

## Minutes of the Governing Body meeting of ARICARE held on 20.09.2020.

The Governing Body Meeting of ARICARE was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 5.00 P.M. through “Google Meet” App. Total thirteen members were present including two invitees. The members present were: Dr.K.K.Satapathy, Dr. Mrinmoy Datta, Dr.D.C.Nayak, Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, Mr. B.K.Saha, Dr. M S.Basu, Dr. D. P. Sinhababu, Dr. Suprakash Saha, Mr. Subhas Ch Chakraborty, Dr. Asok Majumdar, Mrs. P.R.Ghatak, Mr. Sujit Mitra and Dr. Gautam Bose. Dr. K.K. Satapathy, President of ARICARE, welcomed all members in the meeting. He wished to mention that the meeting was very vital as we could not arrange any physical meeting after February, 2020 due to the pandemic situation of COVID-19. He also informed that one GB and six Group meeting were arranged on virtual mode from July, 2020 to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Some of the members enquired about the health of Dr. B.K.Bandyopadhyay, Secretary of the Association. Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar informed that he was better at present as he talked to Dr. Bandyopadhyay few days back.

The President requested to Dr. D.C. Nayak, Assistant Secretary to place the agenda of the meeting. (1) The first agenda was to fix the date of the AGM of the Association. The President mentioned that the annual report and audited account of the year 2019-2020 must be submitted to the West Bengal Society registration Office every year in a stipulated period. He also informed that many Societies were completed its AGM on virtual mode in this situation. After discussion, the date of AGM was fixed on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Sunday) at 5 PM on virtual mode. (**Action:** Dr. D.C.Nayak & Mr. Sumit Sarkar).

(2) The second agenda was on the discussion of the accounts of the year 2019-2020. Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, the treasurer informed the house that the account was already completed and circulated through email of the members and ARICARE News, July 2020 Issue. It was submitted to the audit firm and will be available very soon. He also told tentatively the present status of the fund as fixed deposit, in bank and cash in hand and about Rs. 10000/- was spent for Website from April, 2020 to till date. The President informed that about 19 new members joined in our association and Rs. 57000/- was deposited in bank account by online. (**Action:** Mr. Sumit Sarkar & Mr. B K Saha).

(3) The third agenda was the updating of WhatsApp and Facebook of ARICARE. In this context, the President requested to Dr. Gautam Bose to take the responsibility. At present, ICAR Senior Citizens WhatsApp should be stopped by one notification that this site is not the official WhatsApp of ARICARE. This notification will be given in Website /or by a circular through the Secretary/ President. Dr. M.S.Basu and Dr. D P Sinhababu interacted on the issue mentioning that the proper policy matter should be in WhatsApp and no biased political matter should be uploaded in Facebook. Mr. Sumit Sarkar informed that one Twitter account was opened for ARICARE and he requested that any ICAR members may be allowed to participate in Facebook. The president suggested that WhatsApp and Facebook sub-committee may be renamed as Social Media Sub-Committee and Dr. Gautam Bose will be the Convener. (**Action:** Dr. Gautam Bose & Members of the Sub-Committee).

(4) The Fourth agenda was any other issues with the permission of the president.  
(a) The President told that there is no need of e-newsletter sub-committee and the Editorial Board led by Dr. Mrinmoy Datta and its members will care its regular publication. Dr. Datta

informed that he has selected the members of the editorial board which will be approved in Next AGM. Mr. Sumit Sarkar requested Dr M Datta to withdraw his name from the editorial board and he assured that he will extend all kinds of support. (**Action:** Dr. Mrinmoy Datta).

(b) Then the most important issue like the medical facility of ICAR pensioners was discussed. The president requested to Mr Sujit K Mitra to highlight the issues as he had served ICAR HQrs for significant period. Mr. Mitra mentioned the existing rules for the pensioners. He told the Institute Management Committee may approve the Private hospitals for the treatment of the staff members and pensioners of the Institute which are already implemented by many Institutes. Many members enquired about the credit facility in the approved private hospitals and Dispensary facility in Kolkata. He told that the credit facility depends on the agreement between the hospitals and the Institute. He also informed that he would be visiting New Delhi in last week of September to attend some meeting and he will discuss these issues. (**Action:** Mr. Sujit Kumar Mitra).

(c) Issuing of Membership certificate and Identity Card: Mr Sumit Sarkar and Dr. Subhas Chakrabarty pointed out that before issuing the certificates and cards, the logo of our association must be registered. Mr Sarkar told about Rs. 20000/- may be needed for logo registration. (**Action:** Mr. Sumit Sarkar).

(d) Amendment of By-laws: Many members mentioned that the By-laws of our association may be amended as some new activities may be taken like social activity, inclusion of new chapters and consultancy work. Regarding the consultancy work, Dr. M.S. Basu suggested that if it is not permitted under ARICARE, then a separate registration for Consultancy farm under ARICARE can be done with separate current account. The matter will be placed in the coming AGM for discussion. He was agreed to guide with all documents in this aspect. In this context of By-laws amendment, Mr. Sumit Sarkar worked out a lot in consultation of the President. The president informed that the By-laws will be amended in physical meeting of AGM (next year) because it needed front to front discussion. (**Action:** Dr. D.C. Nayak & Mr. Sumit Sarkar).

(e) The President informed that Dr. Gautam Roy suggested in a virtual group meeting for arranging a live cultural programme in facebook. Dr. Roy was absent today. The president again will discuss the matter with him because many members are associated with songs and other cultural activities. Mr. Sujit K Mitra pointed out in a virtual meeting that instead of official meeting, the members of ARICARE can meet and talk each other twice or thrice in a month. The President and many members agreed in this regard and it was decided that it will be named as “Bimonthly Get-Together of ARICARE”. The next Bimonthly Get-Together will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 5 PM. (**Action:** Dr. D.C. Nayak & Mr. Sumit Sarkar).

(f) Dr. Sinhababu told that some social activities of ARICARE during COVID-19 like distribution of mask, sanitization, common medicine etc may be taken during this period. Some members suggested that it can be done through the club or NGO or Ramakrishna ashram etc. The president informed that the matter was discussed earlier in two virtual group meetings. He said that this activity could not be done through other agencies; our association will do itself in bigger way in future as we are passing through COVID-19 period. The issue of late payment of pension

was also discussed. Mr. Sujit Kr Mitra responded in this issue and said that the payment / fund transfer system of ICAR are now changing; for some specific cases he will contact some personnel in finance department of ICAR. (**Action:** Dr. D.C. Nayak & Mr. Sumit Sarkar).

(g) Dr.D.P. Sinhababu told that a Webinar lecture by DG of ICAR may be arranged by our association. Dr. Satapathy informed that the issue was raised by Dr. Debasis Nag in a virtual meeting. He requested Dr. Sinhabau to take initiative in this regard consultation with Dr. Nag. Mr. Sujit K Mitra told that he will meet DG and discuss informally in this regard during his recent visit to New Delhi (**Action:** Dr. D.P. Sinhababu & Dr. Debasis Nag).

After long discussion of the day, the meeting was ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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