

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA - OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 09 OF 2009/2010 (319<sup>th</sup>)**  
**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Date :** January 20, 2010 at 06:40pm

**Place :** No.3, Swarna Place, Nawala.

<b>Present :</b>	Rev. Marc Billimoria	(MB)	President
	Mr. Prabhath Jayasundara	(PJ)	Senior Vice President
	Mr. Christo Gonawela	(CG)	Vice President
	Mr. Dinusha de Costa	(DC)	Hony. Secretary
	Mr. P. Dhayabaran	(PD)	Hony. Treasurer
	Mr. Nihal Wanniarachchi	(NW)	
	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	(AK)	
	Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane	(KW)	
	Mr. Shervon Fernando	(SF)	
	Mr. S. Balaramesh	(SB)	
	Mr. S. Prabakaran	(SP)	
	Mr. E.S. Weerasinghe	(ES)	
	Mr. M. Vinodth	(MV)	
	Mr. S. Rajmohan	(SR)	
	Mr. Ziard Sinnen	(ZS)	
	Mr. Thanura Fernando	(TF)	

**Excuses**

Mr. M. Thirumurugamoorthi  
Mr. Chandana De Silva  
Mr. A.C.M.Rashid

**Absent**

Mr. Wansapriya Gunaseela  
Mr. Sherveen Pietersz  
Mr. M.P.D. Perera  
Mr. Palitha Rajapaksa  
Mr. Omal Jayasinghe

**Invitees**

Mr. Bandu Wanigasekara  
Mr. L. Jayatilaka

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The President (MB) chaired and called the meeting to order. He welcomed the invitees, Messrs. Bandu Wanigasekara and L. Jayatilaka and thanked them for their participation

**2. Notice of Meeting**

Notice of meeting was taken as read.

**3. Messages of Excuse**

As above

**4. Obituaries**

None

**5. Correspondence**

- The present Administration Manager - Mr. Ananda Gallearachchi has made a request from Old Boys to support promoting the school by going around Welimada & Diyatalawa areas as a promoting campaign. This promotion will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 with the support of Old boys who are in the vicinity at above said areas.
- STC OBA (Australia) will be having their AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 6:30pm at Mount Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley.
- Finalise the Secretaries Report by the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of January and AGM-Notice Paper advertisement to be published no sooner it's ready (within next 48Hrs), since the requirement is to publish 35 days prior to the AGM event as per Mr. B. Wanigasekara.

**6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

PJ announced that the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> (316) meeting were pending, and which was held at Gurutalawa. It will be sent before the next meeting.

The Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as a true record subject to below amendments by the Headmaster.

**Amendments:**

Item 07. Matters Arising

- College participated in U-13 matches but unable to qualify for finals.

Item 08. Headmaster's Report

- **First phase** of refurbishing of the Swimming Pool (**Pump House, Water filter system**) will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The second phase of the Swimming Pool refurbishing project has to be considered by the OBA to complete **Tiling and Lighting system**.

Amendments proposed by NW and seconded by MT.

**7. Headmaster's Report**

- Since the Swimming Pool project has already started, HM intended to continue with the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase and complete the project. He requested OBA support for the above.  
HM has already contacted Lanka Tiles for the tiles with a discount offer and credit period.  
AK suggested finding a main Sponsor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase continuation and to allow their advertisements.  
RM suggested HM to request funds from STCML-OBA as a payback borrowing, and directly write to the Warden.  
ZS proposed to canvass the idea to each group of Old Boys and to get their contributions.
- Old boys were requested to sponsor for student prizes at the Annual Prize Giving ceremony.
- Increasing the current fee structure has been one of the reasons for reduced boarding students count. HM intended continuing the practice, which will result strict enforcement of timely payment.  
Though, he also proposed to retain students who are good at studies and who can not pay full fees to the college. Thus, he wanted some way of covering balance overdue to the college by Old boy(s) who would wish to donate fees for such students. He wanted OBA to consider some insurance policy/scheme, which will support students in such cases.
- A Gold medal was won by a student at the All Island School Karate Tournament in 2010 held at Sugathadasa Stadium. The OBA commended the student and the Master in Charge.
- An article with reference to the Horse Riding win by our Guru school boys published in The Daily News was highlighted recently by Mr.Muditha Dissanayake and was referred to.
- HM reminded that upgrading the College IT unit is underway by using End Computing solution which was recommended by STCML & Methodist Colleges. The new IT unit will be relocated at the old Office complex.
- Uva Province Thomian Cricket Encounter will take place in 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at STC Bandarawela.

