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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2015

1. The EC meeting was held at 1530 hrs on 29th July 2015 as scheduled after a larger gathering witnessed the ceremonious honouring and reward ceremony for the brave fire man Sukhdeep Singh of DORAHA Gas Leak tragedy. ISC had instantly recognised his valiant effort on 13 June 2015 at DORAHA where he had saved many lives by risking his own.

2. The following attended the EC Meetings:-

Dr. Sardara Singh Johl, PADMA BHUSHAN

Convenor

Lt.Gen.Kartar Singh Gill,PVSM(Retd.)

Secretary General

Col.Jagtar Singh Multani(Retd.)

Secretary

Bibi Baljeet Kaur

Sardar Gurpreet Singh

Bibi Birendra Kaur

Sardar Gurdev Singh, IAS(Retd.)

Major Karnail Singh(Retd.)

Sardar Inderjit Singh Narula

Sardar Resham Singh

Sardar Jugraj Singh(Invitee)

Gani Hardeep Singh

3. The meeting started with the recital of Mool Mantar and a warm welcome by our Convenor Dr. Johl.

Presentation of Minutes of EC meeting held on 29 July 2015

4. Col. JS Multani, then read out the minutes of the last meeting and these were unanimously approved.

5. Gen. Gill raised a point sent by Bibi Birendra Kaur after the last meeting. She suggested that ISC having established itself in Sikh Society in Punjab and abroad, should now form the Governing Council as per our constitution.

6. The Secretary General himself stated that the attendance at our Annual General Meetings has never exceeded even a hundred members. How effective would it be to elect 200 members of the Governing Council as laid down in the Constitution? So this link may be activated once we have an attendance of about 250 to 300 members taking genuine interest on our affairs. We are steadily working towards this target.

7. Dr. Johl desired that more and more members be motivated to take interest in ISC affairs. Personal contact by the Secretariat plus EC members must be increased.

8. It was decided that it would be immature to elect a Governing Body at present. But we shall work towards attaining this in the near future.

Points Raised by Secretary General

9. He proposed that S. Inderjit Singh Narula be appointed Head of Advisory Council(AC) for "Media and Public Relations". Previous Head Dr. Charan Kamal Singh has consented to this as he is busy with other projects. This was approved by Dr. Johl and supported by all members.

10. The point regarding our experience with the camp held on 15, 16 ,17 April 2015 on 'Alternative Medicine' by Dr. Kamaljit Singh, MD was discussed. Major Karnail Singh felt that it was hardly of any use to him as nothing concrete was gained. After a discussion on the benefits of Alternative Medicine – diagnosis and treatment, it was decided to gather more opinions of members before inviting Dr. Kamaljit Singh again.

11. Gen. Gill praised the work done by Sardar Resham Singh and his team in the Shutrana Group of villages for uplift of women. The team worked for a full week with the villagers demonstrating the methods of utilizing local food items to the maximum for good health and also exercising economy. An very effective Anti- Drug and liquor drive was in built into this very tactfully. The result was there to see when all villagers in the area attended a Food and Craft Mela on the Final Day.

12. ISC utilized the occasion to encourage Education uplift and selected many poor intelligent students for help in attaining higher studies. In fact 7 poor boys and girls, who have potential, are now in Chandigarh admitted in suitable colleges and the Skills Institute. They are accommodated in Gurdwaras and College/Institute fees are borne by the ISC. This effort was the result of team work headed by our redoubtable Col. JS Multani who is always on the move. We used our good will to obtain maximum concession in College fees for these very deserving students.

13. Our Coaching Centres are running excellently and results are good with improvements each year. The passing out students are successfully tackling professional competitions or continuing higher studies with a will.

ISC Initiative to help Backward Sikhs in Hyderabad Area

14. This scheme is still at the planning stage. Progress will be initiated as we proceed. Gen. Gill and Col. Multani both assured the EC that we have strong local influential Sikh supporters in Hyderabad. They have been persuaded to exert and achieve. We have the AHHA organisation from Singapore to supply voluntary trained Head with Staff to set up a School in an already acquired area where maximum Sikh population is prevalent. We have actually taken a feed back from Giani Kewal Singh ji's Institute in Tarn Taran regarding their one year's experience with AHHA's assistance. They are performers.

Col. Multani's Points

15. He gave details of excellent progress in the increase in Schools/Colleges made aware about Minority Scholarships. A feather in ISC cap was achieved when the Punjab Education Minister, Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema, himself requested ISC to address over 200 officials from the HQ and Districts on efficiently handling and supervising the full utility of various schemes for Minorities and Scheduled Castes initiated each year by the Centre. S Charanjit Singh from New Delhi joined us in this venture with great effect by preparing an excellent projection. This has really streamlined the work in the Districts for ISC and it's partners.

Media Division Expenses

16. S. Inderjit Singh, the new advisory Council Head for Media and Public Relations spoke about projecting the good work being done by the ISC through Media. He promised that funds required are being raised as this does entail considerable expenditure.

17. Dr. Johl lauded his efforts but desired that all funds be centrally controlled by the Secretary General even if raised by loyal individual members. The requirements of the Media Section will be fully kept in mind in the budget sanctions. This was totally agreed to by S. Inderjit Singh and all members presents.

There being no more queries or points for discussion the meeting was declared closed after Dr. Johl thanked the Secretary General and All Members for their indulgence. He did emphasise the need to motivate more EC members to attend these very useful meetings.

Lt.Gen.Kartar Singh Gill,PVSM(Retd.)
Secretary General