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Pursuant to agenda notice no.: SMTA/Feb.2019/Agenda -11 dated 18th February`2019, the **11th (Emergent) Executive Body meeting** of The Surgical Manufacturers and Traders Association was held on 21st February 2019 at the association's registered office, 60 - Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002.

Following members were present:

1. Mr Rajesh Sawhney (In the Chair)

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| 2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin | 3. Mr. Pradeep Chawla |
| 4. Mr. Ashu Sareen | 5. Mr. Vijay.K.Aggarwal |
| 6. Mr. Anurag Seth | 7. Mr. Arun Sharma |
| 8. Mr. Ashok Sareen | 9. Mr. Harpreet Singh |
| 10. Mr. Karan Bir Suri | 11. Mr. Rajesh Narula |
| 12. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney | 13. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin |
| 14. Mr. Ravi Awasthi | 15. Mr. S. B. Sawhney |

Regrets:.

Mr Naresh Grover, Mr. R.S.Pasricha, Mr. Rakesh Arora and Mr Satish Mahajan had registered their inability to attend the meeting.

Welcome Address by the President

Mr Rajesh Sawhney welcomed all the members present and declared the meeting open.

Obituary:

Mr. Rajesh Sawhney reminded the house about the sad demise of Smt Sheila Chadha, m/o Sh. Ravi and Arun Chadha of M/s ABCO Surgical Industries, Bhagirath Place, Delhi – 110 006 and Shri Narendra Nath, f/o Shri Rajeev Nath of M/s Hindustan Syringes and Medical Devices Ltd., Ballabgarh.

The President also registered his condolences for the 'Pulwama martyrs' – who lost their lives while on duty. The members present chanted the Gayatri Mantra and prayed for the resting in peace for the departed souls.

The President called the house to order and requested the secretary Shri Puneet Bhasin to conduct the meeting as per agenda.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting circulated vide circular no.: SMTA/Jan.2019/EBM/MIN-10 dated 02nd January, 2019 were read and there being no objection to the same and none on record, the same were confirmed and adopted.

Fund Raising for bereaved families of Martyred soldiers:

The house was reminded of the recent tragic happenings leading to martyrdom of men in uniform from Military and Paramilitary forces in the bordering state. Everybody present condoled the deaths and felt that the fraternity should do something in aid of the bereaved families. After a few deliberations and suggestive inputs, it was decided that we should organise a fund raising programme from the association members and contribute for the welfare of such families.

Everybody was of the opinion that we all should put in full efforts to collect and mobilise maximum funds for the cause. It was decided to make appeals in this regard through correspondence, electronic and personal media. It was further decided to go in for door to door campaign and seek funds from our worthy members, who are approachable.

The members present offered their respective contributions to the tune of Rs. 11,000.00 each for the cause and thus a starting amount of Rs.1,65,000.00 was registered.

Working of Sub-Committees :

The working of sub-committees was discussed. The Trade Act sub-committee chairman informed the house that much break through could not be attained in the matter against inclusion of Blood Pressure Monitoring Device, Digital Thermometer, Nebulizer & Glucometer as devices under section 3b(IV) of Drug & Cosmetic Act 1940. It was mainly due to the fact that we could not get any feedback or support from any other association/s as was desired.

It was also told to the house that in its endeavour the Chairman Mr. Rakesh Sawhney along with the president and some other members had attended a meeting organised by the Delhi Drugs Department in this regard and had raised their voice towards the problems being faced by the industry in this context.

The matter was still on cards, but there seems to be very less chance of reversal – the house was told.

It was felt that the conceptualisation and starting of **SMTA Broadcast group** to provide the latest information to the stake holders was not clear to all the members. Hence it was suggested to propagate the facts to the members with more clarity.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.

For THE SURGICAL MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS ASSOCIATION,

(PUNEET BHASIN)

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