**8. Matters Arising**

Matters below were discussed;

- Paper advertisement was published on 10<sup>th</sup> January - "Sunday Observer" for a Sports Cordinator vacancy. HM agreed to divert recently vacated Cricket Coach's salary along with the Rs.10,000/= promised by '83 & '84 batches for the above position, which will create a convincing offer to the ideal candidate.  
Currently there is a good applicant out of the applied candidates, and he will be interviewed along with the short listed applicants by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.
- The intended Training Camp for the School teachers will not take place recently due to the tight schedule allocated in the first term. HM requested SP to postpone the event until further notice. HM checked with the Infrastructure Development Sub Committee whether they can afford to give the rest of the commitments (Projector and the White boards) promised. SP promised to deliver only the White boards at the AGM weekend.

**9. Treasurer's Report**

Membership Directory received advertisement payments were Rs.370,000/= out of the total of Rs.502,500/=.  
Pending payment collections by each OBA members are as below; and Treasurer and MT to follow up.

OBA Member	Pending Ad Payments
M.Thirumurugamoorthi	Rs.45,000/=
Thanura Fernando	Rs.45,000/=
Ziard Sinnen	Rs.15,000/=
S.Rajmohan	Rs.12,500/=
Ilanco Arunachalam	Rs.12,500/=
Chandana de Silva	Rs.2,500/=
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs.132,500/=</b>

**10. Sub Committees**

- a) Membership Directory - TM requires the following up with each member to collect pending ad payments as soon as possible.
- b) Sports Development - Estimate to refurbish the Keble, Basketball Court and Badminton Court areas obtained by Mr.Ananda Gallearachchi and SB was distributed among ExCo members requesting contributions in early December 2009. SB explained about the existing poor financial status and the fund commitment by PJ & SB each by Rs.25,000/= which is insufficient for the above. Thus SB will be visiting the College for the AGM in February and till such time there will be no improvements.  
Others sports activities discussed earlier.
- c) Education & Faculty Development - As explained earlier
- d) Infrastructure Development -
  - The refurbishing work of the Swimming pool Pump House & Water filter system continues.

**11. Annual General Meeting**

- HM said that this time we may feel the loss of former Senior Vice President - Mr.Mahen Ranasinghe due to his individual commitment at the AGM. AnandaG will take care of the events at the College ground, whereas he requires the support of ExCo. ZS will attach with AnandaG to coordinate the Cricket match and other ground activities.
- HM requested all ExCo members to pre-plan the event and assign responsible members for relevant activities including Old boys discipline. He also noted that No-alcohol will be sold within school premises except the College grounds (Beer only).
- RM suggested implementing a Wrist Band to be worn by each member entering to the college premises. Also proposed to introduce a single price for the weekend for everyone rather than having individual dinner and lunch tickets. Therefore, everybody agreed this time the AGM weekend entrance fee as Rs.2,000/=. He also requested to produce OBA membership card to enter and not to allow non-members to the school premises.
- Mr.B.Wanigasekara requested not to settle any bills out of the collected cash at the AGM and all collections banked promptly by following Tuesday. If required there is a possibility of issuing a Cash Imprest to use against expenses and Treasurer can draw this money and settle accounts.

**12. Approval of the audited accounts**

Please note that the 2009 Final Audited Accounts were emailed to all the ExCo members before the meeting. Mr.L.Jayatilaka raised the website expense on the report. BW explained that this was the way to write off this "asset." It was not an asset & incorrectly brought in and now corrected.  
2009 AGM event accounts were not clear enough, so that it was produced as a separate account.

**13. Any Other Business**

ES proposed for an All Island U-17 Inter-School Cricket Tournament to be held at the College grounds, which will be an event to promote STCG to increase student numbers with its publicity. He also noted that the plan is set to broadcast the Tournament live in a TV channel with the support of event Sponsors. He presented the initial plan to HM, and intends distributing the plan to the ExCo members for further actions.

**14. Next Meeting**

The Meeting was adjourned at 08:00pm. Next meeting will be decided later but hopefully in early February 2010.

Confirmed as correct.

**Chairman**