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Minutes of The Executive Committee Meeting Held on 14th May 2022 at 11-00 am at Flatties Hotel, Lahore

1- Participants,

The meeting was attended by the following participants:

Mr. Syed Sajid Hussain Naqvi 1

Mr. Muhammad Shiffat Zaidi 2 Mr. Mohammad Pervez Akhtar 3

Mr. R.J Suleri 4

5 Mr. Anwar Hussain Shah

6 Mr. Javed Igbal

Mr. Sultan Ahmad Zafar 7

Mr. Raja Abdul Khaliq 8

Mr. Zahid Mehmood Qureshi

10 Mr. Mohammad Saifullah

Mr. Dr. Shahid Afghan 11

12 Mr. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Khan

13 Mr. M. Sarfraz Khan

Mr. Ahmad Warrach

15 Mr. Saif Ur Rehman

Mr. Shahzad Afzal

Mr. Ammar Ghazanfar

Past President PSST (Through Zoom)

Former President PSST.

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RD Faran Sugar Mills

CEO Joharabad Sugar Mills

PD Ramzan Sugar Mills

Past General Secretary

Past General Secretary

President, PSST

V.P Engineering PSST

VP Agriculture

G.M Ranipur Sugar Mills, (Through Zoom)

Sr. GM (JK Sugar Mills)

GM Kashmir Sugar Mills

GM Power Joharabad Sugar Mills

Dy Director Cane Ayub Research Faisalabad

DGM Sheikhoo Sugar Mills

2- : Mr. Zahid Mahmood Qureshi, President PSST chaired the meeting.

3- Recitation of Quran.

The meeting started with a recitation of the Holy Quran. Mr. Muhammad Saifullah recited the verses of the Holy Quran.

4- President PSST welcomed the participants for attending this meeting. He also expressed pleasure and thanks to those participants through Zoom as well. In his opening remarks, the President highlighted the challenges being faced by Pakistan Sugar Industry. There is a shortage of fertilizer in the country, scarcity of water, and increasing prices of diesel. These would subsequently badly affect the

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Vice President (Engineering) Executive Vice President, Shakarganj Ltd. Bhone, 57-Km Jhang Sargodha Road, Bhone District Jhang, Ph: 0486889210-13 Cell: 0312-3820821, 0347-6542851 Email: m.saifullah@shakarganj.com.pk Jamil Ahmed Khanzada

General Secretary General Manager Premier Sugar Mills & Distillery Company Ltd. Noshra Road, Mardan, KPK. Ph: 093-7862051-52 Cell: 0333-6689700, 0333-3341481 Email: jamilkhanzada@premiersugarmills.com sugar cane crop yield. He presented the message of PP Mohammad Awais Qureshi to seriously think about the use/recycling of filter cake into the soil. Industry, as well as technologists, must find out the ways to adopt the use of filter cake. This will not only reduce the import bill for fertilizer but also help to increase the fertility of the soil.

5- Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

There being no objection, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2021 at Flatties Hotel Lahore were proposed for confirmation. EC confirmed the MOM.

6- Proposed Dates and Venues and Topics of Agriculture and Technical W/Shops.

- A. Theme of Technical W/Shop. Technological Development to improve Profitability of Sugar Industry
- B. Theme of Agriculture W/Shop. Sustainable Development of Sugar Cane

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Technical	27 th June (Karachi)	18 th June (Lahore)
Agriculture	28 th June (Hyderabad)	20 th June (Faisalabad)

Note:

- Venues will be communicated to the members after confirmation of the hotel bookings.
- Executive Committee members are requested to send the names of potential expert authors for making Presentations at forthcoming Workshops.
- Authors are also requested to prepare Presentations for the forthcoming convention and send them to the President, PSST as per the below schedule,
- Submission of Abstract: before 15-July 2022
- Submission of Complete Paper: Before 15-August 2022.

7- Proposed date and Venue for next convention.

The participants agreed that it was the turn of Rawalpindi to hold the next Convention. The proposed dates are 29-30 August 2022.

8- Fee Structure. Following fee, structures were decided in the meeting

1. Membership Fee.

i. PSST Affiliate, Associate, and Full members: Rs.200,300& 500 respectively.

ii. Commercial organization personnel's; Rs. 2,000/-

iii. Foreign Nationals: \$150.

2. Registration Fee for Workshops.

i. Full Members: Rs. 3,000/-

ii. Affiliate and Associate members; Rs. 2,000/-

3. Registration Fee for Convention;

i. Full Members and Research Organizations: Rs. 4,000/-

ii. Affiliate and Associate members; Rs. 2,000/-

iii. Spouse of Aff:, Asso: & Full Members: Rs. 2,000/each

iv. Commercial Organizations Persons: Rs. 10,000/-

v. Spouse of above: Rs. 5,500/each

vi. Foreign Nationals & Spouse: USD. 150/-

4. Sugar Mill Annual Subscription Fee: Rs. 10,000/-

9- Status of RT-4

- It was informed that so far only five sugar mills had sent their RT-4 reports.
- President requested to Executive Committee members to send RT-4 reports.

10-Nomination of the organizing committee for the next convention.

House suggested that President decide this.

11-Formation of Committee for;

- Review of Papers
- Review of best paper award
- Gold Medal availability.

House unanimously authorized the President for a form of all these committees.

12-Review of the Season 2021-22.

- President briefed the committee that production of sugar was around 7.85 million tons. This will increase after Sugar Beet Season is Over. Keeping in view the domestic consumption, surplus sugar needs to be considered for allocation. Government should seriously think and decide about the surplus portion to stabilize the realistic price of sugar. Otherwise, the present price of sugar will create a new crisis for the industry likewise 2018.
- Mills will face heavy financial losses and will not be able to pay growers and other stockholders. The start-up of the next crushing season might be delayed.

13-Forecast of next cane crop 2022-23.

• There was a general consensus that there will be a 10% decrease in sugarcane plantations in Sind. However, in Punjab, it was reported that there may be 5% less crop, in some areas same as last year and in some areas 5% increase in crop area. However, the exact picture will be clear in September 2022. It was a consensus that a shortage of fertilizer and irrigation water will certainly have negative impact on crop health.

14- The meeting was followed by lunch

Zahid Mahmood Qureshi

President PSST