quorum requirement, the President Dr.K.V.Sarvesh who presided over the AGM, adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes as per the procedure.

The members reassembled at 3-00 P.M. and the President Dr.K.V.Sarvesh who presided called the 39th AGM to order.

(1) **Welcome :** The Secretary Sri.K.J.Devendrappa extended warm welcome to all the members present and requested the President to preside over the meeting.

Further deliberations were carried out as per the agenda.

The President Dr.K.V.Sarvesh who presided, declared the 39th Annual General Body Meeting open.

Reverence to the departed members : Paying homage to the departed technocrats during the period from the previous General Body to this General Body, the house observed two minutes silence in respect of the following eleven members viz.,

Sriyuths :

- (1) V. Yelle Gowda, Retired DDA
- (2) G. Raghunatha , Former Secretary, IAT
- (3) G.O.Venkateshalu, ADA retired.
- (4) N.S. Adkoli, Conservator of Forests Retired
- (5) Dr. H.N. Manjunathaiah, Former President, IAT Chitradurga
- (6) V. Seetharama Sharma, DDA Retired.
- (7) Dr. M.S. Patil,Former DI, College of Agriculture, Bijapur
- (8) R.D. Gadyal, ADA Retired
- (9) K.V. Nagarajaiah, ADA Kunigal
- (10) P. Basavaiah, Additional Director Retired
- (11) Dasa Rai

(2) **To read the notice calling for the 39th Annual General Body Meeting of the Institution.**

Sri.K.J.Devendrappa, Secretary of the Institution read the meeting notice dated 25th August 2011 calling for the 39th Annual General Body Meeting of the Institution.

(3) **Confirmation of the minutes of the 38th Annual General Body Meeting held on 11-12-2010 and action taken there on.**

The Secretary placed 38th AGM proceedings held on 11th December 2010 before the August body and requested to confirm the minutes.

A brief debate was held on the subject of financial assistance to undergraduate and post graduate students studying in the UAS at Bangalore. Dr.T.K.Narayana Swamy remarked that, the discussion on the subject held during the 38th AGM was not properly recorded(i.e. centralized system of awarding fellowship from IAT). But the Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa clarified that the deliberations on the subject were properly recorded, however there is some error in the recording of action taken on the subject which will be corrected in line with the discussions.. Dr.S.C.V.Reddy suggested to consider extending financial assistance to the students of UAS,Dharwad also since same problem is noticed with UAS, Bangalore.

Sri.K.Shankar at this point of discussion intervined and suggested to constitute a small committee to workout the modalities.

President Dr.K.V.Sarvesh assured the August body that the committee will be constituted in the coming M.C. meetings.

With the above observations Sri.B.N.Aswathanarayana proposed for adoption and seconded by Dr.Nadagoudar. The General Body unanimously approved the minutes including the action taken thereon.

(4) To consider and adopt the Annual Report for the period ending March 2011.

The Secretary presented the Annual Report of activities of the Institution for the year 2010-11 as furnished in pages 9 to 21 of the AGM report and sought the approval of the August Body. Dr.Nadagoudar proposed for approval of the Annual Report and seconded by Sri.Sampangi Reddy.

The house unanimously approved to adopt the Annual Report for the year 2010-11.

(5) To consider and adopt the Annual Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure account as on 31st March 2011.

(a) Receipts and Payments and Income and Expenditure

The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa while presenting the auditors report pertaining to the Receipt and Payments accounts, income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet for the year 2010-11, as furnished in pages 23 to 31 of the AGM Report, requested the august body to approve the audited accounts for the year 2010-11.

Dr. S.C.V. Reddy and Dr.T.V.Muniyappa made some observations and sought clarifications on the deductions under TDS.

The Treasurer clarified that due to delay in the receipt of TDS exemption certificate from the Income Tax Department, the client M/s.Ranal Engineering Ltd., have deducted the TDS which will be claimed back with interest in due course.

Dr. T.V. Muniyappa further sought clarification on non utilization of funds under APWSS.

The Treasurer clarified that, Dr.D.Rajagopal, Chairperson, Endowment sub-committee is taking up some new issues for conducting seminars and expenditure will be booked under this programme also.

Dr.S.C.V.Reddy proposed for adoption of the Annual Balance sheet and Sri.B.N.Venugopal and Dr.T.V.Muniyappa seconded the same. The General Body accepted the Balance sheet as on 31-03-2011, including the Receipts, Payments and Income & Expenditure statements for the year 2010-11.

(b) Ratification of Expenditure incurred by the M.C. during the year 2010-11 exceeding the powers of M.C.

The Treasurer Sri.K.Krishnappa requested the General Body, to ratify the expenditure of Rs.1,40,010/- towards conducting of 38th AGM held on 11-12-2010.

Dr. Vajranabhaiah, Dr.Nadagoudar and Sri.K.Shankar suggested to increase the powers of the M.C. to spend upto Rs.1.50 lakhs instead of existing Rs.75,000/- as this limit was fixed long back.

Sri. K. Krishnappa, Treasurer, clarified that any change in this regard requires amendments to the bye-laws of the institution and a decision has to be taken separately.

Sri. B.N. Aswathanarayana proposed for adoption and Dr.Nadagoudar seconded.

The General Body unanimously ratified the expenditure.

(6) To approve the budget proposals for the year 2011-2012.

The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa presented the budget proposal for the year 2011-12 as furnished in pages 33 and 34 and sought the approval of the General body.

While discussing on the budget proposal for 2011-12, Dr.Nadagowdar observed that the Opening Balance is more when compared to the Closing Balance and suggested to save more.

Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa clarified that opening balance includes cash on hand and bank balance, whereas closing balance is only a tentative figure to match the payment side.

Sri.B.N.Aswathnarayana suggested the Treasurer to use the words Receipts and Payments instead of income and expenditure in the budget proposal statements and also said that only Hans.E.Kardel and Dr.M.Puttarudriah Memorial programmes comes under Endowments accounts and not APWSS. Sri.B.N.Aswathnarayana further suggested to include the life membership amount also in the opening balance.

The President Dr.K.V.Sarvesh agreed to consider the suggestions of the members wherever it is necessary.

Dr.Chinnappa Reddy sought clarification on the budget proposals under Ecology, Environment and Prevention of pollution, Agriculture Marketing and publicity heads. The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa clarified that the budget allocation is made in view of different type of activities planned under those heads with different sub-committees. Dr.Chinnappa Reddy also suggested the Treasurer to use the words Receipts and Payments instead of income and expenditure in the budget proposals.

Sri.M.J.Arun brought to the notice of the August Body that IAT is completing 50 years by 2017 and suggested to organize Golden Jubilee function of the Institution by constructing a Golden Jubilee building/hall and requested to increase the annual deposit of Golden Jubilee fund from the existing Rs.50,000/- per year to an higher side, since huge amount is required for the proposed plan.

The President Dr. K.V. Sarvesh, proposed for raising the limit to Rs.1.00 lkh from the existing Rs.50,000/- and also suggested to mobilize funds from outside for the purpose. The General Body agreed for the proposal.

Dr. Vajranabhaiah, member of the august body suggested to cover the staff under insurance and pension schemes just like government departments.

Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa clarified that the Watchman and Peon are covered under insurance and every year uniforms are also provided along with festival ex-gratia payment. Further, he informed that the available staff is though managing the affairs of the Institution efficiently, it is found insufficient. In this connection, the M.C. has taken a decision to appoint two more group 'D' staff.

President assured the August body that the suggestions of the members will be further discussed in the M.C. and appropriate action will be taken.

Dr.B.C.Channakeshava proposed for approval which was seconded by Sri.B.N.Aswathnarayana. The General Body unanimously approved the budget proposal for the year 2011-12.

- (7) To appoint auditors to audit the accounts for the year 2011-12 and fix their remuneration.

The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa proposed for the continuation of the present auditors M/s.Lakshmi pathaiah and Co. for the year 2011-12, and to pay their remuneration depending on the work load and financial transactions.

Sri.K.Shankar proposed for adoption which was seconded by Sri.Shankarappa M and Sri.B.N.Aswathnarayana. The General Body unanimously approved to continue the present auditors for the year 2011-12 and to pay their remuneration.

