

MINUTES OF THE 01ST EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2015/16 HELD ON 07th MARCH 2014, AT 1830 HRS, AT No. 21/3, P.B. ALWIS PERERA MAWATHA, KATUBEDDA , MORATUWA

Present:

Mr. Lal Premanath (President), Mr.Susiri De Silva (Immediate Past President), Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Senior Vice President), Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara (Vice President), Mr. Jayantha KODikara (Vice President), Prof. Nihal Kodikara (Vice President), Air Cdre Thilan De Silva (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge (Treasurer), Dr. Mrs Ranjula Gunawardana (Asst. Treasurer), Mr. Ananda Wijeweera (Editor), Prof. Upali Jayasekera, Ayesh Madawa De Silva, Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr.Channa De Silva, Mrs.Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Raj De Silva, Brig. Bimal Widanage, Prof. Lalith De Silva, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya , Rear Admiral Piyal De Silva, Mr. Susil Maduwage, Dr. Sudath Janapriya, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mr. Damitha Leelaratne, Mr. Udaya Sirisena, Mrs. Niranjala Devi Sirimal, Col. Dr. Saveen Semage, Dr. Kasun De Soysa

On Invitation: Mr. Chandrathilake De Silva, Maj Gen Sanath Karunaratne, Mr Gavesh Ginige, , Mr. Amitha Gunasekera, Mr. Jagath De Silva, Mr. Jinendralal De Silva.

Regrets: Dr. P. Warusawithana, Ms. Nirosha Dilhani, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Brig Aruna Ariyasinghe

Absent: Col. Sarath Dissanayake, Mr. Asoka Weerasinghe, Mr. Nelson de Silva

- i. Meeting called to order at 6.30 pm**
- ii. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
- iii. Silent tribute to old Sokians passed away** – No information during last month.
- iv. Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed, that they were unable to participate the meeting.
- v. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 20th January 2015.**
The minutes were proposed by Dr. Mrs.Neela Gunasekera and seconded by Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne.

The president welcomed all the members participated at the meeting and requested new Ex-Co members to give a self-introduction.

- vi. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Chemicals and laboratory apparatus donated by Mr. M. P. De Silva were handed over to the school on 16th February 2015.

- vii. Accounts for the previous month**

The Treasurer tabled the accounts up to the month of February 2015.

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi requested to write off Rs. 10,000 agreed to give for an advertisement appeared in the souvenir printed for Musical show and Ex-Co agreed to adjust accounts accordingly. It was mentioned that Mr. Ewans De Silva owed Rs. 10,000 for the tickets he purchased for musical show and Secretary was requested to send a reminder to him.

The President said that there is a problem of spending on day-to-day affairs, as at present we are depending on the interests earned from fixed deposits. Once these deposits are withdrawn for development of school activities, there is no income for admin work, which is around Rs. 200,000/- for a year. Therefore he suggested that to claim Rs. 333,334/- given to centenary Trust by DCCPA ,CB.

The Committee agreed for that and suggested to write a memorandum signed by the Trust , which comprised from 5 members namely; Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Godwin De Silva, Mr. Channa De Silva, Justice Chitrasiri and Gen. M.D. Fernando and the Presidents and the Secretaries of 3 Associations. Mr Susiri De Silva will prepare the memorandum and obtain signatures.

The President also requested all the Ex- Co members to help to dispose balance stock of T- Shirts and Ties, worth Rs. 500,000.00. He further said that, we need around Rs. 2.5million worth of deposits to get interest of Rs. 160,000 per annum. So the President stressed that, it is important to go for a fund raising activity to enhance the DCCPA CB Deposits

The President described the distribution of duties among Joint Secretaries to the committee to get the consent.

- Correspondence and maintaining files will be done by Air comm. Thilan De Silva.
- Recording and circulating minutes and monitor and report the progress of sub committees will be done by Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana.

viii. Progress of the sub committees

Vision A

7 sub committees to look after the interest of members of Colombo Branch

1.1 Sub Committee for management of sound Policies and Finances.

Mr. A.G.L. Perera , Harish Guruge, SW Jayasuriya, , Damitha leelarathna , S.K.Chandratilake, Palitha Widnapathirana

Procedures prepared by the subcommittee were approved by the Ex-Co and circulated.

Therefore, the committee has done their work and there is no more work to be done by the committee.

1.2 Sub Committee for Preparation of Promotional Strategies.

The Committee Members were Mr. Lal Perera, Mr. Kumudu Kumar, Mr. Channa De Silva, Mr.

Amitha Gunesekara and Mr. Gavesh Ginige.

They prepared the procedures and circulated. Implementation has to be done by another committee. As this subcommittee has fulfilled their task no more work to be carried out by them.

2. Sub Committee for Membership Management System:

3. The committee comprised of Major. Mahesh de Silva, Air Commodore Thilan de Silva, Dr. Sandaruwan Dr. Mithrajee Premaratne, Mr. Dilash Weerasooriya, Dr. Ranjula Gunawardane, Mr. Ranjith Lamahewa

This committee has done their part of improving the membership directory by uploading photograph and the receipt number of membership subscription and therefore to carry forward the ultimate objectives, a new committee to be appointed to see further developments.

4. Sub Committee for Management of Web Site:

This committee headed by Prof. Nihal Kodikara and he launched the web site and updating it frequently with the current events and other information.

He further said that it is less active due to articles and other details are not appearing in the web site. Prof. Lalith De Silva and Dr. Kasun De Soysa were appointed as new members to the Sub Committee.

5. Sub Committee for Editorial and Media.

This committee is mainly responsible for preparation of two News Letters annually. Mr. K. G. Kulasena handled this last year. He did the News Letter last year by himself alone.

