

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 9 OF 2007/2008 (297th)**  
**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Date : October 22, 2007 at 7.30 pm  
Place : 21, Sumanarama Road, Mt. Lavinia  
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. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	Hony. Secretary
Mr. P. Dayabaran	(PD)	Hony Treasurer
Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	Hony. Asst Treasurer
Brig. B Munasinghe	(BM)	
Mr. Sumeda Perera	(SP)	
Mr. Kenneth Gurusinghe	(KG)	
Mr. Suresh Kumar	(SK)	

**Excuses**

Rev. Marc Billimoria  
Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne  
Mr. Hermon Fernando  
Mr. Athula Kumaranayake  
Mr. A C M Rashid  
Lt. Col Hareen Walgama  
Mr. Ajith Jayathilaka  
Mr. Wansapriya Gunaseela  
Mr. Sachitra Perera  
Mr. S. Kaviharan  
Mr. A.D Sandakalum

**Invitees**

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The Senior Vice President Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired and called this Emergency Meeting to order. He explained that the Meeting was called to obtain approval of funds for clearing the computers, shipped from Australia.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

Notice convening the Meeting had been conveyed by telephone.

**3. Messages of Excuse**

As given above

**4. Clearing of Computers**

Mr. Mahen Ransinghe explained the difficulties experienced in clearing the computers and the dental equipment. In spite of receiving all the support and recommendations by Mr. Nanda Matthew, the Governor of Uva Province, endorsed by various Ministries, for a duty waiver, Customs had been very difficult. He and Brig. Bandu Munasinghe had been extremely busy, visiting various Government Departments to meet the Customs requirements and were totally exhausted. The estimates for clearing the goods, including demurrage charges to date was Rs.200,000.00. The clearing was being handled by the Company owned by the Governor of Rotary Club of Welimada area and it had been an advantage that they were not pushing for immediate cash for demurrage charges etc. paid by them to obtain various documents. With the goods expected to be cleared imminently, cash in hand was needed.

He advised that Mr. Ed Rowlands had informed him that the demurrage and other clearing charges would be refunded.

Ex-Co had already paid Rs.40,000, as shipping agent's charges and approved a further Rs.100,000 to be advanced, with the balance to be obtained from the Rotary Club of Welimada, to clear the goods.

**5. Next Meeting**

The Meeting adjourned at 9.00 p.m. Date of next Meeting to be decided later

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman