

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 08 OF 2008/2009 (308th)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : October 05, 2008 at 10.00am

Place : 155/35, Dolalanda Gardens, Thalawathugoda.

Present :	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	(MR)	Senior Vice President
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	(RM)	Vice President
	Mr. Chandana De Silva	(CS)	Vice President
	Mr. Dinusha de Costa	(DC)	Hony. Secretary
	Mr. P. Dayabaran	(PD)	Hony. Treasurer
	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	(AK)	Hony. Asst. Treasurer
	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	
	Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane	(KW)	
	Mr. S. Prabaharan	(SP)	
	Mr. Thirumurugamoorthy Muthuvel	(MT)	
	Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne	(SW)	
	Mr. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. Christo Gonawela
Mr. M.P.D. Perera
Mr. A.D. Sandakelum
Mr. S. Kaviharana
Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe
Mr. Palitha Rajapakse
Mr. S. Balaramesh
Mr. Tusitha Nanayakkara

Absent

Mr. A.A.R. Mawahib

Invitees

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera
Mr. S.K. Kulasingham

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired and called the Meeting to order. He welcomed the invitees, Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera and Mr. S.K. Kulasingham.

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of Meeting was taken as read.

3. Messages of Excuse

As above

4. Obituaries

Mr. S. Ragunathan in Canada (Period in College : 1960-64). Ex-Co observed two minutes silence for his demise.

5. Correspondence

SJMS Associates, our Auditor had sent a notice of changing the Company Directors.

6. Headmaster's Report

There was no report from the Headmaster.

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that he had visited College on September 26, 2008, with the Manager, Mr. Lincoln Fernando and Brig. Bandu Munasinghe, to finalize the design of the junior dormitory toilets, with a combined roof with Read Junior Dorm, as proposed by Mr. Jacques Huyghebraert or separate roofs. Details in this regard would be covered under Item 14.

He added that Mr. Lincoln Fernando intended coming to the Meeting but had to be excused due to another involvement. He had reported that the College accounts were found to be badly prepared, without breaking up into cost centres and the arrears on fees, massive expenditure on farm etc. appeared to put the financial position of the school seriously in red. He had requested the accountant to give a total breakdown of income and expenditure based on cost centres by December 31, 2008.

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe had given him a copy of the report, prepared by the Auditors, SJMS Associates, and paid by the OBA, in 2003. He had found the report to be thorough, specific and full of recommendations and had been surprised that the College had not followed the recommendations in it.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Item 8, paragraph 2 - Added the following as pointed out by Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera. "A plaque costing Rs.3,800/= was presented by the OBA to Rev. Fr. H.C. Goodchild."

The Minutes of Meeting No. 7 held on September 12, 2008 was accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr. Atula Kumaranayake, subject to the above amendment.

8. Matters Arising

- Item 6 – Ex.Co. felt that the concerns regarding the Accounts and the Farm operations were justified by the findings of Mr. Lincoln Fernando.
- Item 15 - The Dough Mixer was yet to be taken to College and the Headmaster had advised that arrangements would soon be made for it's transport.

9. Treasurer's Report

Rs.40,000/= had been paid to the College for Scholarships from the Current Account at Commercial Bank and the Ex Co approved the transfer of Rs.20,000/= from each of the fixed deposits for Scholarship Funds at Hatton National Bank and National Savings Bank.

The balance in the current account as of Commercial Bank, Mt.Lavinia - Rs. 301,366.88.

- Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi agreed to check with Commercial Bank, Mt.Lavinia branch regarding the tax waiver position of Inland Revenue Department.
- Ex.Co agreed to transfer the funds of around Rs. 85,000.00 in the current account, belonging to the Sports Fund sent by Weerakoon Associates, to open a fixed deposit.

10. Fellowship Dinner

Ticket books had been distributed to all Ex Co Members and other interested Members. It was agreed that the OBA letterhead would be used for any correspondence regarding the Dinner, as the Dinner Committee was non functional.

Dinner Committee to follow the Ex-Co Meeting.

11. Fund Raising

Not discussed as the Chairman of the Sub Committee for Fund Raising, Mr. M.P.D. Perera was absent.

12. Newsletters

A Newsletter would be sent after the Fellowship Dinner.

13. Membership

All Membership forms endorsed by the Headmaster had been collected by Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe during his visit and the Membership cards would now be issued. The list of new Members to be announced at the next Meeting.

Mr. Athula Kumaranayake's proposal to include a blank Membership Form, when sending the Membership Card and receipt to new Members, for the purpose of promoting Membership, was accepted.

14. Projects -Junior Dormitory Toilets

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe along with Mr. Lincoln Fernando and Brig. Munasinghe had discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the single roof for Read Junior/toilets and separate roofs, with Mr. Huyghebraert and the proposed Contractor, Dayaratne. It had been finally decided to have a single roof, as there would be a saving by having a common wall.

The Contractor had given a quotation for the construction of the toilets with a single roof, without fittings and raising the ridge up to the height of the roof of Rev. Goodchild's room, using various materials, as follows:

Asbestos sheets (new) - Rs.1,000,000.00
Amano sheets (new) - Rs.800,000.00
Manna grass - Rs.500,000.00

Mr. Ranasinghe had totally rejected the manna roof for a dormitory, because of the fire risk and requested the Contractor to submit a fresh quotation, based on the drawing for the toilets, issued to College earlier and a single roof assuming that 70% of the existing asbestos sheets could be reused after cleaning. 6 Nos. changing rooms (3 each for male and female) would also be added below the toilets, mainly for the use of outsiders, a plan intended for the future.

Mr. Ranasinghe would revise the drawings with roof as proposed above and other options, before finalizing roof angle.

The lump sum quotation, in the sum of Rs.1,585,000.00 prepared by Mr. Huyghebraert, based on the Contractor's figures had been received subsequently. Ex Co agreed to proceed with the Project on the following conditions:

- a. The quotation would be taken as a budget price and the total cost of the project not exceeding Rs.1.6 million would be borne by the OBA.
- b. The possibility of using the pledged funds of approximately Rs.200,000 of OBA NSW, Australia to construct the changing rooms, as a separate project, would be explored.
- c. All wood required for the roof would be supplied free of charge by the College, as already pledged.
- d. The Contractor would be asked to remove the existing asbestos sheets from the roof with utmost care, to avoid damage and would be re-used after suitable treatment.
- e. All other material would be supplied by the OBA, wherever possible. Arrangements were immediately made to deliver 3 cubes of Mahiyangana sand for Rs. 25,000.00, through an Old Boy.
- f. All finance for the Project would be handled by the OBA and only the payments to the Contractor would be paid through the College.
- g. A supervisor would be appointed by the OBA to supervise the work of the Contractor.

Arrangements had been made to deliver rubble removed from the road construction along Bandarawela-Welimada Road, near Ambegoda, by Thudawe Brothers, free of charge, with only transport costs involved.

15. Any Other Business

It was agreed to have the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 28th February 2009.

16. Next Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 12.10 pm. Next Meeting to be decided, as considered necessary.

Confirmed as correct.

Senior Vice President