

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 4 OF 2007/2008 (292nd)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : May 12, 2007 at 1115 am
Place : S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

Present	: Mr Mahen Ranasinghe	(MR)	Senior Vice President
	Mr. Kuru Uthumpala	(KU)	Vice President
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	(RM)	Vice President
	Mr. Chandana De Silva	(CD)	Vice President
	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	(AK)	Hony. Asst. Secretary
	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	
	Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne	(BK)	
	Mr. Panini Edirisinhe	(PE)	
	Mr. Suresh Kumar	(SK)	
	Mr. Kenneth Gurusinghe	(KG)	
	Mr. S. Kaviharan	(SK)	

Excuses

Mr. Shervon Fernando
Mr. Ranjit Lowe
Mr. Anil Wickremeratne
Mr. A C M Rashid
Mr. G S S Perera
Mr. Hermon Fernando
Mr. P. Dayabaran
Lt. Col Hareen Walgama
Mr. Wansapriya Gunaseela
Mr. Pubudu Gunasekera

Invitees

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. Christo Gonawala
Mr. Jacques Hughebaert

Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired, as Rev. Marc Billimoria had not still assumed duties as the Headmaster.

2, Notice of Meeting

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

Messages of Excuse

As given above

Obituaries

There were no obituaries recorded since the last meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Ed Rowlands of Australia, had written requesting a sponsor letter from a Rotary Club in Sri Lanka, for the shipment of used computers and scout uniforms, initiated by Brig. Munasinghe. Accordingly Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe had arranged a letter to be sent from the Welimada Rotary Club, with the agreement that the items would be shared.

Headmaster's Report

Mr. Jacques Hughebaert advised that 450 students had been admitted and he was aiming for 500 initially. 20 students, whose parents lived abroad, were to stay in College during the holidays. 2 Nos. $\frac{3}{4}$ bred horses with a weight capacity of 60 kg had already been purchased. The students were to be used for taking care of the horses thereby avoiding the costs. He intended charging Rs.600/month from Old Boys for riding.

The swimming pool was in operation after getting the pump repaired and he intended hiring it to outsiders between 6 and 8 am, raising approximately Rs.100,000/month. Muslim College was expected to send 800 students for swimming.

He confirmed the following changes of duties in the academic staff:

Mr. Sumanapala resigned as the coordinator and would retire in September 2007. Mr. Dikkumbura appointed as the Prefect of Discipline. Mr. Nesaseelan appointed as the Head of Education. Mrs. Sitha Jayasekera appointed as the Chief Supervisor. Mr. Medawela appointed as the Prefect of Games and in charge of security.

He needed beds, chairs and tables urgently to meet the intake of students. The chairs and the tables in the classrooms had been stolen and the wiring, switches etc. in Davidson Dormitory had been stripped off. OBA handed over a cheque in the sum of Rs.149,500 for the purchase of 23 bunk beds, as promised earlier. Mr. Hughebaert advised that the new price for the bunk beds would be Rs.7,300/bed. The other areas requiring urgent attention were the toilets and the roofs of classrooms. White paint for painting the dormitories and wires for rewiring the vandalized dormitories would also be required.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting Nos. 2 and 3 of 2007/2008, held on April 4 and 27, 2007, respectively were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. S Rajmohan and seconded by Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne.

Matters Arising

As all items were covered in the Agenda it was decided to discuss them under these items.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that there was still a problem with the Standard Chartered Bank, in changing the signatories and it was being dealt with. Regarding the Fixed Deposits, arrangements were in hand to open two fixed deposits with automatic renewal monthly, at Hatton National Bank for approximately Rs. 420,000.00 and Rs.250,000.00.

10. Master Plan

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe distributed copies of the Draft Master Plan for the Ex-Co Members present and briefly explained the contents. Ex-Co approved the Master Plan for submission to the Board of Governors.

11. Reports from Sub Committees

Farm Development

Dependent on the proposals of the Master Plan being accepted.

Membership and Directory

Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi advised that work was in progress.

Fellowship Dinner

Mr. Rajmohan advised that Mount Lavinia Hotel had been booked for the event on August 18, 2007.

Family Outing

The date for this event to be decided later.

Finance & Constitution

Fixed deposits to be opened, as given under Treasurer's Report above.

Newsletter and Advertising

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe considered that a second Newsletter could be sent after receiving comments/approval for the Master Plan.

Turf wicket

No further action

Land Surveying & Improvements to Buildings at College

Dependent on the proposals of the Master Plan

13. Membership

List of new Members were not available and any new enrolments would be included at the next Meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Mr. Panini Edirishe explained his involvement in introducing Mr. Jacques Hughebaert to His Worship the Bishop. While congratulating the appointment of Rev. Marc Billimoria as the Headmaster, he required an assurance from him that he would continue at College as the Headmaster at least for 10 years. Rev. Marc replied that the decision for his stay was in the hands of the Bishop and therefore he was unable to give such assurances.

15. Next Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 1.30 pm. Next Meeting to be decided later.

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman.