

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting convened at
Anand Niketan Club, Anand Niketan on
January 7, 2010**

In Presence : Mr. Tejbir Singh Anand, Holiday Moods Adventures Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Mandip Singh Soin, Ibex Expeditions Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Ravi S. Kalra, Travel Inn (India) Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Mohan Tickoo, Kash Venture Travels Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Akshay Kumar, Mercury Himalayan Exploration
Capt. Swadesh Kumar, Shikhar Travels (I) Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Ajeet Bajaj, Snow Leopard Adventures Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Vishwas Makhija, India Insight Tours Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Amit Sankhala, Dynamic Tours Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Sanjay Basu, Far Horizon Tours Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Shashank Gupta, Ruck Sack Tours Pvt. Ltd.
Capt. Satish Pathania, Leading Edge Adventures & Resorts Pvt. Ltd.
Ms. Mansi, Himalayan Run & Trek Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Vijai Lal, Indian Heritage Hotels Association
Mr. Rajesh Mudgil, Planet India Travels Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Ramesh Wattal, Welcome Travels
Ms. Rani Puri, Ruck Sack Tours Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Chewang Motup Goba, Rimo Expeditions Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Rashid Gosani, Johansen Travel Agency
Mr. Vikas Arora, ATOAI Administrator

The AGM started at 1630 hrs but since the quorum was not present, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Tejbir Singh Anand for 15 minutes and regathered.

Mr. Tejbir Singh Anand, president chaired the meeting.

Mr. Anand welcomed all the members present and informed them about the new office of the Association. He also briefed on the success of the road shows conducted in Australia and New Zealand. He informed that in the last budget 100% duty waiver was given on ski and water sport equipments was given for adventure tour operators. He also informed that there has been a soft launch of the Maharashtra Chapter of the Association. The website of the Association is also planned to be overhauled to give it a new perspective. The restriction on recognition of adventure tour operator on the basis of earnings in foreign exchange has also been removed by MoT as informed by him.

Mr. Akshay Kumar informed that Mr. Vikas Arora is the first full time employee of the Association. He also requested Mr. Chewang Motup to help in taking up Ladakh issues with MoT and pushing up membership drive over there.

Mr. Ajeet Bajaj proposed minutes of the last AGM which were seconded by Capt. Swadesh Kumar.

Mr. Mohan Tickoo laid down final accounts of the Association for the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2009 before the AGM.

The accounts were proposed by Mr. Rajesh Mudgil and seconded by Mr. Sanjay Basu.

Mr. Mohan Tickoo proposed creation of Building Fund in order to lead the Association in acquiring its own office which was appreciated by everyone.

Mr. Rajesh Mudgil advised that certain amount may be clubbed in with Convention and Road Show registration fees towards Building Development Fund.

Also, Mr. Mandip Singh Soin proposed that state governments may be invited to put advertisements on our website and proceeds may be allocated towards development of the proposed fund.

Mr. Vishwas Makhija proposed reappointment of the outgoing auditors M/s Sunil Goel and Associates which was duly seconded by Mr. Amit Sankhala.

Mr. Ajeet Bajaj informed that another membership drive is needed.

Mr. Anand informed that a new problem has cropped up whereby every tour operator needs to obtain license from the State Govts. Also, Mr. Tickoo informed that earlier also the issue was raised but later on dropped by the state govt. He reiterated the fact that a representation needs to be made by the Association in this regard to the MoT and State Govts.

Mr. Ravi Singh Kalra proposed that a vision document of the Association needs to be prepared and hosted on the website. Also, Standard Operating Practices (SOP) Manual has to be drafted out.

Mr. Mandip Singh Soin thanked everyone to join and requested all members to spread the word outside to make the presence of the Association more felt.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.