



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 2nd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 13th JULY 2023 AT 6.00 PM AT THE MEETING ROOM AT INSTITUTE OF TAXATION, 484, HAVELOCK ROAD, COLOMBO 06.

Present:

Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) (President), Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Immediate Past President), AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) (Senior Vice President), Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya (Vice President), Eng. Palitha Hendaheewa (Vice President), Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena (Secretary), Mr. Janaka Kumudu (Asst. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge (Treasurer), Mr. Hemantha De Silva (Asst. Treasurer), Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana (Editor), Dr. P. Warusawithana, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, Mr. Nipul Goonesekera, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda, Mr. Prasanna Egodage Mr. K M G R Chaminda, Mr. Rohana De Silva, Mr. Shammi Uyanage, Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha, , Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva, Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri, Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara & Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani (28 members).

Absent:

SSP Nishantha De Zoysa and Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri (2 member).

- 1. Meeting called to order** at 6.50 pm.
- 2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
- 3. Silent tribute to Members who passed away:**

None

4. Apologies for Absence:

Eng. R B M Gunawardana (Vice President), Mr. Iman Perera (Vice President), Eng. Lal Premanath, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera and Eng. Damindra De Silva (06 members).

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11th May, 2023

The last meeting minutes were proposed by Mr. Gavesh Ginige as correct and seconded by Mr. Hemantha De Silva.

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:

a. Dharma Sermon

Joint Subcommittee Chairperson for Dharma Sermon – AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) informed that he has discussed with President AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) time to time about all developments & arrangements made by Joint Subcommittee Chairperson for Dharma Sermon - Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne.

Joint Subcommittee Chairperson for Dharma Sermon - Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne made arrangements to record a Dharma Sermon at “The Buddhist TV” on 24th July. Recording will be started at 8.30 am. She will arrange transport for Ven. Thalalle Chandakiththi & made arrangements for “Pirikara” too. 30 personnel could be accommodated at the recording studio & she will bring 6 personnel.

It was decided not to organize the event under Association’s name but Ex-Co members to participate. Suggested to mention as it is arranged by “Old Pupils of Dharmasoka College”. Refreshments also will not be arranged by the Association but Ex-Co members will contribute on personnel basis. Some of senior members & teachers will be invited in private capacity. President AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) to inform Joint Subcommittee Chairperson for Dharma Sermon - Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne about these decisions of Ex-Co.

b. Fund Raiser

Vice President Mr. Iman Perera was not present but informed that proposal will be arranged for the next Ex-Co meeting.

c. Annual Trip

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. Palitha Hendarhewa informed that the Subcommittee met on 24th July. Their proposal was to plan 2 nights trip on 20th , 21st & 22nd October. Venue will be Ella & Diyathalawa. Accommodation could be arranged in 2 places for 28 – 30 personnel only. Cost will be around Rs. 15,000/= per person.

After having lengthy discussion, it was decided to look at alternate places as number of participants would be more. It was mentioned that cost would be increased for new venue. Subcommittee to re-visit their proposal & report to the next Ex-Co meeting.

d. Digital Media & Communication

Subcommittee Chairperson – Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya informed that they had a subcommittee meeting on 27th June 2023 aiming to prepare the short term plan

& long term strategic plan. Minutes were circulated on 11th July & requested Ex-Co members' opinion. Followings were discussed / agreed.

- Membership subcommittee to update the Membership Directory using last 5 years enrolment. Membership subcommittee will be responsible for updating & managing the Membership Directory.
- All news related to the school & past pupils achievements to publish in the web first & the link to be shared in other digital media.
- Past Pupils achievement obtained from News papers / News sites / Coporate sites / Government sites could be published by the admin (act with responsibility) & no prior approval is required.

e. Sports Activities

None.

f. Felicitation Ceremony for Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera

President AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) informed that Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera will be available on 18th & 19th August only. Thereby Felicitation Ceremony will be held on 19th August at the "Elevate by Jetwing". Mr. Gavesh Ginige & Treasure – Mr. Harish Ginige also will be in the organizing committee.

g. Physical Infrastructure

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. R B M Gunawardana was not present.

h. Membership Drive

Subcommittee member - Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda informed that they will come up with proposals at the next Ex-Co meeting.

