

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 09 OF 2008/2009 (309th)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : November 29, 2008 at 10.00am

Place : #155/35, Dolalanda Gardens, Thalawathugoda.

Present :	Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	(MR)	Senior Vice President
	Mr. Christo Gonawela	(RM)	Vice President
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	(RM)	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. M.P.D. Perera	(MPD)	
	Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane	(KW)	
	Mr. Thirumurugamoorthy Muthuvel	(MT)	
	Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne	(SW)	
	Mr. Palitha Rajapakse	(PR)	
	Mr. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	
	Mr. S. Kaviharana	(SK)	

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. S. Prabakaran
Mr. S. Balaramesh
Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe

Absent

Mr. Chandana De Silva
Mr. A.A.R. Mawahib
Mr. A.D. Sandakelum
Mr. Tusitha Nanayakkara

Invitees

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera
Mr. Lincoln Fernando
Mr. Lakshman. Jayatilaka
Mr. Sumedha Perera

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Senior Vice President, Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe chaired and called the Meeting to order. He welcomed the invitees, Messrs. Lincoln Fernando, Bandu Wanigasekera, Lakshman Jayatilaka and Sumedha Perera. He introduced Mr. Lincoln Fernando, Member of the Board of Governors and the present Manager of the school and thanked him for attending the Ex-Co Meeting, a rare occurrence in the recent past.

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of Meeting was taken as read.

3. Messages of Excuse

As above. The Headmaster had sent his apologies for not being able attend, as he had not recovered well enough to attend, after the hernia operation, a few days ago.

4. Obituaries

None.

5. Correspondence

The following letters were tabled.

- a) Headmaster's letter to Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe, thanking him for the donation of the dough mixer
- b) Headmaster's letter with proposals for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the OBA.
- c) Web updates by Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka at <http://www.stcg62group.com>. Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jayatilaka, for a well documented informative website, which was seconded by Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe

6. Headmaster's Report

The Headmaster had advised that the dough mixer donated by Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe was still to be installed and commissioned as the 3 phase supply it needed was not available and quotations for a supply were being received.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Item 14 b was amended as follows:

Replace Rs.200,000/= with A\$2,000 - as proposed by Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera, as the Rupee amount would vary with the exchange rate.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 8 held on October 5, 2008 was accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. Srilal Wickremaratne and seconded by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi, subject to the above amendment.

8. Matters Arising

Item 6 - Mr. Lincoln Fernando advised that he would be visiting College in December with the Treasurer of the Board and the Accountant of STC Mt. Lavinia to check the accounts and the budget for next year, expected to be completed by the College staff, by that time. He offered to report on the findings.

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera proposed that a readily available accounting package should be used. Mr. Lakshman Jayatilaka said that it would have been helpful if the Headmaster was present to clarify various issues on accounts.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the current account was Rs.622,849.84 as of November 27, 2009. The bank had requested for a tax waiver letter from the Inland Revenue Department to stop deduction of tax from the account. It was noted that the original registration certificate of the Association was needed for this purpose.

10. Fellowship Dinner

The profits from the event was Rs.150,000/= with Rs.75,000/= from banners. Only Rs.30,000/= had been collected so far.

11. Fund Raising

With the toilet project to re-commence, it was agreed that serious fund raising through individual appeals should commence.

12. Newsletters

It was agreed that a newsletter would be sent to all Members, immediately, to give advance notice of the AGM and appeal for funds for the toilet project.

13. Membership

76 new members had been enrolled this year to date.

Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi handed over a CD containing the updated information of Members to Mr. Christo Gonawela for printing Issue 4 of the Membership Directory. Updating had been based on Ex Co Members and some selected Old Boys, contacting Members for revised details. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe considered that some of the information would not be correct, as several Members he contacted, in connection with the felicitation dinner for Mr. George Pillai, had not been contacted by anyone and there were many corrections to be made.

Mr. Christo Gonawela undertook to handle all work regarding the collection of advertisements, printing etc. of the Directory. He requested support from all Ex-Co Members for obtaining advertisements.

14. Projects -Junior Dormitory Toilets

Mr. Mahen Ransinghe explained that the toilet project was put 'on hold' as agreed by the Ex-Co Members at the Dinner Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2009, in objection to Mr. Jacques Huyghebraert's request to him not to talk to the Contractor or the workers and everything on implementation of the project was to be handled through Mr. Huyghebraert and the College.

The Headmaster had recently requested him to proceed with the work in accordance with the wishes of the Ex-Co, without any involvement of Mr. Huyghebraert. He had accordingly obtained a quotation from the local Contractor, Jamil and agreed to commence work. He pointed out that the free rubble available from the road construction of Welimada/Bandarawela road was no longer available and rubble would have to be bought in small quantities from all available sources, in the area.

Revised drawings had been prepared, in accordance with the wishes of the Old Boys and in agreement with the Headmaster to move the wall of Read Junior Dorm to make it the original rectangular building and to have a separate toilet building, with the roof to match the Read Junior roof.

A supervisor would be appointed to be at College full time and Mr. Mahen Ransinghe would manage all work with assistance from Messrs. Krishantha Weerawardena and Srilal Wickremaratne.

The biggest concern was regarding the funding, as only Rs.750,000 was available and the balance Rs.850,000 for the toilet building had to be raised through donations from the Old Boys. It was however agreed to proceed with the toilet building.

It was the intention to commence demolition of the existing toilet building, as soon as the school closed for December vacation on December 6, to be completed by the time the students returned on January 7, 2009.

15. Annual General Meeting

It was agreed to have the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 9:30pm, to allow more time for Re-Union celebrations on Saturday. The programme would be discussed at the next Meeting

16. Any Other Business

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera had brought the shield for the "Most Outstanding Sportsman of the Year" made on behalf of the Ronnie Weerakoon Memorial Fund. Mr. Srilal Wickremaratne proposed that the College name and/or the crest should be included.

17. Next Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm. Next Meeting to be decided once the audited accounts were completed.

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman