

S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 10 OF 2008/2009 (310th)
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date : February 06, 2009 at 06.00pm

Place : S.Thomas' Preparatory School, Colombo 03.

Present :

Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe	(MR)	Senior Vice President
Mr. S. Rajmohan	(SR)	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. M. Thirumurugamoorthy	(MT)	
Mr. S. Prabakaran	(SP)	
Mr. S. Balaramesh	(SB)	

Excuses

Rev. Marc Billimoria
Mr. Christo Gonawela
Mr. Sirilal Wickremaratne
Mr. Shervon Fernando
Mr. Palitha Rajapakse
Mr. S. Kaviharan

Absent

Mr. Mahinda Ranasinghe
Mr. M.P.D. Perera
Mr. Chandana De Silva
Mr. A.A.R. Mawahib
Mr. A.D. Sandakelum
Mr. Tusitha Nanayakkara

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Notice of Meeting

Notice of Meeting was taken as read.

3. Messages of Excuse

As above

4. Obituaries

Madev Wasanthan (left school in 1997). Ex-Co observed two minutes silence for his demise.

5. Correspondence

- a) E mail sent by Ex-Co to those with e mail facility, to advise that the Junior Dormitory Toilets would be handed over to College for use on February 8, 2009. Progress photographs of the toilets had also been sent earlier.
- b) Mr. Duleepkumar had sent an e mail politely complaining that the OBA was not protesting against the atrocities and discrimination towards the Tamils. MR had replied that our OBA, as a little sprat could not fight the Government and we had enough problems to attend to at College. He had also assured that there was no discrimination within the Ex-Co or the OBA, which was well proved by the fact that there were many Tamils in the Ex-Co, some being office bearers.
- c) Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi presented Mr. Christo Gonawela's message that the response for advertisements in the Membership Directory was very poor and as such printing of it would have to be at a loss. Accordingly the Ex-Co agreed to postpone the printing of the Directory and for the incoming Ex-Co to take it up, as necessary.
- d) Headmaster had sent an amendment to the Minutes of last Meeting

6. Headmaster's Report

Headmaster's report, as attached, received by email was read.

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Headmaster had requested by e mail the following amendment.

Item 14 – amend end of first paragraph to – everything on implementation of the Project was to be handled through the Headmaster and the College. He also had expressed his misgivings to Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe about the Contractor, Jamil's suitability for such a large Project. Mr. Ranasinghe had assured that a good job would be done, under his tight supervision.

The Minutes were accepted as a true record proposed by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr. S. Rajmohan., subject to the above amendment.

8. Matters Arising

Item 8 - Based on information collected, Mr. Lincoln Fernando had advised that the College farm and the horses had made a loss of approximately Rs. 2 million and 700,000, respectively during 2008. Also the Board had in principle agreed to give the farm, including the 9 acre block, on a lease to CIC.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the current account was Rs.278,194.89, as of February 06, 2009.

10. Fellowship Dinner

There was still. Rs. 5000.00 to be collected for one banner.

11. Fund Raising

Fund raising was still going on, with Messrs. Krishantha Weerawardane and Mahen Ranasinghe approaching Old Boys all over for funds for reconstruction of the Read Junior roof, which was 'on hold' until at least Rs.400,000 was available.

12. Newsletters

A newsletter giving notice of AGM and appealing for funds for toilet project had been sent to all Members during December 2008.

13. Membership

Six new Members had been enrolled since the last Ex- Co Meeting on November 29, 2008

14. Projects -Junior Dormitory Toilets

MR confirmed that the Junior Dormitory Toilets had been completed at a cost of Rs.1.4 million, Rs.200,000/= less than the original estimate, with various cost cutting measures and tight controls, but to the best possible standard. Progress photographs had been sent to the Members with e mail facility. The toilet/washroom building was to be handed over to College for use on February 8, 2009.

MR reminded that the project started, amongst concerns of several Ex-Co Members, with less than half the estimated amount in hand. He thanked all those who supported with funds, without which the project would not have been completed, within such a short time of 2 months. Letters thanking the donors, including receipts had been sent to all the donors.

A donation of Rs. 200,000/= had just been received from Mr. Prabath Jayasundera and Mr. Ranasinghe had instructed the Contractor to proceed with the reconstruction of the Read roof, with the view to completing it to a condition, for sleeping during the AGM weekend. He wished to thank Mr. Jayasundera, for this timely, generous gesture.

15. Annual General Meeting

Invitations had been sent to the following founder Members, senior office bearers and Members of the OBA. The following rates for food and other expenses during the weekend were agreed.

Full board – Rs.1,800/= (Friday dinner to Sunday Breakfast)

Saturday lunch and dinner – Rs.600/-- each

16. Approval of Audited Accounts

MR pointed that audited accounts had a statement "No documents were available for the expenditure of Rs. 713,700/=. All vouchers for this amount had been submitted to the auditors and the receipts also could have been submitted if requested. He thanked Mr. Bandu Wanigasekera for helping to get the accounts audited fast and the help given to the Hony. Treasurer in keeping the accounts in order throughout the year. The audited accounts were passed, proposed by Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi and seconded by Mr. M. Thirumurugamoorthi

17. Any Other Business

- *. 1992 Group of the OBA had been formed with a get together on December 28, 2008, attended by Mr. Mahen. Ranasinghe. Mr. M. Thirumurugamoorthi had been appointed as the President of the Group.

- *. Mr. Mahen Ranasinghe advised that Mr. Gerald De Alwis had allocated Rs.100,000/= from his collection at 'Sing A long' to provide a pumping system for the tube well at the grounds. He had arranged a compressor system, which was slightly cheaper, at a discounted price of Rs.97,000/= to be installed before the AGM weekend.

- *. Mr. Gerald Dr Alwis had also arranged sponsorship through Mr. Nawaz Caffor to refurbish the pavilion and this was also in hand at a cost of Rs.35,500/=, for completion before the AGM weekend. .

17. Next Meeting

Date of next Meeting to be decided by the new Ex-Co.

Confirmed as correct.

Chairman