10. Accounts for the last month

The Treasurer- Mr. Harish Guruge tabled the monthly accounts for the month of June 2023.

Treasurer – Mr. Harish Guruge informed that we are not in a position to receive the sponsorship of Rs. 25,000/= given by BOC for the AGM due to non-filling of their requirement. We need to provide 5 customers for BOC to obtain the sponsorship. 3 Credit card Applications were obtained at the AGM but required details were not provided by

them to the bank. It was suggested to open 5 “Ran Kekulu” saving accounts with R. 500/= each & fulfill the bank requirement in order to receive the sponsorship.

11. Correspondence

- Secretary – Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena tabled the letter sent by Mr. Buddhin Ginige with a subject of “**AFFINITY CREDIT CARD - APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXCO MEMBERS**”. He has requested new Ex-Co members to obtain the Affinity Credit Card from Commercial Bank as percentage from Annual fee & purchases to be received to the school. Applications were made available with Asst. Secretary – Mr. Janaka Kumudu.
- Secretary – Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena tabled a request forwarded by coach of Table Tennis of Dharmasoka College, regarding 4 students who will be participating “Asian Youth Table Championships 2023 to be held in Qatar during 16th July to 24th July, 2023 ; namely , L K G L Peiris, K G D D Chandrasena, K L Sethumadi & M H N De Zoysa, requesting possible donation to cover their expenses. It was approved to release Rs. 10,000/= each for a student subject to receive the approval from Ministry of Sport as other required 3 documents were provided.

12. Any Other Business

Secretary – Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena pointed out that President - AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) arranged refreshments for the 2nd Ex-Co meeting too in absence of a sponsor. He empathized that conducting Ex-Co meeting will be a burden to the Association if it is difficult to find sponsors to host meetings or at least to provide refreshments. Cost of the venue with a multi Media will cost around Rs. 7500/= & refreshments will cost around Rs. 15,000/=

Mr. Shammi Uyanage volunteered to host the 4th Ex-Co meeting with refreshments at a Japanese Restaurant. Mr. D Wasantha Kumara volunteered to provide refreshments for the 5th Ex-Co meeting while Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi will host 6th Ex-Co meeting followed by Dinner. Mr. Hemantha De Silva will provide refreshments for the 7th Ex-Co meeting. Secretary – Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena thanked all who came up spontaneously to host meetings / provide refreshments.

Following membership application were tabled and the Applicant was enrolled as a member.

New Applicant	Introduced by
R Hansi Anjana	Iman Perera
D Udara Sarachchandra	Iman Perera
J A Prabath	Palitha Widanapathirana
R M Pramitha Chathuranga	Palitha Widanapathirana
Mamadachchi Saman Kumara	Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
D R Siriwardhane	Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
K P K C Leelarathna	Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
R N Malawara Arachchi	Thilan De Silva
D P P De Vas Gunasekara	Thilan De Silva
M W T N Gunasekara	On Scholars day
J I Dinushika	On Scholars day
W T Shashini Uthpala	On Scholars day
D H Anne Thehari Gunawardana	On Scholars day
K I T Chaturika	On Scholars day
Gethmin Binduhewa	On Schlars day
W Tasheen Darshika De Silva	On Scholars day
B K Dehan Dedunu Chaturanga	On Scholars day
P A P Wickramaratne	At the AGM

13. Vote of Thanks:

On behalf of the DCPA-CB, Secretary – Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena expressed his sincere gratitude to all Ex-Co members for their participation as it was a meeting attended by most number of Ex-Co members in recent past.

He thanked President – AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) for arranging refreshments for the 2nd Ex-Co meeting too.

Udaya N. Sirisena.
Secretary

31st July, 2023