

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO.02 OF 2008/2009 (302nd)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : March 29, 2008 at 07:00PM

Place : #174/8A, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.

Present :

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	(MR)	Senior Vice President
Mr. Christo Gonawela	(CG)	Vice President
Mr. Dinusha de Costa	(DC)	Hony. Secretary
Mr. P. Dayabaran	(PD)	Hony. Treasurer
Mr. S. Balaramesh	(SB)	Hony. Asst. Secretary
Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	(AK)	Hony. Asst. Treasurer
Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	
Mr. M.P.D. Perera	(MPD)	
Mr. D. Mahinda Ranasinghe	(DMR)	
Mr. Palitha Rajapakse	(PR)	
Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane	(KW)	
Mr. Srilal Wickremaratne	(SW)	
Mr. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	
Mr. Thirumurugamoorthy Muthuvel	(MT)	
Mr. S. Prabakaran	(SP)	
Mr. A.D. Sandakelum	(AS)	

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. S. Rajmohan
Mr. Tusitha Nanayakkara

Absent

Mr. Chandana De Silva
Mr. A.A.R. Mawahib
Mr. Lasantha Perera
Mr. Sarachchandra
Mr. S. Kaviharana
Mr. Eshan Abeyawardena

Invitees

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera
Mr. K.H.G. Mahinda Padmasiri
Mr. Bandu. Kodithuwakku
Mr. Anilal Algama
Mr. R.R. Rajarathna

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired and called the Meeting to order. He welcomed the invitees, Messrs. Bandu Wanigasekera, Mahinda Padmasiri, Bandu Kodithuwakku, Anilal Algama, R.Rajarthna for their participation, with the view to supporting the fund raising events and the probable Dinner Dance 2008 of the OBA.

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of Meeting was taken as read.

3. Messages of Excuse

As above

4. Obituaries

None

5. Correspondence

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that a parent had complained regarding the inaccuracies and inadequacies in the fee invoices sent by the College and those had been brought to the attention of the Headmaster. The Headmaster expected to introduce a new accounting package soon, with the above matters taken into account.

6. Headmaster's Report

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting No.1 held on February 05, 2008 was accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr. Shervon Fernando, subject to the following amendments.

- Move Mr. S. Prabaharan's name from 'Absent' list to 'Excuses' list.
- Item 4 – Correct the name as Mr. Srilal Wickramaratne (not Wickramasinghe)

Mr. Christo Gonawela requested for the Minutes of the Ex-Co Meetings to be sent early, to enable action to be taken, where necessary.

8. Matters Arising

Item 5 - Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that at the Ex-Co Meeting of Mt Lavinia OBA held on March 24, 2008 the Ex-Co had declared that there was no requirement in their constitution to have a Representative from STC Guru OBA for the AGM, but they had no objection to having one as an observer without any voting rights. The constitution had been subsequently checked to find that Rule 13 c clearly covered this requirement and Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe agreed to write to STCMtLavinia Ex-Co accordingly.

Item 8a - Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara tabled his recommendations, for utilizing the scholarship funds as follows:

- Use the Fixed Deposits at Hatton National Bank (Rs.465,792.16) and National savings Bank (Rs.301,171.25), total Rs. 766,963.41, only for the three scholarship funds, as given below.
- Dr. R.L Hayman – Rs.196,161.21
Cannon A.J Foster – Rs.196,161.20
A.K. Chapman – Rs.374,641.00
Total – Rs.766,963.41
- Use 85% of interest generated from the above Fixed Deposits for awarding the 3 scholarships and the balance 15% to remain.
- Appoint a Committee, with at least one OBA Member, for selecting respective candidates.
- Maintain at least one Fixed Deposit at a Government Bank

These recommendations were accepted by the Ex-Co, proposed by Mr. Shervon Fernando and seconded by Mr. P Dayabaran.

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara advised that Mr. Peter Weerakoon of OBA Australia had given Rs.66,000.00 to the Headmaster, during his visit early this year, for Hayman Trust Fund and the Headmaster had agreed to transfer this amount to Hayman Scholarship Fund of the OBA, at the request of Mr. Weerakoon, as there was no such Trust or Fund at the College.

Item 8b – It was noted that staff felicitation at STC Mt Lavinia had been by the PTA, rather than the OBA and the Ex-Co while accepting that it was an important gesture, decided to differ it, as funds were not available at this stage.

Item 8 ii – Mr. Krishantha Jayawardena advised that the swimming pool pump was repaired again and it was functioning well.

Item 8 iii – Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe had arranged the donation of 20 Nos. outdoor dustbins from Phoenix and these would be delivered to Badulla Agent of Phoenix, for collection, by College. Mr. Moorthy offered to arrange 20 Nos. large plastic containers (empty chemical containers), for the same purpose. Mr. Dinusha de Costa agreed to get a stencils made for painting the words "Keep Environment Clean" and "STCG OBA" on the dustbins.

Item 10 – Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe confirmed that he had briefed the Ex-Co of STC Mt Lavinia OBA, at the Meeting held on March 24, 2008, regarding the proposal for separate Representatives of the Branch Schools in the Board of Governors and the Ex-Co along with the 2 Representatives in the Board agreed to support it.

It was agreed that the proposal should be pursued strongly.

Item 12 – Mr. Dayabaran advised that the signatories at Commercial Bank and National Bank had been changed, but Hatton National Bank required the signatures on the same letter, as there were no separate signature cards. Signatures were accordingly taken. The letter to Standard Chartered Bank for closing the account had been sent.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer confirmed the following bank balances as of March 29, 2008

Commercial Bank - Rs.180,145.31

Standard Chartered Bank - Rs.22,641.30

Re-Union Celebrations and AGM Account

Total income from meal tickets - Rs. 157,000.00

Total expenditure - Rs.151,831.17

Details as follows:

Food bill from College - Rs. 99,189.17

Food items taken from outside - Rs. 24,942.00

Ex-gratia payment minor staff - Rs. 11,400.00

Hire of cutlery - Rs. 1,600.00

Calypso band - Rs. 13,000.00

Cricket balls - Rs. 1,700.00

Total - Rs.151,831.17

Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi proposed that copies of all financial documents should be kept with the Asst. Treasurer, as a duplicate to cover against any loss of originals. Mr. Cristo Gonawala offered a cupboard in his offices for safe keeping the past documents.

10. Dinner Dance

Decision whether to have a Dinner Dance or a Fellowship Dinner to be taken at the Sub Committee Meeting, to be held soon after the Ex-Co Meeting.

11. Fund Raising

To be discussed along with the Dinner Dance.

12. Newsletters

First newsletter for the year to be sent after finalizing the date for the Dinner Dance

13. Membership

Chairman of the Sub Committee for Membership, Mr. Chandana De Silva was absent and his plans were not available.

14. Projects – Junior Dormitory Toilets:

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe agreed to send a copy of the preliminary design of the toilets, prepared by him to Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi.

OBA Australia had offered A\$1,500.00 direct to the Headmaster, towards the construction of the senior dormitory toilets.

15. Any Other Business

Mr. Cristo Gonawala proposed that the College history be updated from 1992 onwards. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe undertook to speak to Mr. Dulepkumar in this regard.

Mr. Cristo Gonawala stated that all activities at the Re-Union Celebrations were well organized this year and thanked the organizers for a job well done.

16. Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked Mr. Athula Kumaranayake for hosting the Meeting. The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next meeting on Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 1 pm, at S.Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman