

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 2008/2009

Date : Saturday, 28 February 2009 at 06:30pm

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

Present :

Rev. Marc Billimoria	President/Headmaster
Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Senior Vice President
Mr.Dinusha de Costa	Hony. Secretary
Mr.P. Dhayabaran	Hony. Treasurer

Number of Old Boys in attendance was 183, in excess of the required quorum of 30.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The President Rev.Marc Billimoria called the meeting to order.

2. Notice of Meeting

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

3. Welcome Address

The President welcomed the members in attendance at the Meeting.

4. Messages of Excuse

The Secretary tabled messages of excuses as follows;

Messrs. Vijaya Corea, Athula Thalagala, Peter Weerakoon, Noel Daniel Narendranath, Vernon Murugappa, A.L. Hathusinghe, L.W.A.Fernando, A.C. Lamahewa, Lakshith0a Perera, Sujeewa Godage, C.M. Walisinghe, Rizvy Jaleel, Suresh Thuyagarajah, B.M. Mahipala, Anura Nilaweera, Arthur Perera, Mahinda Ranasinghe, Srilal Wickremaratne, Sisira Amarasekara, Sisira Nanayakkara, S.J.M. Gunasekara, R.M. Perera

5. Obituaries

The Secretary announced that the following members had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.
Messrs.Mahen Daya Weerathunga, Neelendra Karunaratne, S. Ragunathan, M.Vasanthan

6. Adoption of Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting

The minutes had been distributed to the members before the meeting and were accepted as a true record.
Proposed by Mr. Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr.Ananda Gallearachchi.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary

The Secretary's Report had been distributed before the meeting.

Mr.Bandu Wanigasekara proposed to mention a special thanks to Mr.K.Amarasekara of the Thomian Society for the donation towards the Junior Dormitory Toilet project. He further mentioned that Mr.Ed Rowlands donation in the Secretary's Report should be amended as Rs.348,650/=.

Report was formally adopted, proposed by Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara and seconded by Mr.Shervon Fernando.

9. Treasurer's Observations and to adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31.12.2008

Mr.L.Jayatilaka brought the following points after going through the Audited Accounts

- ✓ Accounting Fees shown under Expenditure does not indicate to whom & for what monies have been spent. Thus he request to provide adequate details of the expenses. Mr.M. Ranasinghe explained it was the expenditure incurred due to Accountants to rectify the OBA accounts.
- ✓ The Secretary's Report indicates more than 100 new members have joined OBA during 2008/2009. However in the Audited accounts it reflects only Rs.20,000/= of income which totals to only 40 members. He intended to have more details of the above.
- ✓ Mr.Peter Weerakoon's Sports funds were not shown in the accounts indicating the amount has not been deposited although it is due to the OBA. Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara said that said amount has not been deposited as yet.
- ✓ ExCo should prepare an interim notification to members before 31st December 2009 with regard to the point (c) on the Auditors' Report. Thus adequate details should be tabulated at the next meeting.
- ✓ Also noted that the Accounts are not balancing after the above amendments. Therefore, it is to consider balancing the accounts as soon as possible.

The accounts were accepted subjected to above amendments, proposed by Mr.Shervon Fernando and seconded by Mr.D.Sandakelum.

10. Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Snr. Vice President	Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe	Mr.Prabath Jayasundara
Vice Presidents	Mr.Prabath Jayasundara	Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr.Shervon Fernando
	Mr.Christo Gonawela	Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr.Bandu Wanigasekara
	Mr.Thirumurugamoorthy Muthuvel	Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr.S. Prabakaran
Hony. Secretary	Mr.Dinusha De Costa	Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr.Shervon Fernando
Hony. Treasurer	Mr.P.Dhayabaran	Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe	Mr.T. Muthuvel
Hony.Asst. Secretary	Mr.A.C.M. Rashid	Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr.Tilak Nilaweera
Hony.Asst. Treasurer	Mr.Wansapriya Gunaseela	Mr.Shervon Fernando	Mr.Niel Jayawardena
General Committee :			
Age group over 50yrs	Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr.Athula Kumaranayake	Mr.Ananda Gallearachchi
	Mr.Krishantha Weerawardane	Mr.Shervon Fernando	Mr.M.P.D. Perera
	Mr.Athula Kumaranayake	Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi	Mr.Cristo Gonawela
Age group 40-50yrs	Mr.Chandana De Silva	Mr.H. Walgama	Mr. Aliyar
	Mr.Shervon Fernando	Mr.Athula Kumaranayake	Mr.Ananda Gallearachchi
	Mr.Sherveen Pietersz	Mr.M. Lihinikaduwa	Mr.Ajith Pietersz
Age group 30-40yrs	Mr.Sathivelu Balaramesh	Mr.S. Prabakaran	Mr.Murugesu Vinodh
	Mr.Murugesu Vinodh	Mr.S. Balaramesh	Mr.T. Muthuvel
	Mr.Sivagnanam Prabakaran	Mr.T. Muthuvel	Mr.S. Balaramesh
Less than 40-50yrs	Mr.E.S. Weerasinghe	Mr.Omal Jayasinghe	S. Kaviharan
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11. Election of Auditors

Senior Vice President thanked SJMS Associates for having acted as Auditors. Mr.Bandu Wanigasekara proposed re-appointing of SJMS as Auditors and it was seconded by Gamini Jayasekera

12. Headmaster's Report

A copy of the Headmaster's report was circulated.

13. Resolution of which due notice has been given

None

14. Any Other Business

- ✓ Mr.Ananda Gallearachchi made a short speech and the summary is given below;
 - A Score Book which records Present & Old boy's cricket match details was introduced by Mr.Gallearachchi and he handed over the Score Book to the Headmaster. It was requested to hand over the Score Book to the Hony. Secretary after every cricket match.
 - Old boys won the thrilling match by one wicket. Best Batsman was Dushantha and the Best Bowler was R. Shanmugam
 - Present boy's participating certificates of the Cricket match were handed over to the Headmaster by Mr.Gerald de Alwis. He also handed over Old boy's certificates to the Hony. Secretary.
 - The Cricket match between STC Guru & Bandarawela was planned for May. It was requested to retain the Patrick Gunawardena's Trophy for the above match, which was seconded by Mr.Cristo Gonawela.
- ✓ Mr.S.Rajmohan made special speech on behalf of Old boy's to tribute the present Snr.Vice President - Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe for his dedicated service & leadership towards the Association and the College activities. His true commitment was specially shown during the period of the new Junior Dormitory Toilet project initiated by OBA. A small token of appreciation was next presented to him.
- ✓ College Magazine planned by Mr.P.S. Duleepkumar could not be completed due to the absence of Mr.Panini Edirisinghe.
- ✓ Tree Planting Campaign was to be held by 1st of March 2009 at the College premises to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the OBA.
- ✓ New college name board was completed with donations from 1992 & 1994 batches.
- ✓ Hayman & Foster Museum will be opened to visitors from 1st of March 2009.
- ✓ Sports items were donated to the College by Old boys Mr.S.Balaramesh and Mr.Murugesu Vinodh.
- ✓ President requested the new members to collect their Membership Cards and for the members who are seeking to obtain membership also to meet Hony. Secretary after the AGM.

15. Vote of Thanks

Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe specially thanked the founders of the OBA, all the members who donated & contributed in every way and also the Invitees, Mr.P.S.Dukeepkumar, Mr.Bradmon Weerakoon and Mr.Gerald de Alwis. He also thanked the Headmaster and the staff members for supporting OBA by organising of various activities and for the services provided.

A sum of Rs.6,000/= was donated to the minor staff members whose services rendered to College spans more than 20 years.

16. College Song

All members present sang the College song.

17. Adjournment

The Meeting was declared adjourned at 08:30pm.

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman