

**S.THOMAS' COLLEGE, GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 6th (248th) MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(2002/2003) HELD AT THE LIBRARY OF S.THOMAS' COLLEGE-
GURUTALAWA ON OCTOBER 05, 2002 AT 10.30 A.M**

- 1 **PRESENT:**
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| Mr. Geethal Mendis | - President (in the chair) |
| Mr. P.S Duleep Kumar | - Senior Vice President |
| Mr. Sunil Watawala | - Vice President |
| Mr. Shervon Fernando | - Hony Secretary |
| Mr. Gamini Fernando | - Hony. Treasurer |
| Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera | |
| Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe | |
| Mr. K Bandusena | |
| Mr. P Jayasundera | |
| Mr. A N R Munasinghe | |
| Mr. Sujeewa Godage | |
| Mr. A Peitersz | |
| Mr. Rizvi Jalill | |
| Mr. Chandana De Silva | |
| Mr. G.S.S Perera | |
| Mr. Lasantha Perera | |
| Mr.S Balaramesh | |

By Invitation

Mr.V Tharumaratnam
Mr. L S P Jayatilaka

Mr.W M Sumanapala
Mrs.Seetha Jayasekera
Mrs.Chintha L Dias
Mrs.Manomani Wickremage
Mr.S R Rathnapala
Mr.W V Dikkumbura
Mr.R M D V B Rathnayake
Mr.S Nesaseelan
Mr. M B R C Kumara
Mr, E Seneviratna
Mr. J K M Alam
Mr.W H Ellepola
Mr.G C B Tammita
Mr. S K M Azain
Mr.N D P Sugathapala

OF THE STAFF OF
THE COLLEGE

Excuses

The following Members regretted their inability to be present at the Meeting today:-

Bridg.B Munasinghe
Mr.S Suraweera
Mr.Don Gazara
Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi
Mr.Suresh Thiyagarajah

2. MINUTES

Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe and Mr.K Bandusena pointed out that although they had been present at the Meeting on 05.09.2002 their names had been left out. Mr.Suresh Thiyagarajah had also telephoned and pointed out that although he had been present at the Meeting on 05.09.2002 his name had been left out.

On the proposal of Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe seconded by Mr.K Bandusena the minutes of the Meeting held on September 05, 2002 which had been previously circulated amongst the Members were adopted as correct subject to the above.

3. Mr.P J Fernando pointed out that the Notice of Meeting received in connection with today's meeting mentioned the time of commencement as 10.30 p.m whereas it should be 10.30 a.m. This was noted by the Hony. Secretary.

The Headmaster mentioned that before taking up the items in the Agenda, he would like to welcome members of the Ex-Co of the OBA who had travelled upto Gurutalawa. He also welcomed members of the staff who were present by invitation to extend their support to the OBA in their development efforts, and to bring shortcomings at college to the notice of the Ex-Co

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Mr.P S Duleepkumar, Senior Vice president inquired from the Headmaster whether the steel cabinet presently lying in the Headmasters office room had been opened as arranged earlier. The Headmaster stated that although the steel cabinet had been opened, the contents did not include the ten bound volumes of

letters which Dr.Hayman had written to his mother in England. The Headmaster however said he will pursue with his search. Mr.Duleepkumar suggested that the Headmaster contact Mr.Chandrasekera, the Headmaster of S.Thomas Collegiate School Bandarawela who might be able to throw some light on this matter

2. Mr.Duleepkumar inquired whether there had been any response from Mr.Biran Tharumaratnam with regard to the items belonging to Dr.Hayman and which were to be placed in the Hayman Museum. Mr.Shervon Fernando, the Hony. Secretary informed that a letter had been dispatched to Mr.Biran Tharumaratnam but no response had been received so far. At this stage Mr.V Tharumaratnam, Biran's father, who was present by invitation indicated that it was difficult to communicate with Mrs.Hayman over the telephone and that Biran would have to travel to Bournemouth on a convenient date and meet Mrs.Hayman to discuss these matters.
3. As regards the Turf Wicket, the Headmaster mentioned that he had nothing further to add; that college would find it difficult to meet the cost of rehabilitating and maintaining same; that since the schools cricket coaches were in attendance at today's Meeting, they be permitted to express their own views in person.

Mr.Ellepola, the Master in charge of under 15 cricket mentioned that College was grouped in the division 3 and division 4 for cricket; that no other school in the Uva Province uses the turf wicket and hence it would serve no purpose. He also mentioned that even Division1 teams in the Uva Province use the matting wicket. Mr.Nesaseelan the under 17 coach on being requested to give his observations endorsed the views expressed by Mr.Ellepola. Memmbers of the Staff handling sports at this stage pointed out that what was really necessary were facilities and equipment for cricket, rugger and other sports activities and not to have a turf wicket which was totally irrelevant at this stage at Gurutalawa. Mr.Gerald de Alwis had sent a letter to the Headmaster which was tabled in which certain views were expressed. The Ex-Co considered the letter and it was felt that no useful purpose will be served in rehabilitating the turf wicket or maintaining same in the light of what the persons concerned at Gurutalawa had to

say; that in any event there was only 1 turf wicket and not 3. This position was endorsed by Mr.P J Fernando. It was also observed that the same grounds were used for Rugger and Soccer and hence it would be almost impossible to use and maintain the turf wicket exclusively for cricket. In this situation unless Mr.Gerald de Alwis was personally present at a future meeting of the Ex-co to express his views there was no purpose in discussing matters any further. On the suggestion of Mr.Rizvi Jalill the Headmaster agreed to write to Mr.Gerald de Alwis and explain the situation and invite Mr.Gerald de Alwis for the next Meeting of the Ex-Co.

4. Mr.Duleep kumar inquired from the Headmaster the position with regard to the STCG Sports Club. The Headmaster informed that the club had been set up, the office bearers had been elected, rules adopted and that he would discuss further matters with Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe. It was explained to the Members of the staff who were most anxious to secure sports equipment that the objective of the formation of the Club was to obtain facilities and equipments for Sports in College from the Provincial Council. Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe promised to pursue this matter and keep the Headmaster informed.
5. On the question of the Thomian Walk a letter written by Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi was tabled according to which the organizers of the Thomian Walk who had been approached by Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi had responded to his inquiries as regards the share to be received by STCG OBA. It transpired that 125 tickets of Rs.1000/- each to be sold to participants of the Thomian Walk of August 2001 had been handed over by the organizers to Mr.Upali Jayawardena, the former Secretary of the OBA (for sale among Old Boys and well wishes of STCG) who had neither accounted for the tickets sold, returned the unsold tickets nor sent in the sale proceeds. In this situation it was totally improper to ask for the share due to STCG OBA and the Secretary was requested to write to MR.Upali Jayawardena and inquire as to the correct position and for Mr.Upali Jayawardena's observations.
6. As regards the balance dues from the individuals and organizations that had promised advertisements for the Fellowship Dinner of October, 2001 Mr.Chandana de Silva mentioned that it was virtually impossible to collect any

more dues. It was suggested that the balance sum of Rs..... be written off. At this stage Mr.Prabath Jayasundera inquired whether the OBA had officially written to any of the advertisers. It was agreed that letters would be written initially and if there was no response, then to resolve to write off these amounts as bad debts.

7. As regards the College History Books, Mr.Duleepkumar mentioned that the Lake House Bookshop had undergone certain changes in management etc, and that he would pursue his inquiries. As regards the Vijitha Yapa Bookshop, Mr.Gamini Fernando mentioned that the Bookshop was still looking into their records and had still not responded.
8. As regards the bus form Bandarawela to College, the Headmaster undertook to speak to Mr.Chandrasekera the Headmaster at Bandarawela with regard to the students Applications for admission to Bandarawela which had been rejected and thereafter examine whether they could be admitted to Gurutalawa. The question of arranging a bus with Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe could be arranged at that stage.
9. The Headmaster expressed his appreciation to Mr.Duleepkumar for the superb Article written by him and which appeared in the Newspapers which had given a lot of publicity to the College. He also expressed his appreciation as regards the assistance and advise which Mr.Duleepkumar was continuously giving the Headmaster with regard to the administration and Management of the College.
10. Mr.Duleepkumar mentioned that the personnel from M/s Someswaran and Jayawickrema would be coming to Gurutalawa next week to commence their Study and Report. The Headmaster promised to give them all the assistance required to start the work early so that on acceptance their recommendation could be implemented in order to have better financial control.
11. The Headmaster tabled a schedule as regard the diet and menu for the students prepared by Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera. Mr.Duleepkumar mentioned that he had had a consultation with a Nutritional Expert and explained to the

Headmaster the expert opinion expert opinion expressed. He mentioned that he would discuss the matter in detail with the Headmaster after the meeting.

12. Mr.Sujeewa Godage tabled the programme of the Leadership Workshop arranged by him to which..... prefects had been invited, and who had participated on September 28,2002 at his bungalow at Hopton Group in Lunugala. He indicated that further workshops were planned and would be had in consultation with the Headmaster. At this stage, Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe pointed out that he had inspected the Senior Dorms today and found that the dorms were very neat and tidy compared to the situation he had witnessed 2 weeks before when he had visited the College with Mr.Don Gazara. It was suggested that daily inspections of the dorms be had; that a weekly thorough clean up be done on Saturdays and that a prize be given as before in respect of this aspect of cleanliness etc. The Ex-Co expressed its satisfaction with regard to the turnaround relating to student discipline and tidiness of the Dorms

13. As regards the 250 prick cards which had been sold, the Headmaster mentioned that a sum of Rs.21,040/- had been realized by the students and that he had decided to purchase one TV for the use of the Junior and Senior Students which was to be placed in the old dining hall. It was also decided to print and distribute prick cards to all the students well in time before the commencement of the December vacation. The Ex-Co suggested to the Headmaster to appropriate the proceeds to whatever projects the Headmaster felt was required for the college, particularly for students welfare, etc; that it would be quite fitting for the students to make the effort and reap the reward.

14. A letter written by Mr.Sarath Suraweera was tabled wherein he had indicated he would pursue the bird watching project with Dr.Kotagama.

5. **To discuss the progress of the Sub-Committees**

Report of the sub Committee for Projects

- a. Mr.Prabath Jayasundera informed that work on the rehabilitation of squash courts would commence that day.
- b. Mr.P J Fernando informed that the boards and baskets for the Basket ball court had been put in place. He had received the estimates from Mr.Azam for the rehabilitation of the Badminton Court and basket ball court (Tarring). He indicated that work could start only after the rainy season ended as it was not possible to commence work in wet weather.
- c. Mr.Rizvi Jalill undertook to have the 75 chairs gifted by Mr.Kaleel Majeed transported to Gurutalawa.
- d. Mr.Rizvi Jalill said that he would attend to the cleaning of the wells soon. At this stage, Mr.V Tharumaratnam made certain suggestions about the supply of water through wells. This work would involve horizontal digging.
- e. As regards the equipment for the Laboratory, the science master Mr..... indicted that equipment in the laboratory was very outdated and ill equipped. On a recent visit he had made to a rural Government school he had felt humiliated because he realised the equipment at Gurutalawa was archaic. A list had been given to Mr.Don Gazara. He also mentioned that an oscilloscope was urgently required. He undertook to give the specifications to Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe for follow up action. Mr.Mahen Liyanage an Old Boy in California is also assisting and is awaiting information on the specifications.
- f. Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe indicated that the Bio gas project would not be feasible, which view was endorsed by Mr.Mahen Ranaisnghe.
- g. Repairs to the Foster Dorm undertaken by Mr.Kaleel Majeed could not be discussed as he was not present.

7 **Report of the Sub Committee for Newsletters**

1. Newsletters

Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka tabled a report of the Sub-Committee. Issue No.3 of the Newsletter had been printed on schedule and was being posted today. Unfortunately copies for the Ex-Co had not been brought up to Gurutalawa for distribution today. The Newsletter included accounts of the OBA from January to August 31,2002. It also contained a

draft of the new Rules of the OBA. Excerpts from the speech of the Chief Guest as well as the Report of the Headmaster presented at the College Prize Giving of July 22,2002 were also included.

2. College Magazine

The Headmaster mentioned that some material for the College Magazine were available and that he would handover same to the Secretary today.

8. **Report of the Sub Committee for Membership**

The Report was tabled. There are 777 members on the Register. 31 new members have joined since March 2,2002. The Applications of 2 old boys Mr.Siniah Karunagaran (1978-1988) and Mr.Vithanagamage Seneviratne (1958-1962) could not be finalized as the Headmaster was unable to verify the correctness of the date of admission etc. furnished by them, from the records available in the College office. Hence they have been asked to submit other documents eg school leaving certificate etc and such documentation is awaited. There were about 5 applications with the Headmaster awaiting verification. It was hoped that Members of the staff who were present in very large numbers at today's meeting would join in today. Applications were being perfected by them at this stage.

9. **Report of the Sub Committee for Social and Dinner**

Mr.Sunil Watawala informed that arrangements were going on; he expected to have a very successful event; all ticket books have been distributed; that a meeting of the sub-committee was fixed for October 15,2002 at the "80 club" to which the entire Ex-Co was invited.

10 **To table and consider the Headmaster's Report**

- a. The Headmaster reported that the English Medium would start from year 6 in January 2003; that Mrs..... from the British Council had met him and discussed the placing of several young teachers to work with the primary students initially. He intended to utilize the Deputy Headmaster 's bungalow for their use. This matter was discussed in detail and the fax received by Mr. Gamini Fernando in this connection was also tabled.
- b. The headmaster mentioned that a sum of Rs.1,000,000/- had already been received out of 2.2 Million receivable for the sale of trees.
- c. He mentioned that the Winchester Dorm had been rehabilitated but that it would be necessary to put in beds et c for the use of the students who he is expecting to admit in the year 2003. Also he mentioned that toilets of the Winchester Dorm need to be attended to.
- d. The school van required attention and he requested Mr.Sumedha Perera to look into the matter at the conclusion of today's meeting.
- e. He mentioned that he wished to plant another 500 trees in the 9 acre block. He also mentioned that approximately Rs.30,000/- would have to be expended on the said 500 trees. At this stage, Mr,Ruwan Munasinghe indicated that trees could be supplied free of charge by him. The Headmaster also mentioned that out of the 100 trees planted previously, at the end of March 2002, approximately 85 were thriving; the mortality rate was low, but he had a problem with regard to looking after the trees.
- f. He mentioned that he had recruited a Master for Computers and that Computer classes had re-commenced with the 3 computers which had been repaired
- g. 06 Scholarships were being awarded during the 03 Term to students in the Primary, Middle and Senior schools i.e years 10,7, and 04 on the grant made by an Old Boy and it was hoped to continue the award of the scholarship through the Dr.R L Hayman and Fr.A J Foster Scholarship funds from the OBA from January 2003.
- h. It was necessary to redo the fence along the College premises; the fence poles were available but the barbed wire was required.

CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

The treasurer tabled his report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. A letter was submitted for the Headmaster's signature as regards the police post to be handed over to the DIG. (Uva) This letter, after perfection by the Headmaster was taken charge of by Mr Ruwan Munasinghe for follow-up action. Brigadier Bandula Munasinghe was to be kept informed
2. Mr Mahen Ranasinghe passed round photographs he had taken two weeks back of the state of dormitories where beds have not been made including that of a prefect who had gone on leave and the state of the garden immediately behind the senior dorms. He suggested that railing be provided out of G I pipes on which washed clothes could be hung on clothes hangers so that washing and drying of clothes could be done in a more organized manner. Mr PJ Fernando undertook to supply the required number of clothes hangers free of cost to the College, He mentioned that he had witnessed the showers been left open in the bathroom and the students washing their clothes wasting much water. The question of providing some basins to wash clothes was discussed.
3. At this stage, members of the staff who were present by invitation were requested to speak out and inform the OBA of any problems, suggestions, proposals, etc. Mr. Dikkumbura pointed out that the staff quarters occupied by them near Keble dorm did not have adequate water. This matter was discussed at length. The Headmaster informed that he had applied through the Water Board for a new water connection for the Keble area. Mr Ruwan Munasinghe promised to look into the matter and expedite necessary official formalities. Mr Prabath Jayasundera too promised to use his good offices who have these facilities provided early. He mentioned that if any water meters were required he would supply them free of charge.

Mr.Sumanapala who spoke on behalf of the entire staff pointed out

- a. the supply of individual tables and chairs for the class rooms was a long felt and an urgent requirement and that only 30 tables and chairs have been supplied so far
- b. the setting up of an Audio Visual room with the necessary equipment was a long-felt need and that the room behind the library meant for that purpose could be put back in to use, provided it was equipped properly etc.

- c. the personal files of the members of the staff had not been updated for years and this should be attended to. This would mean necessary increments etc which would follow
- d. He pointed out that the Provident Fund contributions and interest due in respect of a long period of time for 11 members of the staff had not been worked out and that the Labour Department too had given a ruling on this matter.
- e. He also mentioned that these were all long standing issues. The new Headmaster had tried to help them; that they appreciate his position; that they accepted the new Headmaster was not responsible for these problems because he had actually inherited them,
- f. He appreciated that for the first time an opportunity had been provided for the staff to meet with the OBA Ex-Co and express their feelings, problems, suggestions and proposals for the development of College.
- g. He suggested that more meetings of this nature be held on a regular basis to have open and frank discussions even once every month;.
- h. He mentioned that what they were concerned as Members of the Staff was first the interests of the students and that although problems pertaining to the staff had been outstanding for a long time and unattended despite numerous requests that they do not expect solutions overnight and that they hoped some redress would be given in the near future.
- i. In response the Headmaster mentioned that it was necessary to give an opportunity for the staff to say what they have to say; that Mr. Anomal de Soysa was working on the subject of personal files; that he had already completed work in the Kollupitiya and Bandarawela schools and would shortly attend to the work at Gurutalalwa.
- j. Mr. Duleep Kumar undertook to speak to those responsible on the Board of Governors with regard to the Provident Fund.
- k. Mr Bandula Wanigasekera explained to the staff that when this Ex-Co took over on March 2nd, 2002 there was no money in the current account; cheques had been issued for Rs. without funds in the account; that a function had been arranged on November 16th, 2002 for the purpose of raising funds to meet development work; that despite this

situation several Old Boys have already come forward and completed a fair amount of work out of their own individual funds instead of waiting for the OBA to initiate action; to bear with the situation for a short while when all requirements of the College, its staff and students would be assessed and development work would be initiated on the different areas on a priority basis; that providing staff quarters which were comfortable and also effecting repairs where necessary etc were on the priority list already together with the supply of new individual tables and chairs for the classrooms.

- l. The Headmaster mentioned that the Ohiya water line could be opened but there was a problem about pumping the water to the required placed levels. It was decided to look into the actual problem after the meeting.
- m. Mrs. Sita Jayasekera mentioned that there was no water in the staff toilets for months.
- n. At this stage Mr Sujeewa Godage pointed out that Mrs Sita Jayasekera, Mrs Chintha Dias, and Mrs. Manomani had mentioned to him that members of the minor staff were very rude and callous to the members of the tutorial staff and would totally disregard any request made by them and this matter had to be looked into. The Headmaster pointed that he would summon the minor staff and mention to them the grave concern of the Ex-Co of the OBA with regard to their attitude to members of the tutorial staff in particular and the discharge of their duties and work in general.
- o. The Headmaster pointed that he had already taken to task two members of the minor staff and was initiating disciplinary action.
- p. At this stage Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe invited the attention of the Ex-Co to the appointment of an administrative officer. This had been the subject of discussion at a previous meeting of the Ex-Co at which the Headmaster had not been present. The view of the Headmaster w3ith regard to this post was sought. The Headmaster was in total agreement that such a post was necessary and the idea was admirable. The only problem being one of finance – how to say the salary of such a person.
- q. Mr Mahen Ranasinghe pointed out that the cleaning plant of the swimming pool had not been maintained for years perhaps since the time

of Mr. Laffir, that regular maintenance work should be carried out; that the roof immediately above the plant needed urgent and extensive repairs, that he had climbed up and inspected the plant and found a thick layer of sediment, etc which has not been cleaned since the time of Mr. Laffir and that water could not be purified in that condition; that the pipes should be given an application of anti corrosive paint, etc, etc.

