



# AHAR Connect



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting

The Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting of AHAR held on Monday, 30th January 2014 at 8.00 pm at Hotel Krishna Palace, 96/98, Slesher Road, Nana Chowk, Mumbai 400007.

### Forever News reporter

#### Welcome address :

Shri Shailendra Shetty, VP-Zone-I and the host of 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He thanked the member's for re-electing him as the VP of Zone-I and assured that he and his team will strive to fulfil the aspirations of the hoteliers of AHAR in general and his Zone in particular. He fondly remembered the contribution to AHAR by two past Presidents, Shri S. M. Shetty and Shri A. B. Shetty and Ex-VP Shri Vasant Shetty of his Zone to AHAR.



President Shri Arvind Shetty then proceeded with the Agenda which was circulated in advance.

#### Confirmation of Minutes

Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty presented the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 30.12.2013. It was unanimously approved by the house.

Proposed by Shri Vijay Kumar Shetty  
Seconded by Shri K.K.Mahale

#### Approval of Accounts

Hon. Treasurer Shri Nitin R Shetty presented the accounts of AHAR and Orchestra Bar for the month of December 2013. The house approved the same.

Proposed by Shri Naveen Shetty  
Seconded by Shri K. V. Shetty

#### Events of the Month :

Presidents briefed the events of the month as under:

● **HC Verdict** of 31.12.2013 - in the interest of Hotel industry, we have moved the High Court against Police Commissioner's Order, for permission to Restaurants to keep their establishments open after 1.30 a.m. on 31.12.2013. We have paid Rs. 1.50 lakhs as legal fees, and got the HC Directives to keep the Restaurants open till 5.00 a. m., saving many of them from business loss.

● **Minimum Wages** - The matter of Minimum Wages scheduled to be heard on 27.1.2014 in Nagpur High Court was deferred and will probably come up in next week, the payment of 70% of the revised Minimum Wages to be is continued.

● **Service Tax** - The matter will come up for hearing in Mumbai HC within few days. Any

summons or notices received from Service Tax Department may be forward to office for proper guidance through our advocate.

- **FSSAI Matters** - The matter has not come up for hearing.
- **Representation to MCGM** - We have time and again stated in various forums that the city is fast losing its appeal as the Financial Capital of India. The local body has realized the seriousness of the above issue and is planning to constitute a high level department to address the Business community and simplify licensing conditions. We have already submitted our views / suggestions to the Standing Committee Chairman Shri Rahul Shewale, who had assured us help during the process. We are finalising the draft Proposal for the MCGM Commissioner with regards to the above Development.
- **Membership** - We have Brochures, Magazines, News Letters, Websites which are self explanatory tools to enhance the image of our Association and Strengthen membership. The President asked the VPs to collect the pending membership fees before March 2014.
- **Promotion** - Over the years Promotion has become a major source of revenue for the Association and the members need to support sponsor's products.
- **Funds** - A petition submitted to the Chief Minister draws attention from various quarters and a major initiative undertaken by our Association, which needs a lot of study and subsequent follow up or else the entire effort will be nullified. We need to appoint Ex-Bureaucrats to address our issues in a judicious manner and achieve our objectives of simplifying archaic laws for a better business environment. We need experts in various departments like MCGM, Excise, Police, Labour etc. to help us address our issues in front of various Ministries and local bodies. We had utilised the help of an expert during representation and also in preparing the petition in Minimum Wages Matter and the results are there for all of us to understand the importance of having experts on board. A PR Agency is required to consistently put our views across, so our initiatives do not fade out. Our office administration needs to be upgraded with help of Professionals to introduce systems and procedures conforming to the present environment. Formation of a State level Body is required to address common issues.

A Reserve of Rupees Five Crores should be raised for sustaining growth as recurring annual expenditure of Rupees fifty lakhs is foreseen in the next 5 years. The method and ways of mobilisation need to be discussed.

- **Legal cases** - At present we have Sales Tax, FSSAI, Electricity, Minimum Wages Court cases. We may also have to move in Sign Board, MCGM Licence 394 and Food Hawkers matters.

#### Presentation by the Hon. Gen. Secretary

- Briefed 18 points to be submitted to the MCGM Commissioner regarding our grievances. He also invited the members to contribute any additional points to the presentation.
- **Shri Guruprasad Shetty** is doing exemplary work in the interest of the entire Hotel industry in Electricity matters in spite of being pre

occupied. The Support by him and Shri Pradeep Jain is remarkable. In Delhi AAP has come to power due to the Water and Electricity matters.

- We need the database of all Hoteliers. Hence, all Hoteliers are advised to register in the website. We are attempting to create a friendly and easily accessible website of AHAR.

#### Presentations :

##### Shri Guruprasad Shetty

Today our matter regarding electricity was heard in the Supreme Court. The hearing is over. We anticipate a very favorable decision of TATA power supplying to Central Mumbai consumers. We are sure and confident that we will win the case. BEST has used all muscle power, influence, pressure tactics etc. by spending huge amount. But truth is bound

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to prevail. BEST has submitted their reply in 1400 pages just to confuse the legal system. We won in MERC, Appellate Board and now we will surely win in Supreme Court. Sincere thanks for AHAR's support. The Managing Committee is doing excellent job and devoting their precious time for addressing the grievances of the hoteliers and the industry.

Met **Shri Milind Deora, Shri Murli Deora, Shri Eknath Gaekwad, Smt. Annie Shekhar, Shri Amin Patel, Shri Nana Ambole** and also **Shri Narayan Rane** in BEST matter and sought their persuasion to the Power Minister **Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia** and remove the monopoly of BEST and introduce competition. We have briefed that any change will affect 50 lakh voters of Mumbai. All the meetings were cordial and we were assured of adequate support.

#### Shri K. K. Mahale :

We have mailed letter for inclusion of AHAR representative in the proposed Town and Ward Vending Hawkers Committee. We will move to the court in Food Hawkers matter. The members should support through contribution towards the legal fund. We will meet all the Ward Officers to know the actions initiated by them in illegal Food Hawkers matter.

#### Shri K. V. Shetty :

A matter of Police demanding various papers and calling the owner of **Shobha Restaurant**, Mahim to Police station was attended. The SI asked them to meet him and he will sort out the matter. **Mathrubhoomi Co-operative Credit Society** is offering loans to the owners of Restaurants for payment of FL-III License with reasonable rate of interest for AHAR members.

#### Shri Niranjan Shetty :

The complaints of **Supriya Hotel** and the TRC matter of **Vittal Bhelpuri** were attended and sorted out. We also met the acting Dy. Chief Engineer, Environment Department regarding Notices issued to some Hoteliers. We will meet the new Dy. Chief Engineer on his resuming the duty and discuss the matter for redressal.

#### Shri Bhaskar Shetty :

The Website of AHAR has been updated. The latest information, circulars, notifications, court orders etc. has been hosted. The website will be updated the on a daily basis. Rs. 365/- will be charged per annum by the web designer for registering the hotels in the AHAR website. He sought the support of all Hoteliers in registering their establishments on website. Each Hotelier will get a username & password for easy access.

#### Shri P. S. Jain :

Inclusion of Manager/s name is required in the PPEL in the own interest of the Hoteliers. A representation has been

made to Police authorities that an affidavit by the Manager stating the Managers' name, detail and no criminal case pending letter will suffice the requirement of the Police.

#### Shri Balakrishna Shetty :

All members should donate generously to the legal fund to fight a number of existing and future legal cases. He took the initiative by donating Rs. 10,000 and requested all members to follow.

#### Presentations by Vice Presidents

##### Zone I – VP - Shri Shailendra Shetty:

Presentation - We had a Seminar on FSSAI matter by **Dr. Rashmi Kolhe** for the benefit of our members. We have arranged with a group of Qualified Doctors for Medical Check up and certificates of Food Handlers required for FSSAI at a nominal charge of Rs. 50/- per person. Any hotelier interested may contact AHAR office. The hotelier can have the check up of the



**Shri Abdul Latif Yousuf Sunasra, owner of Usmania Hotel, Mussafirkhana, being honoured for donating Rs 15,000/- for Legal Fund**

required employees at their own place too.

