

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 06 OF 2008/2009 (306th)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : August 19, 2008 at 6.30 pm

Place : 80 Club of Colombo - #25, Independence Av., Colombo 07.

Present :

Mr. Christo Gonawela	(CG)	Vice President
Mr. S. Rajmohan	(RM)	Vice President
Mr. P. Dayabaran	(PD)	Hony. Treasurer
Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	(AK)	Hony. Asst. Treasurer
Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	
Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe	(MR)	
Mr. Palitha Rajapakse	(PR)	
Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne	(SW)	
Mr. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	
Mr. Thirumurugamoorthy Muthuvel	(MT)	
Mr. S. Kaviharan	(SK)	
Mr. A.D. Sandakelum	(AS)	
Mr. S. Prabakaran	(SP)	

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe
Mr. Dinusha de Costa
Mr. S. Balaramesh
Mr. M.P.D. Perera
Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane

Absent

Mr. Chandana De Silva
Mr. A.A.R. Mawahib
Mr. Y.L. Sarachchandra
Mr. Lasantha Perera
Mr. Tusitha Nanayakkara
Mr. W.E.B. Abeyawardena

Invitees

Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka
Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera
Mr. Gerald De Alwis

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice President Mr. Christo Gonawela chaired and called the meeting to order at 6.50pm. He welcomed the invitees, Messrs. Lakshman Jayatilaka, and Bandu Wanigasekera for their participation, with the view to supporting the fund raising events and the Fellowship Dinner Committee 2008 of the OBA. Also introduced Mr. Gerald de Alwis former Manager of STC Gurutalawa is here to make a presentation of the fundraising for the college turf wicket.

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of Meeting was taken as read.

3. Messages of Excuse

As above

4. Obituaries

No obituaries since last meeting

5. Correspondence

- The Meeting was informed of the S. Thomas Inter Colleeiate Batch Cricket Sixes organized by STC Mt OBA on Saturday the 6th September at the Big Club Grounds Mt. Lavinia. Participation at the cricket carnival is open to all old boys of all four STC Schools. Mr. Ajith Sirisena has already formed a team and Mr. Gurusinghe has give eight names of the players to the Secretary. As this has not properly communicated to the members, Ex Co requested the Secretary to inform all OBA members as soon as possible.
- A General Assembly for Fr. Goodchild's 85th birthday and his 40 years service to the college was intimated by the Headmaster. Headmaster is planning a surprise birthday party on Thursday 4th September. Any old boys interested in being there for the special assembly at 9.30 am and followed by lunch, will be welcome. Please give the names to the Secretary to make travel arrangements.
- New Membership Application Form has been already printed and it will be ready by this Friday.
- Confirmation on the College Name Board. We have to get a final confirmation from Mr. Dinusha de Costa. If the job has not been done and it has to handed over to another party. Mr. Srilal Wickremaratne suggested to have blue black & blue background for the board.

6. Headmaster's Report

Not available

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of Meeting No. 5 held on August 13, 2008 was accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. S. Rajmohan and seconded by Mr. P. Dayabaran, subject to the following amendments.

- Matters arising:
- Projects:
'Mr. Srilal Wickemaratne sentence should be as below;
Mr. Srilal Wickemaratne was requested to coordinate with Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe and check durability factors of sanitary utilities & urinal items related to the project as he has an Engineer from Welimada in his Staff.

8. Matters Arising

Issues highlighted by Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka recently in his emails was discussed and Rev. Marc Billimoria had responded to them and will inform the Manager to look in to the matters in his capacity.

9. Treasurer's Report

- It was stated that donations by Australian Old Boys for the Sports Fund canvassed by Mr. Peter Weerakoon, had topped Rs.60,000 and it was decided that a separate Savings Account be opened. The following resolution proposed by Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara and seconded by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi was adopted without division.

“A separate saving account to be opened at the Commercial Bank for the Funds for Sports from donations from Australia and the usual office bearers as the Current Account to be authorized to operate this account.”

- It was reported that the donation of Canadian \$2500 from STC OBA Canada was received and banked.

- The Treasurer confirmed the following Bank balances:

Commercial Bank (Saving Acc.)	- Rs.463,326.46 (as at 19 th August 2008)
FD (HNB)	- Rs.472,121.83
FD (NSB)	- Rs.325,571.53
FD (COM)	- Rs.332,290.13
FD (COM)	- Rs.348,250.00

Expense Details

Debit Tax-	Rs. 50.00
Debit Tax	Rs. 348.25
Flyer Printing	Rs. 4675.00

- The Treasurer and Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara informed the house of unaccountable credits lying in the Bank account with no supporting documents submitted by the depositor. It was agreed that a special request should be sent out to members to ensure supporting documents are forwarded to the OBA of any deposit directly made to the Bank by any old boy. In the interim unaccountable credit to be shown in a suspense account. Old boys should be informed of correct procedures in the next Newsletter.
- 255,858.75 from OBA Canada and 348,250 from Mr. Ed Rowlands for Infrastructure projects: HM has to give the priority list of the requirements for the Canadian donation. Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka verbally communicated that the money has to use for purchase of computers. The school has already called for quotations for branded Pentium IV computers. Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka will coordinate with the Headmaster & Mr. Kaviharan.

10. Fellowship Dinner

Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi said the price of the Dinner is Rs. 2,900/- per head. The ticket is priced at Rs. 3000/- and the printing will be sponsored by Mr. Atula Kumaranayake Mr. Srilal Wickramaratne will coordinate with the Band and give the details at the next meeting.

11. Fund Raising

Fund Raising by collecting banners, (Rs. 5000/- per banner display) Sponsors, donations and gift packs: Mr. Christo Gonawela will prepare separate letters for banners and gift vouchers. Membership Directory will be printed early next year and the size will be A/5 with two columns and spirally bound to facilitate easy use. Collection of advertisements will continue. The entire Ex-co members, each will be given an alphabetical letter to complete by end August if possible. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe has send some of the overseas addressers by e-mail. Mr. Lakshman Jayatilake will help out in getting Canada and UK contact points.

12. Newsletters

Fellowship Dinner flyer is printed must be sent with immediate effect. Mr. Chrisro Gonawela and Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera will coordinate with the post office regarding the postage charges.

13. Membership

Chairman of the Sub Committee for Membership:

Mr. T. Muthuvel had confirmed 9 members during the month of July and all the application forms have been passed on to the secretary.

14. Projects – Junior Dormitory Toilets

Mr. Srilal Wickeramaratne said that he can arrange a civil engineer to visit the site and discuss with the Headmaster and co-ordinate with Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe.

15. Any Other Business

Mr. Gerald de Alwis briefed about the Sing Along organised as a Fund Raiser to redo the turf wicket at the college. He wants to have the fullest support from the Ex-co to this project. He also said that initially he is getting an Astro-Turf.

16. Next Meeting

The next Meeting to be held on the 12th of September 2008 and the venue to be decided later.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Confirmed as correct.

Hony. Vice President