

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

Place : Canon Foster Memorial Hall, S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

Present : Brig. B. Munasinghe Senior Vice President
Mr. Shervon Fernando Hony. Secretary
Mr. Chandana De Silva Hony. Treasurer
Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert Acting Headmaster

Excuses

Messrs. B.A Mahipala, S.Rajmohan, Cristo Gonawela, Colin Gunasekera, Anilal Algama, Sujeewa Godage, Sisira Nanayakkara, S.S Landekumbura, L.C.P. Jinasena, P.J. Fernando, Lakshman Seneviratne, Gamini Fernando, Majintha Perera,

Total Number of Old Boys in attendance was 73, in excess of the required quorum of 30.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President Brig. B. Munasinghe chaired and called the Meeting to order.

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice convening the Meeting had been distributed and taken as read.

3. Welcome Address

The Senior Vice President welcomed the Members in attendance at the Meeting.

4. Messages of Excuses

The Secretary tabled the following messages of excuse

5. Obituaries

The Secretary announced that Messrs. Ronnie Weerakoon and Tom Sivananthan had passed away, since the last Annual General Meeting.

6. Correspondence

Former Headmaster, Mr.Gladwyn Canagasabey had written apologizing for not being able to be present, as he had already resigned.

7. Adoption of the Minutes of the 46h Annual General Meeting

The minutes had been distributed to the Members before the Meeting and were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. Kuru Utumpala and seconded by Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters to be discussed.

9. Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary

The Secretary's Report had been distributed before the Meeting. Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera considered that the donation from Mr. Ed Rowlands of Melbourne OBA should be A\$418 not a round figure of Rs.120,000.00. Brig. Munasinghe agreed to pass it to the next Committee for clarification.

Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka requested for the attendance at Ex-Co Meetings be given in the report.

The report was formally adopted, proposed by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr. Kuru Utumpala.

10. Treasurer's Report and tabling of Annual Accounts for the Period Ending December 31, 2006 and Adoption Thereof.

The Annual Audited Accounts had been circulated.

Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka considered that details of debtors should be given in the accounts. Brig. Munasinghe advised that the debtors were from the dinner dance in previous years and would have to be written off.

The Accounts were accepted, subject to the above, proposed by Mr. J.J Rajakaruna and seconded by Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne

11. Election of Office Bearers of the General Committee

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Snr. Vice President	Mr Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr. Ruwan Munasinghe	Mr Nihal Wanniarachchi
Vice Presidents	Mr. Kuru Utumpala	Mr. Sanath Jayatilaka	Mr. B. Kurukularatne
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. Shervon Fernando
	Mr. Chandana de Silva	Mr. S. Kulasingham	Mr. Big. B. Munasinghe
Hony. Secretary	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi
Hony. Treasurer	Mr. Ranjith Lowe	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka
Hony. Asst. Secretary	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. Chandana de Silva	Mr. Panini Edirisinghe
Hony. Treasurer	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. B. Kurukularatne
General Committee	Mr. Kaviharana	Mr. S. Suresh Kumar	Mr. Kenneth Gurusinghe
	Mr. Kumudu Gunasekera	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr. S. Kulasingham
	Mr. S. Suresh Kumar	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Kenneth Gurusinghe
	Mr. Kenneth Gurusinghe	Mr. S. Kulasingham	Mr. S. Suresh Kumar

Mr. Dayabaran	Mr. S. Kulasingham	Mr. S.Suresh Kumar
Mr. Wansapriya Gunaseela	Mr. Shervon Fernando	Mr. Sumedha Perera
Mr. Panini Edirisinhe	Mr. A.Gallearachchi	Mr. Sumedha Perera
Mr. B. Kurukularatne	Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne	Mr. Panini Edirisinhe
Mr. Anil Wickramaratne	Mr. Kuru Utumpala	Mr. Sanath Jayathilake

12. Election of Auditors

Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera thanked SJMS Associates for having acted as Auditors in an honorary capacity and proposed them for re-election, as Auditors, which was agreed without division, seconded by Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe

13. Headmaster's Report

Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert, acting as the Headmaster, gave his background as a finance and marketing expert. He had met the Bishop in November 2006 and been at College just a few weeks. He outlined his advertising campaign for attracting students and he had already received many enquiries. The numbers were 280 with 200 boarders as of that day. He aimed to cut the losses and malpractices. He considered that the percentage of female staff was too high and wished to get young male staff. He detailed the urgent requirements such as, bunk beds, refurbishing of toilets, painting, replacement of swimming pool equipment etc.

14. Resolutions

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe had proposed a Resolution under Rule 16, to amend Rule 9.(4), that the number of Meetings of the Ex-Co, be reduced to a minimum of 5, from the current minimum of 9, taking into account that the Ex-Co only had 7 Meetings in the previous year, with the Ex-Co and the OBA maintaining a low profile.

Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne strongly argued that this was a crucial year, with Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert, currently acting as Headmaster and administering the College and the new Headmaster to be appointed in the near future, the OBA should give the fullest support for the upliftment of the College. He considered that the Ex-Co could not lie low as in the previous year and the proposal to reduce the number of Meetings could not be supported. Accordingly, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera had proposed a Resolution under Rule 12 (2) h that the OBA expressed its thanks and gratitude to STC OBA Melbourne, Australia for their support and generous gift of \$418.00, sent in the course of the year and the publication of Guru news in their newsletter "Thomiana". It was passed, as proposed and seconded by Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe.

15. Any Other Business

Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne, presented 2 books written by him to Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert and advised that the books were available at the entrance for sale and Rs.50.00 per book from the sales would be donated to the OBA.

Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi tabled a letter sent by Mr. Gerald De Alwis detailing proposals for re-commissioning of the turf wicket, provided at the College grounds in 1998. The newly elected Senior Vice President, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe agreed to take the matter up under the new Committee.

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera wished to thank Mr. Muditha Dissanayake for updating the website and for paying the annual subscription.

16. Announcements

There were no announcements

17. Vote of Thanks

Brig. B. Munasinghe expressed his thanks to Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert and all the staff for welcoming the Old Boys and for the support and the cooperation given.

18. College Song

Every one present sang the College Song

19. Adjournment

The Meeting was declared adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

Confirmed as correct

Chairman.