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Proceedings of the 49th Annual General Body Meeting of the Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bengaluru for the year 2020-21 held on Saturday the 18-12-2021 at 3.00 P.M. at Dr.H.R.Arakeri Auditorium, Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bengaluru

1.Welcome :

Sri.R.Ramamurthy, Secretary extended a hearty and warm welcome to the President Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah, Vice President Dr.G.Eswarappa, Joint Secretary, Sri.Siddaraju all the members of the Managing Committee present, all the life members and requested the President Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah to preside and conduct the meeting.

Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah, the President once again extended a warm welcome to all the members present. The total number of members present was only 157. Since there was no required quorum (1/10 of the total membership), the President adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes as per the bye-law.

The members reassembled and as no quorum is required for the adjourned meeting, the President declared the AGM open and requested to the Secretary to proceed as per the agenda.

Reverence to the departed Life members : - The Secretary readout the names of life members who have expired and requested the members to observe two minutes silence to pray homage to the departed members.

Sl.No	Dr./Sri.	Designation
1	P.Muddappa Gowda	Prof. Horticulture (Retd), GKVK, Bengaluru
2	K.Chandrashekhara	Professor (Entomology)(Retd) GKVK, Bengaluru
3	A.L.Prahlad Gupta	ADA (Retd.), KSDA Bengaluru
4	H.N.Subba Reddy	ADA (Retd.), KSDA Bengaluru
5	S.Shivarama Reddy	ADA (Retd.), KSDA Bengaluru
6	S.Thippanna	DDA (Retd.), KSDA Bengaluru
7	C.H.Gowda	Madras Fertilizers(Retd.), Holalkere
8	B.Raju	Dean of Education(Retd.),UHS, Bagalkote
9	S.Panchaksharaiah	Professor(Retd.), GKVK, Bengaluru
10	G.Rudrappa	ADA (Retd.), KSDA Davanagere
11	M.M.Sajjan	UAS (Retd.), Bengaluru
12	Golya Naik	Associate Professor of Extension(Retd.), Chintamani
13	B.T.Hanumantha Reddy	DDH (Retd.), Chitradurga
14	T.Puttaswamy	DDA(Retd.), KSDA, Bengaluru
15	T.V.Parthasarathy	Farmer, Talagavara, Chintamani
16	K.Veeresh	Raichur
17	R.S.Kasi	JDA(H) (Retd.), Bengaluru

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18	V.Ramesh	Corporation Bank (Retd.), Bengaluru
19	S.Anand	DDH (Retd.) Mysuru
20	V.C.Baligar	DDA(Retd.) KSDA, Dharawada,
21	J.V.Gurumurthy	ADA (Retd.), KSDA Bengaluru
22	M.G.Rajappa	Professor(Retd.)GKVK, Bengaluru
23	S.C.Basavaraju	JDA(Retd.), KSDA, Bengaluru
24	A.Hanumanthaiah	JDA(Retd.), KSDA, Bengaluru
25	S.Gangaprasad	Professor (PB)(Retd.), Shivamogga
26	Narayanappa	DDH (Retd.), Bengaluru
27	M.Rudraradya,	Associate Professor(Retd.), Mysuru
28	Ramadas Kamath	JDA (Retd.), Mangalore
29	D.N.Nagaraja	Associate Professor (Agronomy),Bengaluru
30	M.G.Kavi	ADA,KSDA, Vijayapura
31	G.S.Kumar	A.O., KSDA, Vijayapura
32	A.Gangadharaiah	A.O., KSDA, Vijayapura
33	K.H.Kapani Gowda	ADA(Retd.),KSDA, Bengaluru
34	L.H.Hanumathappa	A.O.(Retd.), KSDA, Raichur
35	Thimmegowda Shiva Basavanagowd Gudatur	Progressive Farmer and Board Member, UAS
36	Mari Basavanagouda	ADA(Retd.), KSDA,Raichur
37	M.Jothi	Director(Retd.), KSDA, Bengaluru

The house observed two minutes silence in reverence to the departed life members of the IAT.

2. To read the Notice calling for the 49th Annual General Body Meeting

The Secretary readout the Notice dated 11-11-2021 which was sent to the members, earlier.

3. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 48th Annual General Body Meeting held on 25-03-2021 and action taken thereon.

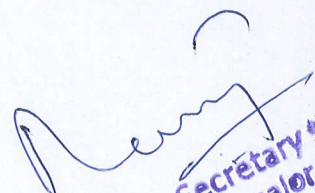
Sri.R.Ramamurthy, the Secretary placed before the Annual General Body the proceedings of the 48th Annual General Body Meeting held on 25-03-2021 for the year 2019-20 as given in pages 5 to 11 of the General Body Meeting printed booklet, and briefly highlighted the important points there on and requested the members to confirm the same along with the action taken report as given on page 11 of the report.

The Secretary clarified a few points as requested by some members. Sri.K.Badappa proposed and seconded by Sri.B.L.Lokeshappa for confirmation and approval of the proceedings and the Action Taken report. The General Body unanimously approved the Proceedings of the 48th Annual General Body Meeting along with the action taken report.

4. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for the period ending March 2021.

The Secretary presented the report of the activities of the Institution and that of the Regional Chapters for the year 2020-21 as furnished on pages 12 to 21 of the General Body meeting booklet and requested for discussion, if any, and approval.

The Secretary clarified that due to pandemic Covid 19 that prevailed during the period under report, only limited programmes were organized including some online programmes. Some Regional Chapters organized very good programmes. The President also informed the members in detail about the financial crisis, epidemic restrictions etc. However, minimum programmes could be carried out with good response from members.


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After the above clarification, Sri.D.Manjanna proposed and Sri.G.Sreekantan seconded for approval and then the General Body unanimously approved and adopted the annual report of the activities for the period ending 2020-21 including the action taken on the suggestions from the members as discussed in the 48th Annual General Body Meeting held on 25-3-2021 as given on page 11.

5.To Present and to adopt the audited Statement of Accounts, Annual Balance Sheet and also the Income and Expenditure Account as on 31st March 2021.

The Secretary Sri.R.Ramamurthy in place of Sri.D.Krishnappa, Treasurer presented the audited report pertaining to the Receipts and Payment, Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Accounts for the year 2020-21 as furnished on pages 22 to 33 of the Booklet and requested the members to approve the same.

The Secretary informed the august body that as already informed in the previous Annual General Body meeting held on 25-03-2021. the income was reduced during the period of 9 months ending March 2021 very drastically and added to this, the tenants M/s. St.Xaviers Educational and Charitable Trust, Bengaluru also not only delayed/ denied the payment of monthly rent/ lease amount as previously agreed, fixed but also sought several concessions and reductions since the Educational Institution could not work. They expected several concessions/reduced rates of rent, waiving off.


The members being satisfied with the facts and figures given with clarifications Sri.S.A.Govinda Reddy proposed and Sri.A.Thippeswamy seconded for the approval of the annual balance sheet as on 31-3.2021 and Income and Expenditure report and the General Body unanimously considered and approved the balance sheet.

Ratification of expenditure incurred by the Managing Committee during the year 2020-21 exceeding the powers of the Managing Committee :-

The Secretary on behalf of the Treasurer requested the General Body to ratify the expenditure incurred by the Managing Committee during 2020-21 that exceeded the powers of Managing Committee as given on page 33 of the Booklet (5 items).

Sl.No.	Date	Description	Amount
1)	14-05-2020	Property tax paid to BBMP for the year 2020-2021	2,79,948
2)	18-5-2020	Paid to Chief Minister Relief Fund A/c.39234923151	2,00,000
3 a)	07-08-2020	Paid to Secretary, IAT Regional Chapter, Belagavi for building construction	2,50,000
b)	01-09-2020	Paid to Secretary, IAT Regional Chapter, Belagavi for building construction	2,50,000
4)	16-10-2020	Paid to Hanumappa, S. Civil Contractor, retention amount of civil work, painting work of IAT premises.	1,10,000
5)	25-01-2021	Paid to Nagaraj, Computer Operator, for retirement benefit as once and final settlement.	3,00,000

After brief clarification, Sri.K.Badappa proposed and Sri.A.P.Nagaraju seconded for approval. The General Body unanimously approved and ratified the expenditure incurred by the Managing Committee for the period ending 31-3-2021 which exceeded the powers of the Managing Committee.


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6.To approve the proposed budget for the year 2022-23.

The Secretary placed the proposed budget for the year 2022-23 as given on pages 34 and 35 of the Booklet before the AGM for approval.

The Secretary explained that hiring out of accommodation has now gradually picking up and the income is likely to increase subject to the epidemic prevailing Covid and the Government restrictions. Sri.R.Thippeswamy of Davanagere, Sri.Gurusiddamurthy of Bellary and Venkataramanappa participated in the discussion and requested for release of grants to Regional Chapters to organize more farmer oriented programmes. The Secretary in his reply stated that looking to the financial position will release grants to Regional Chapters always if specific request for conducting programmes / proposals are received, but the Regional Chapters, however, will have to mobilize their resources as far as possible in their districts. IAT will also release grants to all the need based programmes etc.

