

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION MINUTES  
OF 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date : Sunday, February 23, 2003 at 10.a.m  
Place : Canon Foster Memorial Hall, S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa  
Present : Mr. G.C. Mendis Headmaster and President in the  
Chair  
Mr. P.S. Duleepkumara Senior Vice President  
Mr. Shervon Fernando Hony. Secretary  
Mr. Gamini Fernando Hony. Treasurer

Number of Old Boys in attendance was 72, in excess of the required quorum of 20

**1. Welcome Address**

The President briefly welcomed the Old Boy Members in attendance at the Meeting.

**2. Obituaries**

The Secretary announced the following names of Old Boys who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.

Messrs. P.H.P. De Silva, K.T. Amarasingham, I.L. Dissanayake, Jayawickrama

The Members observed 2 minutes silence on their feet, in their memory.

**3. Messages of Excuse**

The Secretary tabled the following messages of excuse

Mr. Sisira Nanayakkara  
Mr. Lucian Fernando  
Mr. P.J. Fernando  
Mr. Bradman Weerakoon  
Mr. Walter Gammanpila  
Mr. Kamal Nilaweera  
Mr. Masintha Perera  
Mr. Alban Fernando  
Mr. B.A. Mahipala  
Mr. Anilal Algama

**4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes had been circulated to Members in due time as provided by the Rules and were taken as read and duly adopted.

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

No matters were raised by any Member present.

## **6. Report of the Hony. Secretary**

The Senior Vice President stated that the Report had been sent to Members in due time and the formal reading of the Report was waived. However, he highlighted the following significant features in the Report.

- i. 83 new Members had been enrolled including 19 Members of the academic staff and the total Membership stood at 828. a further 36 Old Boys had been enrolled, from the time of writing the Report, to date, including 18 Members just before the AGM, making the total, a record 119.
- ii. A Member's Directory had been printed and updated with a second issue.
- iii. A sum of Rs.809,533.00 had been expended for secretarial and administrative work and borne by Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka, who had made possible the establishment of a secretariat at his residence at No.23, 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Kirillapone.
- iv. Regular Newsletters had been issued and the cost of printing at Rs.69,900 and postage at Rs.22,826 had been met by an Old Boy.
- v. A sum of Rs.5,316,318.68 had been identified as part of the cost incurred in the new dining hall project, but the figure did not include the generous contributions by Old Boys by way of materials. Inadequacy and non-availability of records were referred to.
- vi. The total value of projects undertaken by Old Boys in the College was in excess of Rs. 3,219.033.00
- vii. Rs.719,150.00 had been expended on College development projects from monies collected from the fund raising Dinner Dance

The Report was formally adopted.

## **7. Annual Accounts and Report, Year ending December 31, 2002 and Hony. Treasurer's Report**

The Accounts had been circulated and the Treasurer made the following noteworthy observations.

- i. A development fund had been opened, which stood at Rs.1,042,443.40 representing the profits from the fund raising Dinner Dance
- ii. Deposits made at Pramuka Merchant Bank had been uplifted with foresight and sums invested in Commercial Bank Treasury Bills and Standard Chartered Bank Call Deposits. The excess of income over expenditure for the year was Rs.26,404.00 not including the profit from the Dinner Dance and two debit balances brought forward from the previous year Rs.316,240.00 and Rs.257,688.89 were written off to the accumulated fund. The balance at the end stood at Rs.27,898.50.

Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka wished to know the details of accounts, including how the funds raised had been proportioned between Mt. Lavinia and Gurutalawa, for the "Thomian Walk", in which he had participated. The Headmaster had received a cheque for Rs.32,000.00 in January 2003 and no other details were available. Mr. Jayatilaka was most concerned at the delay in receiving the dues and the non-availability of how the amount was arrived at. It was agreed that the incoming Committee would check and report.

The Report was then duly adopted.

#### **8. Adoption of New Constitution**

The new Constitution had been circulated to the Members and Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera indicated the following salient changes effected to the old constitution.

- i. An expansion in the Aims and Objectives, so as to enable the OBA, through its Ex-Co to take a more pro-active role in the administration of the school.
- ii. Restrict the term of office of the office bearers to three consecutive years at any given time.
- iii. Stipulation that the Ex-Co should meet at least 9 times in a year of office.
- iv. Stipulation for Control of Funds and Ceiling on Authority to spend more than Rs.500,000.00 on any one payment.
- v. Delineation of the (a) Responsibilities of office bearers  
(b) Agenda for the AGM
- vi. Provision for Notice of Special Resolutions at AGM
- vii. Provision for Special General Meetings

The concerned Resolution :

It is resolved and hereby approved that the Rules of the S. Thomas' College Gurutalawa Old Boys Association held on 21.02.1959 and subsequently amended in the revised Rules set out by the then Secretary on July 16, 1990 and also revised thereafter by the Annual General Meeting of the Association held in February 1993, be rescinded and be supplanted in toto by a new set of Rules as hereby formulated in the annexure to the notice of this Meeting, held at S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of February 2003."

Was then put to the house and adopted without a division.

9. **Election of Office Bearers General Committee**

Position	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
Senior Vice President	Mr. P.S. Duleepkumar	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. Lasantha Perera
Vice Presidents	Mr. Sunil Watawala	Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera	Mr. P.S. Duleepkumar
	Mr. P.J. Fernando	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr. Sumedha Perera
	Mr. Chandana De Silva	Mr. S.K. Kulasingham	Mr. J. Jayasekera
Hony. Secretary	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr. M.P. Suriyaarachchy	Mr. N. Karunaratne
Hony. Treasurer	Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera	Mr. Gamini Fernando	Mr. Don Gazara
Hony. Asst. Secretary	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera	Mr. L. Jayatilaka
Hony. Asst. Treasurer	Mr. Gamini Fernando	Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera	Mr. L. Karunaratne
General Committee	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. T. Sundarajah	Mr. Gamini Fernando
	Mr. Ajith Pietersz	Mr. Kaleel Majeed	Mr. Lasantha Perera
	Mr. C. Habaragoda	Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka	Mr. T. Sundarajah
	Mr. A.A.M. Zubair	Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka	Mr. T. Sundarajah
	Mr. Kulasingham	Mr. Chandana De Silva	Mr. J. Jayasekera
	Mr. Kaleel Majeed	Mr. Sumedha Perera	Mr. Lasantha Perera
	Mr. Rizvi Jalil	Mr. Don Gazara	Mr. Sumedha Perera
	Mr. Dilhan Kulasekera	Mr. Sujeewa Godage	Mr. M.N.M. Faizam

The remaining vacancies to the General Committee to be filled later, under Rule 9 (3).

10. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer recommended the re-election of SJMS Associates, which was agreed without a division.

11. **Headmaster's Report**

A written Report was distributed to Members. Mainly, he thanked and commended both the Committee and individual Old Boys for contribution to the College. He recommended the continuation of the present Ex-Co, with some new faces.

He made known that when he took over the school in 2001, there was an overdraft of Rs.2.2 million and as at December 31, 2002, it was reduced to Rs. 1 million.

He reflected that a city was not judged by the buildings, but by the men who lived there. He was gratified by the improvement on the standard of English under the guidance of the Chaplain Rev. Nihal Fernando.

The College Oriental Dance Troupe had come first in All Island competition in 2002 and received second place in 2003.

12. **Any Other Business**

No matters were raised.

The Meeting was then declared adjourned, after singing the College Song.

Confirmed as Correct.

Chairman