For this year the committee comprises of Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne and Mr. Ananda Wijeweera. Mr. Mahinda Desshapriya agreed to get help of two officers from Elections Dept, Mr. Channa De Silva and Mr. Nizam who will work in Editorial and Media Subcommittee.

First News Letter to be published in June and other one in December. Soft copy to be emailed before Re - Union and AGM to all members.

6. Subcommittee for Anniversary Celebrations

Mr. Jayantha Kodikara heads the committee and he will organize Re-Union this year and 30th Anniversary celebration in next year.

Committee comprises of following members.

Dr. Mrs Ranjula Gunawardana, Brig. Bimal Widanage, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi, Mr. Ayesha De Silva.

7. Subcommittee for Organizing Events

This committee is responsible for organizing Fund Raising events and organizing annual Trip.

This committee headed by Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi and following members are in the committee. Mr. Lal Premanath, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Brig. Bimal Widanage, Mr. Mahinda

Deshapriya ,Mr. Jayantha Kodikara and Mrs. Yawwani Perera.

Vision B

5 Subcommittees to look after the development of the school.

7.1 Subcommittee for Development of Physical Activities;

This committee will look after the Infrastructure development of the school.

The committee comprises of Mr. Lal Premanath as the chair and Mr. Chandralal Sooriya arachchi, Mr. Kishan Sugathapala, Prof. Lalith De Silva, Mr. Jinendralal De Silva and Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana.

Now Preliminary works have been done for certain activities and initial requirement of funds is Rs. 11 million. Available is only Rs. 4.85million and a booklet has been prepared to collect funds to carry out these activities.

President suggested that there are three ways to do fund raising

- Visit house to house of Past Pupils who are willing to contribute substantial amounts.
- Send a letter with the proposal to all members requesting contributions and to erect three plaques, where their names can be published according to the amounts they are contributing.
- To hold meetings with small groups of members, explain to them about the developments, and get their assistance to collect funds.

The committee agreed for the 1st & 2nd proposal . Mr. Lal Premanath showed his willingness to contribute considerable amount as a donation. Moreover, Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi too.

The president said that the employer of the project is Colombo Branch and the Engineer to the Project will be Shyama Gunawardana . There will be two engineers nominated from Ambalangoda as Engineer's Representative to supervise the work.

8.1 Subcommittee for Educational Excellence:

The president requested Mr. Susiri De Silva to chair the subcommittee. He further said that Mr. Susiri De Silva has done lot of work to get Massive stock of English Books to the School and he was asked to continue the good work and try to do more to improve the knowledge of schoolchildren.

Other members of the Committee Mr. M.P. De Silva, Dr. P. Warusawithana, Prof. Indraratne,Mr. Bandu De Silva and Prof. Upali Jayasekara.

8.2 Subcommittee for Sports Excellence:

Committee chaired by Gen. M. D. Fernando and other members are Gen. Sanath Karunaratne, Brig. Anura Ariyasinghe, Rear Admrl. Piyal De Silva and Mr. Channa De Silva.

They have to look into the requirements of the school to develop major sports events like, Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, Cadetting and swimming.

An Addition Dr. Sudath Janapriya and Mr. Indika Weeraratne appointed to this subcommittee.

8.3 Subcommittee for Future Technology Platform:

Prof. Kodikara said that MOOC cannot be done and all IT works will come under this subcommittee.

Prof. Kodikara is the chair and Mr. Susil Maduwage, Dr. Kasun De Soysa, Prof. Lalith De Silva, Mr. Wsantha Deshapriya, Dr. Sudath Jinapriya and Mr. Kishan Sugathapala are the other members of the committee.

X. Finalization of Year Plan for 2015/16

Planned to have 12 Ex-Co meetings, annual Trip, Fund Raising Activity, Re-Union & AGM for the year.

Next Meeting, 2nd Ex-Co will be held on 2nd April 2015 at Election Commissioner's office at Rajagiriya at 6.00Pm.

All gents are requested to come with a white shirt and Dark pants with the college Tie and shoes. Ladies are requested to come in light colour Saree.

3rd Ex-Co Meeting will be held at Mr. Saman Warusawithana's Residence at Malabe on 09th May 2015.

4th Ex-Co will be held at Mr. L. Channa De Silva's residence at Kelaniya on 06th June 2015.

9th Ex-Co meeting will be held at Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi's residence at Kalalgoda in November 2015

Other meeting dates are available for any member who is willing to host. If there are no hosts meetings will be held at Dr. Warusawithana's residence at No.11, De Silva Road, Kalubowila. If anyone would like to offer refreshments for these meetings can show their willingness by email or at the coming meetings.

Xi Correspondance;

The President tabled a letter sent by the Trust thanking for the two scholarships awarded by the Colombo Branch.

New Memberships-There were four applications from following New Members

Dr. Kasun De Soysa

Mr. K.S.R. Janapriya

D.M.G. Preethiarachchi

B.D.N. De Silva

Membership applications were received from 15 students who were awarded scholarships this year. They have not paid the membership fees. It was suggested Secretary to send them a letter requesting their enrollment fee.

Xii Any other Matters:

Letter Head-It was decided to include the addresses of President, Treasurer and Jt. Secretary.

Mr Jayantha Kodikara requested all the members to try and get new members enrolled to the Association.

Xiii Vote of Thanks

The Jt.Secretary ,Air Comm. Thilan De Silva gave the Vote of Thanks and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Lal Premanath for hosting the meeting, followed by a fellowship dinner on behalf of the Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned since there were no other matters to discuss.

Shyama Gunawardana
Jt. Secretary