- r. The Headmaster was asked whether an additional sum of Rs. _____ could be included in the students' invoices on the month/s immediately preceding the prize giving to offset the cost of books to be purchased and be given as prizes. He indicated that this had been done but still the shortfall is approximately Rs _____ which had been met by the College. He said he would continue the practice henceforth. As regards the proposal to include sums in the students' invoices against maintenance and security, etc he said he would take the proposal up with the Board of Governors at the next meeting fixed for _____ and ascertain the response of the Board.
- s. Mr. V Tharumaratnam who was present by invitation was asked to explain to the Headmaster and Ex-Co his proposal. His report was tabled. Mr Duleep Kumar and Mr. Bandula Wanigasekera were detailed to discuss this matter with members of the Board and to use their good offices in order to ensure it was accepted. Mr Tharumaratnam in the meantime would proceed with the paperwork. It was agreed that both Mr Mahen Ranasinghe and Mr Bandula Wanigasekera would work closely with Mr. Tharumaratnam as _____ the Ex-Co and report back. Quotation had been obtained from two companies with regard to the swimming pool equipment etc. One technician was due to visit College this morning and inspect the cleaning plant. An estimate was to be submitted by fax today. Mr Lakshman Jayatilaka brought to the notice of the Ex-Co that several Old Boys have expressed their concern, some even in writing, about a dinner which was being organized by certain Old Boys at the Mount Lavinia Hotel on October 12th, 2002. He tabled letters written to the Bishop and the Headmaster and mentioned that this was strictly and only for the purpose of record as the matter had been discussed by members of the Ex-Co who had all regretted the events unfolding but

decided in the best interest of College and the OBA to ignore the issue altogether. Mr DuleepKumar and Mr Bandula Wanigasekera suggested that there be no discussion on this matter which was accepted. At this stage Mr Chandana De Silva mentioned that the '62 Group had arranged a dinner previously and that formation of groups was not a good thing. Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka in response mentioned that the OBA rules themselves recognized groups and Mr Chandana De Silva was under a misapprehension and his view is totally unacceptable and that groups were in fact functioning with and without labels for quite some time that they had fellowships and dinners regularly. He sought the permission of the Chair to explain the circumstances in which a fellowship dinner had been arranged by him in November 2001 particularly because reference had been made to it. Mr Jayatilaka mentioned that he had been engaged in since March 2001, a campaign of creating awareness particularly of the grave situation at College; that Mr Ananda Amaranath a classmate of the '58 – '62 era who was the President of the STCG – OBA of New South Wales and the President of the Sri Lanka Association of NSW and who had assisted by way of funds, STC Mount Lavinia had expressed a desire to meet a few friends of that vintage on his visit to Colombo in November; that this private function to be hosted by him had eventually snowballed into a bigger event at which two senior pioneer Old Boys, the Senior Vice President and Mr Bradman Weerakoon along with the three masters who had taught Old Boys of that vintage and who were the only survivors; that the dinner was a strictly private affair for which "invitations" had gone out "no tickets sold or sums solicited" that "no advertisements" had been collected or souvenir printed. As against which Mr. Jayatilaka regretfully pointed out that the current dinner in question was being organized by the very same Old Boys who were very much involved in the organization of previous OBA dinners. One was telephoning Old Boys and informing them we are having the usual OBA October dinner, and hence many Old Boys had been mislead and had been telephoning and expressing their displeasure particularly because the person had been at one time the Honorary Secretary of the OBA, secondly, the manager of the school, and who happened to be one of the

Vice Presidents of the last Ex-Co that went out of office and the third was another Vice President. Mr Jayatilaka mentioned that it was wholly unethical, improper and wrong for them to act in this manner and it was totally unacceptable; that the Bishop himself had thought it fit and deserved the concern shown by some Old Boys and has requested the Headmaster to look into the matter. Senior members of the Ex-Co had decided to ignore the matter on the basis that Old Boys were free to meet and have fellowship etc and it was the privilege of any Old Boy wishing to attend such function to do so that this explanation became necessary in view of the wrong impression and statement made by Mr Chandana de Silva. The Headmaster confirmed that the Bishop had spoken to him about the matter but although he could handle children he was not in a position to do so with Old Boys.

- t. Mr Rizvi Jalill pointed out that many persons in College had brought to his notice that provisions and dry rations were being pilfered from the kitchen stores daily. It was decided to await the study and report of the Special Team of Professionals commissioned for this purpose. The Headmaster indicated he would have a word with the food matron in this regard. Mr Lakshman Jayatilaka mentioned that on their way to College this morning at Bandarawela a senior Old Boy who met them mentioned this same thing and it appeared to be common knowledge around concerned circles that those in the custody of provisions were engaged in mass scale pilfering.

There being no other business the meeting terminated

Confirmed as correct

Chairman