

HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

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Minutes of the 32nd AGM of the HRAO held on 8th September, 2021 at “Swosti Chilika Resort”, Chilika at 4.00 pm.



Advisor, HRAO presided over the meeting.



Agenda No.1 : Welcome address by Advisor :

While welcoming all esteemed members of HRAO, Sri Dipak Rathor, Advisor, HRAO informed the house about sudden demise of Mother-in-law of Chairman HRAO this morning, for which Chairman was unable to present at the meeting.

At the outset one minute silent prayer was observed for the sad demise of 16 Nos. of HRAO family members during pandemic period. (Details Attached in Annexure-1).

During his brief note he appraised about the vigorous efforts / follow-ups with the Government officials, taken by Western Odisha Hotel Association as well as Puri Members during this pandemic period towards availing various relief measures / relaxations declared by the Government.

Agenda No.2 : Confirmation of last 31st AGM :

The minutes was read out by Secretary General and passed unanimously.

Agenda No.3 : Secretary General's Report :

Secretary General read out all correspondence letters made by Chairman to the State & Central Governments during Covid-19 pandemic period date-wise (2020 & 2021) elaborately before the house. (Secretary General's Report attached with this minutes) (Annexure-2)

Secretary General informed the house about a proposal received from AMRI Hospitals, Bhubaneswar regarding their association with HRAO for availing various medical facilities / discounts for members / staff of HRAO. Earlier Care & Sum Hospitals had also given their proposals for the same. In general most of the Hospitals are providing discounts on various medical treatment and pathological tests from 15% to 20% discount but Secretary General assured members that our association will negotiate for providing 20% to 30% discount for HRAO Members. AMRI hospital, Bhubaneswar has confirmed that it will issue privilege cards to all HRAO member hotels very soon. (letter from AMRI Hospital enclosed).

The following 4 new members were approved in the meeting

1. Hotel Sun City, Bhubaneswar
2. Cook's Inn, Bhubaneswar
3. Hotel Shree Vineeth's, Bhubaneswar &
4. Ideal Institute of Management Studies, Nayagarh

To end his note, Secretary General appreciated Chairman's continuous & vigorous efforts for this association during pandemic period to get various types of relief from Govt. of Odisha and India such as ;

Achievements of HRAO :

- Exemption of Excise Duty
- Relaxation of Electricity charges
- Financial assistance by different Banks (ECLGS Loans)
- Non implementation of Holding Taxes
- Hotel Employees declared as "COVID WARRIORS"

- Free vaccination to Hotel employees
- Implementation of SARAI Act., through Web Portal

Agenda No.4 : Treasurer's Report :

Treasurer briefed about HRAO's Income & Expenditure, Bank details etc. and informed that out of 248 members, only 60 members have paid their membership fees for the year 2021-22. (Annexure-3)

In this regard, Advisor requested all members those who have not paid their Annual Subscription fees may please deposit the same as early as possible for smooth functioning of HRAO's day-to-day activities.

Agenda No.5 : FHRAI Membership Issue :

All members appreciated Chairman's effort in writing letter to FHRAI on 27th August 2021 regarding direct membership with FHRAI and not through any Regional Associations i.e. HRAEI. The same was unanimously approved by the members and to support our members enrolment in the FHRAI directly by giving 100 nos. of new membership.

Agenda No.6 : Zonal Vice Chairmen's Report ;

1. **Sri R.K. Patra** : While he informed that the tourism business in Puri is somehow going smoothly he suggested HRAO should conduct membership drive in Puri as well as in other districts to enroll more membership to strengthen the association. He also suggested to have a General Body Meeting in different zones.
2. **Sri T.P. Mohanty, Joda** : He informed that the Excise Policy has not yet been implemented. Vaccination programme was conducted only in BMC & CMC but not in other districts. In response to this, Secretary General briefed that HRAO was appealed to Commissioner, BMC to ventilate this vaccination programme to other districts also for their staff members benefit. Balasore, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur & Angul districts were also benefitted on this format.
3. **Sri U.S. Panigrahy** : Regarding vaccination, Chamber of Commerce, Ganjam jointly with Ganjam District Hotel Association had taken necessary initiatives for vaccination of all hotel employees.

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Govt. of Odisha has given special emphasis to the Berhampur City by creating tourist spot of Ramalingam Tank where around 10,000 people are visiting everyday.

He suggested that HRAO should write a letter to the concerned Govt. authority for development of Tampara Beach for tourists.

4. **Sri Sankaracharya Pradhan** : He informed that Hoteliers of Angul District had given a proposal “DESTINATION ANGUL” which has been well taken by the Govt. and has identified some tourist spots which will attract tourist from neighboring districts. He suggested all Districts Chapters should get in touch with District Collectors and encash our problems for the hotel industry. Let us keep our brother-hood harmony and integrity to strengthen the association forever.
5. **Sri Jasbir Singh Hura** : First of all he praised our Chairman should be a life-time Chairman for his un-tired support & great efforts. The members present expressed their willingness and it was unanimously “resolved by all members present at the AGM that Sri J K Mohanty will be the life time Chairman of HRAO for his contribution towards development of HRAO and Odisha Tourism since 1984 (last 37 years)”.
Mr. Singh further said Excise matter was not properly implemented and STP matter also not connecting with sewerage system. Electricity matter to be discussed with Mr. Sahani to audit the existing bills as there are fundamental flaws by the Electricity Billing for which we should take legal opinion and challenge before the Court of Law. He proposed for the promotion of Western Odisha HRAO should nominate a Vice-Chairman post for the same in the next election.
Advisor suggested regarding Electricity legal matters & challenges will be given by Mr. Singh for further proceedings & legal actions.
6. **Sri Pravudutta Subudhi** : Suggested that our association should approve different consultants for their expert involvement in Excise, Electricity, Fire & STP issues.
7. **Sri Siba Prasad** : He encouraged members for common cause we should be united and support HRAO.
8. **Sri Sakya Singh** : New booking platforms are coming for online Room Booking & Food Delivery where the cost of commission will be less Mr. Singh will give a proposal to HRAO for detail discussion.

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9. **Sri Pradeep Kumar Nayak** : He suggested the house HRAO should write a letter to Railway Minister for train services from Berhampur to Sambalpur via Phulbani.

Agenda No.7 : Finalisation of Election FY 2022-2025 :

Annual General Body has empowered Executive Committee to decide about the date & venue of next Election.

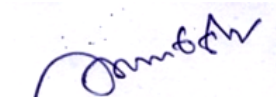
Members from Jharsuguda and Sambalpur suggested to have next HRAO Executive Committee meeting in Sambalpur, where new members of Rourkela Hoteliers (10 nos) and Sambalpur Hoteliers (5 Nos.) will join. Secretary General informed that the new members should give their applications in advance before the meeting.

Mr. U.S. Panigrahy, Vice Chairman requested all members to have a General Body Meeting in the month of December, 2021 at Tampara Beach. The members present welcomed his proposal.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Jonathan Raul, Vice Chairman, followed by Gala Dinner.

Special thanks to Management of Swosti Chilika Resort for their excellent hospitality.

With best wishes,



Dr. Srinibash Subudhi
Secretary General

Encl. :

1. Deceased HRAO family members during pandemic period (Annexure-1)
2. Proposal of AMRI Hospital, Bhubaneswar
3. Secretary General's Report (Annexure-2)
4. Treasurer's Report (Annexure-3)
5. Members attendance (Annexure-4)