

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11 OF 2007/2008 (299th)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : January 16, 2008 at 5.30 pm
Place : S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Colombo 3
Present : Mr Mahen Ranasinghe (MR) Senior Vice President
Mr. Kuru Uthumpala (KU) Vice President
Mr. S. Rajmohan (RM) Vice President
Mr. Shervon Fernando (SF) Hony Secretary
Mr. P. Dayabaran (PD) Hony Treasurer
Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi (NW) Hony. Asst Treasurer
Mr. A C M Rashid (AR)
Mr. Athula Kumaranayake (AK)

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Brig. B Munasinghe
Mr. Chandana De Silva
Mr. Sumedha Perera
Mr. S. Kaviharan
Mr. Buddhika Kurukularatne
Mr. Panini Edirisinhe
Mr. Dinesh Sivasubramaniam
Mr. Kenneth Gurusinge

Absent

Mr. Hermon Fernando
Mr. Suresh Kumar
Lt. Col Hareen Walgama
Mr. Ajith Jayathilaka
Mr. Wansapriya Gunaseela
Mr. Sachitra Perera
Mr. A.D Sandakalum

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired and called the Meeting to order.

2. Notice of Meeting

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

3. Messages of Excuse

As given above

4. Obituaries

The demise of Mr. K Wimalarajah was observed with 2 minutes silence. It was agreed to collect donations, for hand over to Mrs. Wimalarajah at the funeral the next day.

The attendance at the Thanks Giving Service for Mr. Hayman, at 50-60, was considered as poor, considering great service she and Dr. Hayman had rendered.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Headmaster's Report

College had reopened on January 7. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe had visited College on December 23 and seen the Blanchard Dormitory toilets being constructed.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting No. 10 of 2007/2008, held on December 15, 2007 was accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. P. Dayabaran and seconded by Mr. Kuru Utumpala

8. Matters Arising

- a. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka was preparing a draft on the request for the appointment of separate OBA Representatives to the Board of Governors. He had already contacted the Secretaries of the OBAs of STC Bandarawela and Colpetty and they were supportive of the idea.
- b. Decision on Headmaster's proposal to make Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert an Honorary Member of the OBA, was deferred to the next Meeting.
- c. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that the Rotary Club of Australia had transferred almost the full cost of clearing and demurrage to the Rotary Club of Welimada. There had been a shortfall of a few thousand Rupees due to the exchange rate and this would be divided equally between the OBA and the Rotary Club of Welimada. Rs. 100,000.00 out of Rs. 140,000.00 taken from the OBA, to clear the computers, had already been credited to the current account at Commercial Bank. Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi suggested that confirmation of the exact amount received from the Rotary Club of Australia should be obtained from the Rotary Club of Welimada, to avoid and claims by them later and Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe agreed to get it from them.

9. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

The annual accounts were tabled by the Treasurer and it was accepted, subject to the addition of Rs.61,000.00 under expenditure, for the donation made to College for the prizes at the prize giving, proposed by Mr. S. Rajmohan and seconded by Mr. Atula Kumaranayake. The annual accounts are attached.

The current account at Standard Chartered Bank had not been closed yet and, as some of the standing orders from donors were still being credited to it.

10. Junior Dormitory Toilets

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe tabled the quotation submitted by the Contractor, through the Headmaster, for the refurbishing of the 4 night toilets, in the sum of Rs.177,825.00. He had inspected these toilets with Mr. Jacques Huyghebaert and the Contractor during his visit on December 23 and discussed all details. The Contractor had agreed to complete all work before the AGM. The Ex-Co approved the quotation.

11. Annual General Meeting

The Notice of AGM had been advertised in the Daily News and Weerakesari on Saturday, January 5 and Sunday, January 13, 2008 respectively. It would be advertised in Lankadeepa on Sunday, January 20, 2008.

13. Any Other Business

Turf Wicket

Mr. Gerald De Alwis had shelved the refurbishing of the turf wicket, with the change of the officials at the Cricket Board of Sri Lanka.

14. Next Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm. Next Meeting to be decided upon completion of auditing of annual accounts, hopefully by mid January 2008.

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman