



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 08TH EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE RESIDANCE OF MR. GAVESH GINIGE

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara , Mr. Saman Warusawithana(Senior Vice President), Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Air Vice.Mar. Thilan De Silva, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Udaya Sirisena (Vice President), Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Maj. Mahesh De Silva , Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Channa Pushpamal, Dr. Saveen Semage, Mr. Hemantha De Silva , Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Mr. Shammie Uyange. (22 Members).

Regrets: Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor) Mr. L. Channa De Silva , Mr. Susiri De Silva, Rear Adm. Piyal De Silva., Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, (5 Members)

Late Arrivals: Ms. Pubudu de Soyza. (1 Member)

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda, , Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva,. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza., Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody. (8 Members).

On Invitation: Mr. Rasika Hendaheewa (Treasurer- Main OBA), Mr. Dinuk Wijewickrama (President Junior League) From Past Cricketers' Association, Mr.Chathran Sanjeewa, Mr. Asoka Kumara, Mr. K,M Tharaka.

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00pm

2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.

3. Silent Tribute to deceased members: Mr. Ananda Wijeweera, previous Editor of DCPA-CB.

4. Apologies for Absence: Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 07th October 2017:

Minutes were proposed as correct by Mr. Bandu De Silva and seconded by Air Vice Marshall Thilan De Silva, subject to correction of the **item No. 8. Correspondence:** 38 applications received for registration of new members.

6. Matters arising from Last Meeting Minutes:

President informed that the Invitation letter was sent to the Principal to participate in Ex-Co meeting.

a. Funds with Centenary Account.

As decided at previous Ex-co meetings, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to send a request letter to the Principal and Trust members to release Rs. 330,000/- from the Centenary account. Draft to be sent to Mr. Susiri de Silva to distribute to above persons.

b. Fund Raiser:

President informed that he will reserve New Town Hall for the 10th February 2018 to stage “Lowrancege Manamali”. He said the cost would be Rs. 20,000/- and he will visit the venue next week with Mr. Jayantha Kodikara. President agreed to compile the advertisements for the souvenir when he receives them.

c. Annual Trip:

Mr. Gavesh Ginige was commended for the well-organized annual trip to Diyathalawa with respectable accommodation and 4 good meals for a worthy price of Rs. 4000/-per person.

d. Membership Drive

Mr. Udaya Sirisena said that 38 new members were registered during last month and further 11 members during this month, totaling 89 new members registered for this year as at to date.

He also said that he is planning to enroll more on Back to School day, 25th November 2017.

New Members enrolled for this month.

	Name	Introduced by
1	Mr. S M N L Dharmasooriya	Majr. Mahesh de Silva
2	Mr. S K P P De Silva	Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya & Mr. Channa Pushpamal
3	Mr. Sri Lal Abeywardena	Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya & Mr. Channa Pushpamal
4	Mr. A P Sarath Pushpa Kumara Vass De Gunawadane	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
5	K D D Athukorala	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
6	Mr. M U F Ikram	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
7	Mr. A G Maduwage	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
8	Mr. Pradeep Asoka Lankeswara	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
9	Mrs. A M K Chandani Amaraseeli	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
10	Mr. K B G Sudath Samson	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
11	Mr. H S Chandrala Fernando	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
12	Mr. H L Bandula Kumarasiri	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
13	Mr. H L Nilan Palliyaguru	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
14	Mr. Champani Pathmasekera	Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya & Mr. Channa Pushpamal
15	Mr. W Samarathunga	Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya

e. Re Union:

Accounts have to be finalized. Still some members are to hand over the proceeds of ticket sales to the Asst. Treasurer.

f. Updating the DCPA Web :

Prof. Kodikara said that some developments to improve the web are being done and he requested others to wait till he complete this developments.

Also, committee agreed not to go ahead with the new web development.

e.Trust Fund :

Mr. Lal Premanath said that they were able to give 17 scholarships from the trust and 4 from the members who donated funds and all together 21 scholarships will be awarded on 07th December 2017. He invited all the Ex-Co members to participate to the function. He further said that Perth Group has sent Rs. 450,000/- for annual scholarship.

Mr. Jayantha Kodikara said that the Colombo Branch cannot get away from awarding scholarships when the Money is available. DCCPA –CB should participate in giving the scholarships annually in the future.

f. Status of Physical Activities:

i. Building Construction:

Chairman of the subcommittee Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that he managed to get hold of all the subcommittee members, engineer and the contractor to a meeting and discussed the issues and the staircase issue was sorted out. He further said that there is a little improvement to the progress and the walls and columns have come up to the first floor level. The contractor agreed to complete the concreting of the first floor slab before end of November. Still the contractor has to submit the work program. He said that contractor agreed to submit an affidavit instead of extending the performance bond which is an additional cost to us.

ii. Erection of Statue

Mr. Lal Premanath reported that the Base for the statue has already been constructed and the statue will be completed and delivered to the school by end of November 2017. He further said that there were minor adjustments to the statue to be done and the subcommittee visited and gave the approval for the final mould.

iii. Toilet work

Mr. Premanath reported that the toilets were completed for the function held on 2nd November 2017 for which H.E. the President attended.

g. Educational Excellence:

As Mr. Susiri De Silva was absent, President said that they visit the Principal at the earliest and discuss with him in this regard.

h. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige said that a student from the school has been selected for the under 17 National Basket Ball Team.

Dr. Saveen Semage reported that he has some TT balls donated by Mr. Janaka Maduwage and President requested him to hand over them to the school on the same day at the scholarship awarding Ceremony.

Mr. Gavesh Ginige said that the Olcott Cricket Tournament will be held from 15th to 17th December at Balapitiya and 5 chief guests to be invited for the morning and evening sessions and the award ceremony. Each school will be nominated a past pupil for felicitation and we have to nominate someone from our school.

He said that the total cost will be Rs, 1.2M.

i. Accounts for the last month

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of October 2017.

8. Correspondence:

- Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana read the letters sent by the school regarding the Prize Giving, which was received at the last day and no one could participate.
- He said the student Imesha who requested donation for attending overseas tournament has sent the required documents to release the funds.
- He read out a post card sent by Mr, Gunadasa regarding the re union for which he could not attend, decided to send him a reply.
- Request letter for a sponsorship for a chess player, Committee agreed to take up this at the next AGM and get approval to grant funds for this type of games too. The secretary was requested to send a reply to the Chess Association accordingly.
- Invitation to the Opening of Aesthetic building.

9. Any Other Business:

- i. President congratulated Mr. Saman Warusawithana for being elected to the OPA as the General Secretary on behalf of the Ex-Co. In return he thanked the Ex- co members who helped him to win the election and he said that this is the first time a General Secretary of OPA elected from Dharmasoka College after Prof; Indraratne.
- ii. It was decided to hand over the book written by Mr. Kulasena to the Editor Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne to read and do the needful.
- iii. Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana requested the Ex-Co consent to do the big match this year also by the DCPA CB with a fund raiser. It was decided to get the Principal's approval for the same. Ex-Co requested to appoint a committee and see whether it is possible.
- iv. Mr. Rasika Hendahewa, Treasurer of the main OBA and Mr. Dinush Wijewickrama, President of Junior League attended the meeting on our invitation. They explained the "Back to School" event to be held on 25th November and requested Colombo Branch members to participate in this historic event. Then theJt. Secretary, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana asked them to prepare a flyer with all the details to be sent to him to circulate among all the members of Colombo Branch, They said they have prepared a T Shirt to wear on that day and everyone can purchase it after 19th instant, Also said that the activities will be there from 7.30AM to 1.30PM and before the interval all can gather in the class rooms and after the interval cadet parade and two Basketball matches will be held, In the evening there will be a Dinner dance at Avenra Beach Hotel in Hikkaduwa and they requested to reserve at least 3 tables for Colombo Branch.

10. Vote of Thanks:

On behalf of the Ex- Co members, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Mr. Gavesh Ginige & Mrs. Neluka Ginige for arranging the Exco meeting at their residence and inviting Ex-Co members and their spouses for the fellowship dinner,

Next meeting will be held on 09th December 2017 at Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi's residence at Kalalgoda, Pannipitiya and members were requested to come with their spouses.

Shyama Gunawardana

Jt. Secretary.

3rd December 2017.