



Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers' Association (AMMA-India)

National Body of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers

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General Body Meeting

Date: July 17, 2015

Venue: Hotel Le Meridien, Coimbatore

A General Body meeting of AMMA-India was called on July 17, 2015 at 6.00 PM. The following were agenda items:

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome by President AMMA-India
 2. Confirmation of the minutes of last General Body Meeting
 3. AMMA-India Annual Report and Financial Status
 4. Any other item with the permission of chair.
 5. Vote of Thanks by Secretary AMMA-India
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- 1) Agenda Items were taken one by one. President welcomed the members and thanked the members for attending the meet in large numbers and also from different parts of the country. Also thanked the members for their full support and cooperation in organizing this meet. Such supports are required in future also.
 - 2) Sh. S V Raju, Secretary AMMA-India presented the minutes of last General Body Meeting held at Lucknow in 2014. There were no comments from the house and so minutes were approved unanimously.
 - 3) Yearly Activities of AMMA – India (2014- 15) was presented by Secretary, AMMA-India. Some of the activities are listed below:

Yearly Activities of AMMA-India (2014-15)

- i) Attended meeting with Ministry of Finance, GOI on 28.2.2014.
- ii) Attending BIS FAD 11 and FAD 21 meeting on 28.2.2014 at New Delhi.
- iii) Attended two days meeting during March 22-23, 2014 organized by Lemken India Pvt. Ltd., ISAE and MPKV Rahuri.
- iv) Attended Maharashtra Chapter meeting on September 14, 2014 at Kolhapur.
- v) First High Power Committee Meeting of AMMA-India was organized at LEMKEN India Agro Equipment Pvt. Ltd. Nagpur on September 22, 2014.
- vi) Attended Bihar chapter meeting and Harinagar Sugar Mill Sugarcane Mechanization demonstrations during Sept. 26-28, 2014.
- vii) Second High Power Committee Meeting of AMMA-India was organized at YMCA International Centre, Ahmadabad on December 9, 2014.

- viii) Organized AMMA-India meeting with Joint secretary and Additional Commissioner (M&T), DAC on Nov. 4, 2014 to discuss various issues.
 - ix) Attended Karnataka chapter meeting during Feb. 5-9, 2015 and road show of FICCI at Bangalore on Feb. 9, 2015.
 - x) Attended Road show of FICCI and Maharashtra chapter meeting on Feb. 10, 2015 at Pune.
 - xi) Attended Tamil Nadu chapter meeting during Feb. 19-22, 2015 and discuss TAMM 2015 arrangements.
 - xii) Attended ISAE convention during Feb. 23-26, 2015 at PAU Ludhiana.
 - xiii) Visited Nagpur on March 8, 2015 regarding establishing of Testing Centre.
 - xiv) Visited Kolhapur on March 15-16, 2015 regarding establishing of Testing Centre.
 - xv) Organized Punjab chapter meeting on April 8, 2015 in connection with AMMM & TAME 2015.
 - xvi) Had a meeting with Er. V N Kale, Additional Commissioner (M&T), DAC and invited Secretary, Joint Secretary and other officials from DAC to attend AMMM & TAME 2015.
 - xvii) Attended Karnataka Chapter meeting on June 15, 2015 in connection with AMMM & TAME 2015.
 - xviii) Organized a meeting with Tamil Nadu Chapter to review the AMMM & TAME 2015 arrangements.
 - xix) DMRA (Dangerous Machines Regulations Act) meeting was attended twice & also on 7th July 2015 in DAC. Minutes of meeting is awaited. Outcome of meeting is simplification of Rules, GOI authorising testing centres to test machines as per BIS safety standards and to implement by concerned state Agriculture Department or agencies without compensation clause on manufacturers.
- 4) GOI has sanctioned CIPHET Ludhiana as the authorised Testing centre to test all types Food processing machines. This has been achieved with great persuasion and efforts of AMMA-India.
 - 5) The audited account was circulated to the members. House unanimously passed the audit report and also extended the appointment of S.C. Vithlani & Co. Chartered Accountant, Pune for next financial year i.e. 2015-16. Fees for the auditor have to be increased to Rs 17,000/- per year.
 - 6) Proposal to Increase Life membership fees from Rs. 15,000/- to 30,000/- as Farmers portal registration has been made compulsory & many members are not paying Annual Renewal fees was discussed & decided not to increase Life Membership fee for current year.
 - 7) Conducting Annual General Body Meeting in Coimbatore in 2016 & then onwards alternative years i.e. in 2018 along with CODISSIA was discussed and decided to do so. AGM in odd years would be arranged in different states.
 - 8) Persuasions done with Finance ministry for Exemption on Excise duty on Gear box parts manufactured in Rotavator industry were discussed. Mr. Ravi Beri expressed his concern about excise duty on components of rotavator and combines. Also he wanted to know the intent (Interpretation) of law related to this. Er. Baldev Singh also expressed concerned about Excise duty. After discussion it was decided that once again we should approach Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation, GOI to strongly recommend the case to Ministry

of Finance for exemption of excise duty on components of agricultural machinery. Er V N Kale Additional Commissioner (M&T), DAC, GOI agreed to do so. A draft copy of letter is placed at Annexure II.

- 9) Mr. Sushil Agarwal from UP commented on difficulty in getting DMRA Registration / getting BIS approval for Safety standards. Hence Testing Centres be given authority to issue approvals against the DMRA act.
- 10) Members were informed to publish articles related to their products in Agricultural Engineering Today Journal. Article may be sent to Dr. Surendra Singh at email: ammaindia10@gmail.com. Members were also requested become the Life member of Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers by paying Rs. 3050/- only. Those who are interested may contact Dr. Surendra Singh.
- 11) Members can advertise on AMMA- India website as below:
 - i) Rs 1,000/- for Scroll advertisement Monthly.
 - ii) Rs 5,000/- for Company product advertisement for three months (a window to get open).
- 12) Members suggested instituting some awards for the members. After discussion three awards were decided as below:
 - a) Best Stall award for members taking part in Agricultural machinery Exhibition in CODISSIA along with AGM. There will be three prizes viz. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Prize will include a memento.
 - b) New Product Innovation Award for the AMMA-India members. This will not be annual feature. Whenever, there will be new invention by the member (s), the firm will be awarded suitably during AGM.
 - c) Best Chapter Award for enrolling highest number of members in preceding year.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks from Sh. S V Raju, Secretary AMMA-India.

D S Balachandra Babu
President

S V Raju
Secretary