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MINUTES

Pursuant to the Agenda notice dt.03/08/2025, the 18th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held on Monday, 11th AUG.2025 at 5.00 PM at the Association office 60, Darya Ganj, New Delhi.

The Following members were present.

1 . Mr Rajesh Sawhney (in the chair)

2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin

3. Mr. Harpreet Singh

4. Mr. Anurag Seth

5. Mr. Ashu Sareen

6. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney

7. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin

8. Mr. Amit Sareen

9. Mr. R.C. Gupta

10. Dr. Bobin Saluja

11. Mr. Jasmeet Singh

12. Mr. Rakesh Arora

13. Mr. Summit Narula

Regrets: Mr. Arun Sharma , Mr. Karan Bir Suri , Mr Satish mahajan , Mr. Kapil Sareen and Mr. Rajesh Narula

Absentees: Mr. Vishal Anand and Mr. Pradeep Chawla.

AGENDA ITEM 1 : Welcome Address by the President

The President Mr. Rajesh Sawhney welcomed all the members present.

Obituary :

The President with a heavy heart informed the house about the sad demise of Shri Jagdish Lal Khurana Partner of M/s Swaran Singh Khurana & Sons , Delhi and Smt Bimla Wanti Kapoor mother of Shri Surinder Kapoor and Shri Brij Mohan Kapoor of M/s Bharat Enterprises , Delhi The members present paid homage to and prayed for the rest in peace for the departed soul.

The President then requested the Secretary to start the meeting as per the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2 :To review & Confirm the Minutes of Previous Executive Body Meeting

The Minutes of the 17th Executive Body meeting held on 22nd JUL ,2025 were circulated vide circular No.SMTA/JULY2025/EBM/Min-17 dt.23-07-2025.The same were read by the secretary and there being no objection raised and none on record, the minutes were confirmed and adopted .

AGENDA ITEM 3: To discuss the progress of SMTA Medical Device park

It was informed to the House by Chairman land & Building Sub Committee Mr. Ramesh Bhasin ji that details of interested members have been submitted to YEIDA for industrial plots developed by Yamuna expressway authority near Jewar . Further recently a meeting was also sought from their concerned senior officials to pursue the matter . It was also informed to the house that as per letter received from Haryana Industries department an updated list of medical devices has been submitted to them for which SMTA has sought the industrial land for manufacturing in india . Further talks are on way with Delhi Government for allotment of suitable industrial plotted land for SMTA Medical device park .

AGENDA ITEM 4: Finalise arrangements etc for Holding the 72nd Annual general Meeting (AGM)

It was informed by Sh. Puneet Bhasin that advance amount has been paid and final booking done at Hotel Lalit , CP , New Delhi. Further it was informed that all awards sponsorship has been received and only sponsorship is awaited for the Drinks for AGM . It was requested to send another request for sponsorship for the same to all members .

It was again proposed to set up 10-15 tables for display by members on chargeable basis for generating some revenue to recoup the costs of the AGM , It was requested to Sh Jasmeet Singh and Dr Bobin to kindly assess its possibility without hampering or disturbing or violating the sanctity of the AGM . It was also discussed that if this may be feasible a charge of Rs 15000 per table shall be fixed for those booking a single table and those wanting an additional table shall be charged Rs 10000 for the second table. However each exhibitor shall be entitled for one dinner coupon only irrespective of the number of tables booked by them . It was further decided that once it is feasible to go ahead with this display tables the same shall be proceeded only if there is minimum booking from five exhibitors atleast .

Guest Charges for the AGM have been fixed at rs 2500/- per guest.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion on QCO for gloves and medical devices

It was informed to the house that a number of members including some leading glove manufacturers of the country have raised their concerns and apprehensions on proposed QCO on gloves . A detailed representation on this was sent to DPIIT , DOC and CDSCO . We have sought appointments from them too as QCO entails double regulation from BIS when quality issues are already regulated by CDSCO . Further the way things are emerging many international mfrs of global repute are being denied or delayed with their BIS licence which makes it clear that the real intent of QCO is not quality or as a non tariff barrier the real intent is to enforce a TRADE EMBARGO which has to be stopped in its path immediately lest all trade is disrupted . It was also brought to the notice of the house that in recent QCO on some plastic raw material and steel an exemption to certain medical devices was given and their mfrs were allowed to import their raw material without obtaining BIS licence. The house was of the opinion that such exemptions should be provided for all medical devices and not just to a select few devices .

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion on UCMPMD and the way forward

It was discussed that associations cannot act as Police stations for the government and carry out investigations against the code of conduct of a member as sought under UCMPMD. It was decided to upload the code on SMTA website, however to represent and discuss with DOP to allow exemptions from the annual return filing of marketing expenses and declaration for the micro and small enterprises in the medical device sector. Further as these practices are normally followed by pharmaceutical companies the same should be applicable only to large and medium enterprises engaged in marketing of sterile / implantable medical devices.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

SUB AGENDA ITEM 1 : Whatasapp Letter received from M/s Raghav Enterprises : It was informed to the house that an e-mail dated 04.08.2025 has been received addressed to The President and The Secretary from our member M/s Raghav Enterprises through its proprietor Sh. Vinay Pangasa. The mail was read out to the house and discussed at length. It was observed that the contents of the mail are similar to all that had already been received, discussed and replied to in earlier minutes. As far as some bills / vouchers sought to be examined by Mr Vinay Panagsa is concerned – it can be done with prior appointment, once the treasurer is back from his visit abroad. It was felt by one and all present that such repeated disturbances were hampering the work of the association. It was vehemently pointed out that such attitude of mistrust is rather demotivating whereas, the fact is that most executive members are spending their valuable time and money out of their pocket for the work of the association which works for the welfare of its members.

Further it was clarified that the association has been working within the provisions of its constitution and all expenses are audited and confirmed by the executive body and duly audited balance sheet is made available to every member annually.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair and special thanks to Dr Bobin Saluja for arranging the sumptuous delicacies for the meeting.

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,



(Harpreet Singh)
Secretary