



## DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 AT 6.00 PM AT THE MERCANTILE CRICKET ASSOCIATION, 114, WIJERAMA MW, COLOMBO 07.**

**Present:**

Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) (President), Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Immediate Past President), AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) (Senior Vice President), Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya (Vice President), Eng. Palitha Hendaheva (Vice President), Mr. Iman Perera (Vice President), Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena (Secretary), Mr. Janaka Kumudu (Asst. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge (Treasurer), Mr. Hemantha De Silva (Asst. Treasurer), Dr. P. Warusawithana, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, Mr. K M G R Chaminda Mr. Shammi Uyanage and Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha (15 members).

**On-line :** Mr. Nipul Goonesekera ( 01 member )

**Absent:**

SSP Nishantha De Zoysa, Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda, Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri, Eng. Damindra De Silva , Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani and Mrs. Dharshi Guruge (7 members).

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7.00 pm.
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
3. **Silent tribute to Members who passed away:**
  - Mr. Hurbert Gunasekara – Beloved Husband of Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara (Ex-Co Member DCPPA – Colombo Branch)
  - Mr. Dudley Karunaratne (Member DCPPA - Colombo Branch) – Beloved Brother of Mr. Sarath Karunaratne (Past Pupil)
  - Mr. M P De Silva ( Member DCPPA – Colombo Branch )
4. **Apologies for Absence:**

Eng. R B M Gunawardana (Vice President), Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana (Editor), Eng. Lal Premanath, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Mr. Rohana De Silva, Mr.

Prasanna Egodage, , Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri and Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara, (14 members).

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

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

**6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**a. Fund Raiser**

Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Iman Perera briefed arrangements of the Sing-along event & explained the current status.

It was noted that Rs. 885,000.00 worth of sponsorships were received to date.

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera has arranged items from Unilever & would be able to give a free gift pack worth of about Rs. 3500/= for each participant. She would arrange beer cans also and decided to keep on each table.

Agenda will be prepared.

President will deliver a brief introduction before starting the event.

About the Oration will be informed to gathering.

Singing will be controlled / organized by the band.

**b. Digital Media & Communication**

Not Discussed.

**c. Sports Activities**

Not Discussed.

d. **Physical Infrastructure**

Not Discussed.

e. **Membership Drive**

Following membership applications were tabled and the applicants were enrolled as members.

<b>New Applicant</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
Ms. Bagya Nilanthi Fernando	Eng. R B M Gunawardena (On line Application)
Miss Kasuni Umesha H. Liyanage	Eng. R B M Gunawardena (On Line application)
Ms. Nayana De Silva	Eng. R B M Gunawardena (On Line application)
Mr. M K. Lal Chaminda	Eng. R B M Gunawardena (On Line application)
Dr. Arosha Ulluwishewage	Eng. R B M Gunawardena (On Line application)

f. **Thomas De Silva Memorial Oration**

Subcommittee Chairperson – AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) explained the way it was initiated & finalized to have it on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 9.00 am due to non availability of the Orator on the day of Mudliar Thomas De Silvas's birthday. Further he briefed about arrangements made so far including the agenda, proceedings & refreshments.

100 Invitees & 500 students to participate the event.

Perpetration of Documentary was discussed at length & decided to do a cost effective one.

A screen & 2 Panels to provide.

Token of Appreciation – A Plaque , to be given to the Orator.

**7. Accounts for the last month**

The Treasurer- Mr. Harish Guruge tabled the monthly accounts for the month of January 2024.

## **8. Correspondence**

None

## **9. Any Other Business**

President Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) informed that Mrs. Kawshalya De Silva daughter of late Mr. R G L De Silva, donated Rs. 1.3 million to the Scholarship Fund. It is to be used to give 2 scholarships annually and required to arrange for a female student & male student.

## **10. 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.

He regretted that only 15 members were participated for the Ex-Co meeting as there are 2 very important events of the Association to be held before the next Ex-Co meeting & crucial decisions were to made by this Ex-Co meeting.

He thanked Dr. Chandana & Mr. Janaka Kumudu for arranging the venue & provide refreshments for the meeting

**Udaya N. Sirisena.**  
**Secretary**

**27<sup>th</sup> February , 2024**