##### Zone II – VP - Shri Gangadhar Shetty:

**Shri Atif Rasool Soljar** and myself met the BMC officials and the local corporator **Shri Faiz Ahmed**. The hawkers drive in the area is still on. Thanks for appointment as a coordinator with Ministers in AHAR Matters.

##### Zone III – VP - Shri Suresh Shetty:

A case of Police arrest of a hotelier of Sewree by a false complaint by a customer was attended, the hotelier has been released and a counter complaint lodged against the customer. Four new members have been enrolled.

##### Zone IV – VP - Shri Prithviraj Shetty:

Attended a complaint by hoteliers of Dharavi, Sahu Nagar regarding demanding of ID of the employees by Police. Convinced the authorities not to harass. Been assigned the work of attending for removal of MMC license No. 394, M Part 4. With team of **Shri Sunil Patil, Shri Shashikant Shetty & Shri Niranjan Shetty** met Advocate Anjali Purav and discussed. The Advocate opined that, we should submit the petition regarding the

### Condolence

The house prayed for the eternal peace of the following deceased hoteliers.

- **Shri Suryakant M Shetty** - Hotel Udipi-Darukhana -28.12.2013
- **Shri Kunjappa Shetty** - Hotel Apurva, Fort -29.12.2013
- **Shri Gopal Shetty** - Canara Lunch home - 25.12.2013.
- **Shri Balkrishna Shetty** - Hotel Ganesh Bhavan, Byculla - 29.1.2014
- **Shri Karnail A Singh** - Dashmesh, Kurla - 28.1.2014

same to Standing Committee of MCGM and Commissioner, MCGM, then to the Chief Minister. If the matter is still not addressed then move the court. He sought inputs and feedbacks from any member having the knowledge of the matter.

##### Zone V – VP - Shri Ravindranath Nire:

Thanks for electing as VP of the Zone. We met the AMC, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Vibhag Pramukh **Shri Anil Patankar, Shri Handore** regarding the harassment by ward staff of M/West. The matter has also been referred to **Shri Rahul Shewale**, who assured us to address the issue. An issue of providing

Nokarnama to Police was attended, Police agreed for submission of Bio-data in place of Nokarnama. Thanks to **Shri Adarsh Shetty, Shri Vijaykumar Shetty, Shri Jeevan Shetty, Shri Vijay Shetty** and others for their support.

##### Zone VI – VP

##### - Shri Sunil Patil:

A harassment of demanding additional favors by a new Excise Inspector is attended and

sorted out. Due to our efforts the officer said he will accept only the required papers and will not harass. The raids by Special Squad and demanding irrelevant papers by them has been attended and resolved. We have got a letter from Eastern Region, Additional Police Commissioner's office stating that there is no such Special Squad to inquire hotel matters. In consultation with the President and office bearers, we will decide our future course of action.

##### Zone VII - VP - Shri Vilas Jhaveri:

The Grease Chamber is mandatory and all the hoteliers should adhere to this mandatory condition.

##### Zone VIII – VP - Shri Shivaji Shetty:

The demand of number of papers for Renewal of RC by Vakola Police has been attended and convinced the authorities' only to stick to the Police directive requirements. Refused renewal of Health license due to not having Grease chamber has been discussed with MOH-H/West along with **Shri Niranjan Shetty** and the matter was sorted out.

**Zone IX – VP - Shri Sudhakar T Shetty:** Harassment by an Excise SI,

Goregaon was attended. The said official initially refused to meet the AHAR delegation but relented only when threatened that the matter will be reported to the higher ups.

##### Zone X – VP Shri Anil Salian:

The FDA authorities are serving the improvement notices to most of the hotelier of the Zone. The members must reply to the notices. For any help may contact the VP or the office. The

MGL authorities would be compelled to accept the Bank Guarantee in lieu of cash Security Deposit.

#### Felicitation :

**Shri Abdul Latif Yusuf Sunasra** was honored with floral bouquets for contributing Rs. 15,000/- voluntarily to the legal fund of AHAR.

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#### Vote of thanks

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by **Shri Sukesh Shetty**, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

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