With the above discussion and replies, Sri.S.A.Govinda Reddy proposed and Sri.B.T.Rama Reddy seconded for the approval and there upon the General Body unanimously approved the proposed budget for the year 2022-23 including that of the endowment programmes.

7.To approve Auditors to audit the accounts for the year 2021-22 and fix their remuneration.

The Secretary proposed for the continuation of the present auditors M/s.M.A.Narasimhan & Co, Bengaluru instead of the previous auditors and explained the need and justified the same and pay their remuneration(Rs.20,000/- + Rs.3600 (GST 18%) = Rs.23,600/-)

With the justification given Sri.B.L.Lokeshappa proposed and Sri.R.Keshavamurthy seconded for approval and the General Body approved unanimously the proposals and authorized the Managing Committee to pay the reasonable remuneration based on the quantum of work involved.

8. To consider the written proposals received by the Secretary, if any.

1.Letter from Regional Chapter, Davanagere

The representatives Sri.R.Thippeswamy and Sri.Revanasiddappa requested to treat the loan of Rs.2.5 lakhs as grants. Sri.Made Gowda, member supported the request. The Secretary stated the subject has already been discussed at length in the previous AGM and in the Managing Committee and stated that a sufficient time will be given to repay the amount without any interest.

Sri.H.S.Krishnamurthy from Mysuru with his experience explained and stated that there should be a clear cut policy on this issue by the Institution. There should not be repeated requests, precedence etc. by the Regional Chapters one after another and requests for the waiving off of the loan later to be avoided and provision in the proposed budget be indicated clearly for the Regional Chapter programmes.


With the above discussions the Regional Chapter, Davanagere was permitted to repay the loan in a phased manner.

2.Letters from Bagalkote, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bellary, Bidar and Shivamogga Regional Chapters.

Representatives from the above chapters stated that election process to be revised giving way for atleast 4 revenue divisions to contest the elections to the Managing Committee and or the elections to be held there itself to elect their members to Managing Committee at Bengaluru so that the Managing Committee represents all over the state.

The President stated that already co-opted members from different Regional Chapters are there and such things needs time, procedure and amendment of bye-law. He also stated that provision of postal ballot voting facility is already in the use.

Members participated and suggested for digital voting.


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The President stated further that a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.M.A.Shankar has been formed to look into this issue. The committee is working out the details. Dr.M.A.Shankar stated that sufficient time is involved in the process and needs a detailed thinking in the matter.

9.Any other subjects with the permission of the chair.

The Secretary informed that the building on the Queen's road side has been given on rent after observing all the formalities to M/s.St.Xaviers Educational and Charitable Trust, an educational Institution. Later on due to prevailing epidemic and time to time conditions imposed by the government as they could not start and run the college, concessions waiving off rent etc. also has been given. They have sent a legal letter/notice that they have already spent sufficient amount to build up their specifically needed infrastructure facilities and wanted concession/ waiving of rent etc.

The Secretary appraised for the year 2020-21, IAT has waived off the rent for the months of April-May 2020 due to Covid-19 lockdown situation and accepted rent of 50% for the months from June 2020 to March 2021 extending a total concession rent of Rs.21.00 lakhs and no interest levied on the delayed payment. Same was noted and action taken by the Managing Committee was approved by the AGM.

After a brief discussion and participation by a few members, the General Body authorized the Managing Committee to immediately proceed as per mutually accepted rent agreement and according to the byelaw which is very clear that the Managing Committee itself can take further action in the matter in the best interest of the IAT, Bengaluru. The General Body resolved that the Tenant should pay the rent as per Agreement and Managing Committee may initiate action as deemed fit in the existing situation.

Regarding the grant of land to Regional Chapter, Dharwad by the Government, the Regional Chapter representative requested for early action for which the Secretary stated that the recommendation has been done in the matter.

10.Address by the President.

The President in his brief address thanked all the life members for their active participation and valuable suggestions. He thanked the Office Bearers, Managing Committee members and office staff for their excellent cooperation in conducting the AGM.

11.Vote of thanks.

Sri.R.Ramamurthy, Secretary proposed vote of thanks to the Chair, office bearers, Managing Committee members, life members present for their active participation and suggestions given.

He also thanked all the office staff for their involvement in the conducting of the AGM smoothly without any hassle.

Then the President declared that the AGM is closed.

Date : 03-01-2022
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