- (8) To consider written proposals if any received by the Secretary.

(i) The Secretary placed the letter received from Dr.S.C.V.Reddy regarding

(a) To undertake a scientific study by IAT on "Social, Political and Economic changes in the last three decades and their impact on Agricultural growth and development"

Dr. S.C.V. Reddy made a brief presentation and cited the example of his own village, taluk and district and stated how some of the policies introduced by government have caused negative impact on the growth of Agricultural Development and stated that farmers in the villages are now days opting for politics rather than agriculture.

Dr. S.C.V. Reddy further stated that he is ready to contribute his one month's pension in order to mobilize funds for the studies to be conducted and requested the August body not to seek financial help from the Government from which the Institution will be free from obligation. He also stated that during the leisure hours of his stay at USA, he has penned down around 600 pages on this issue and is ready to share his ideas with IAT.

Dr. K.V.S arvesh, President while replying stated that the proposal of Dr. S.C.V. Reddy is appropriate and will be taken in the M.C. for further discussions and requested Dr.S.C.V.Reddy to participate and share his views with the M.C.members to take appropriate action on this issue.

(b) To clarify violations if any during the Election process of IAT between 2000-2003, as this subject was raised by Dr.V.Veerabhadraiah at the time of AGM to Alumni Association of UAS on 17-09-2011.

The Secretary clarified that as per the available records in the office at IAT, no such violations are recorded or observed.

Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah, while clarifying, denied the allegation and said that Dr.S.C.V.Reddy has mistaken his statement. At this juncture, Dr.K.V.Sarvesh requested them to avoid such situations in future and bury the differences.

(ii) Letter from Prof.G.N.Dandagi

(iii) Letter from Sri.B.Hanumanna

(iv) Letter from Sri.G.Srikantaiah

(v) Letter from Sri.M.J.Arun

The Secretary Sri.K.J.Devendrappa readout the contents of the above letters to the august body. In the first three letters, the members wanted to know the progress made in respect of Building alterations and face-lifting programme and why so much of delay is observed in spite of Special General Body authorizing the Core-Committee to workout modalities for implementation of the programme. In the last letter, Sri.M.J.Arun has given his views and clarified his position as a Core Committee member and offered few suggestions on the subject.

Members like Sri.K.Shankar,Dr.B.S.Nadagoudar,Sri.M.J.Arun, Sri.B.N.Venugopal, Dr.T.V.Muniyappa, Sri.Sampangi Reddy and few others actively participated in the discussions on the subject.

Sri.M.J.Arun while further participating in the discussions, requested to save the amount for Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Institution and Building alterations activity can be limited to the extent of items suggested in his letter.

Sri.B.N.Venugopal, wanted to know whether the building alterations are in line with the approved bye-laws and plans.

Sri.Sampangi Reddy, participating in the discussions said that since lot of time is wasted on mere discussions, it is better to take up the building alterations at a cost of Rs.20-25 lakhs in the initial stage and place the subsequent stages/ phases proposal before the General Body for approval. Discussing the issue in detail, the General Body agreed to implement the building alterations with an approximate cost of Rs.25 lakhs.

Sri.K.Shankar requested to reconstitute the Core Committee with a small group to workout the formalities for implementation of the project. He also suggested to complete the total project in a years time if possible and simultaneously M.C. should give due importance to the maintenance of the building also.

Dr.K.V.Sarvesh while replying stated that the suggestions of all the members will be taken into account and agreed to reconstitute the core committee to take care of implementation with the following members. (1) Sri. K.J. Devendrappa-Secretary (2) Sri. K. Krishnappa-Treasurer (3)Sri.M.J.Arun and (4) Dr. Nadagoudar. The General body agreed to the proposal of the President.

The President further assured the august body that all necessary action will be taken to implement the building alterations as early as possible with the guidance of the M.C. and Core Committee.

The Treasurer, Sri. K. Krishnappa proposed vote of thanks to the Chair, Managing Committee members and all the participant members in the AGM.

The President Dr. K.V. Sarvesh declared the 39th AGM closed.

Bangalore
Dated : 01-10-2011

Secretary