



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 3RD EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 03RD JUNE 2017 AT THE PRESIDENT FUNCTION ROOM, HAVELOCK CITY, COLOMBO 5.

Present:

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Mr. Saman Warusawithana(Senior Vice President), Mr. Udaya Sirisena (Vice President), Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President), Mr. Gavesh Ginige(Vice President), Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda, Air Cdre Thilan De Silva, Dr. Saveen Semage Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mr. Channa Pushpakumara, Mr. Shammie Uyange, Mr. Mathalie Jayasekara.

Regrets: Prof. Nihal Kodikara , Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa.

Absent: Mr. Rohan Liyanage, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mr. Raj De Silva, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza.

1. **Meeting called to order at 6.30 pm**
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
3. **Silent tribute to Flood Victims who passed away during the recent floods.**
4. **Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.
5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 04th May 2017:**

Last meeting date to be corrected as 2nd April in Item 5.
The followings to be included in the last minutes:
Mr.Harish Guruge suggested Mrs Kumari Wickramaratne's name for the Physical Activities subcommittee and committee decided to include her name with her consent.
Subject to above corrections minutes were proposed as correct by Mr. Lal Premanath and seconded by Mr. Gavesh Ginige.
6. **Matters arising from Last Meeting Minutes:**

Joint Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana tabled the year planner and said all the monthly meetings are finalized with hosts and said that only the AGM venue and date has to be finalized. It was decided to finalize this at the next meeting.

 - a. **Fund Raiser:**

Mr. Gavesh Ginige was requested to contact Mr. Annesley Malewana for November 18th for the **sing along**.
The proposal made by the Principal to have a musical show in Colombo with school children will be decided after a discussion with the principal on 11th June 2017 when the DCPA CB meet him on other matters.

b. Annual Trip:

Mr. Gavesh Ginige said that he reserved a bungalow at Diyathalawa Army camp for 30-35 people for 8th and 9th July 2017. But he further said that it has 6 double rooms and a dormitory for 24. Mr. Lal Premanath said that to reserve another bungalow with 4 double rooms for couples who are going. It was decided to get the participation list as early as possible, as only a very short period is there to go on the trip.

c. Membership Drive:

Mr. Udaya Sirisena said that they are working towards to achieve the target, and so far they have got 37 new members enrolled to date.

It was mentioned that most of our past pupils are not aware of the activities of the Colombo Branch. Hence it was decided to update the web with the work that the DCPA/CB doing for the school at the moment. Also the President of DCPA/CB to send a letter to Main OBA informing that the EX-Co member Vice President Mr. Gavesh Ginige will represent as the coordinator of DCPA/CB and to allocate a slot in the agenda to brief DCPA/CB progress to the OBA.

d. Re Union:

The date is fixed for 16th September 2017 at Grand Monarch at Thalawathugoda . All the arrangements are finalized with them at a price of Rs. 2750/- per head including table décor and seat covers. Subcommittee chairman said that without corkage liquor can be brought with bites (mixture and cashew nuts). The ticket price was decided as Rs. 2500/-. As there will be souvenir for Sing along, it was decided not to print a souvenir for this event but banners can be displayed.

e. Update the DCPA Web :

As Prof. Nihal Kodikara is absent it was decided to take up at the next meeting.

f. Status of Trust Fund

Mr. Lal Premanath briefed about the financial status of the Trust and said that with increase of bank interests on fixed deposits, the Trust can manage the all annual scholarships by themselves. He further said that they have increased the scholarship amount to Rs. 45,000/- per student.

g. Status of Physical Activities:

I. Building Construction:

Construction of Toilet Block

The Ex-Co unanimously approved to pay the unsettled invoice of the contractor in cash.

Toilet fittings will be purchased by the DCPA and the lowest quotation obtained for Rs. 22, 000/-per set with all the accessories. The Ex-co approved the quotation for Rs88,000/- for all four toilets.

II. Tiling of ground floor of Thomas De Silva Building:

Mr. Lal Premanath said that school has informed that the tiling of this area is not possible as the floor level of this area will raise after tiling, which results of getting water into the labs. Therefore the committee decided to get the consent from the donor Dr. Harsha De Silva to use this money for the building which DCPA/CB is currently building.

III. Construction of the Statue of Mudlier Thomas de Silva:

Mr. Lal Premanth mentioned that the statue has already been completed and the contractor wants to see the locations before the final touch ups. He will visit the school on 11th June 2017.

IV. Renovation of Principal's quarters:

This will not be done at present.

h. Status of Educational Excellence:

As Prof. Sabharatne is not in the country, Mr. Susiri De Silva said that he made an appointment with the Principal to get his views on this subject.

i. Status of Sports Activities:

Mr Gavesh Ginige said that he is preparing a Sports Development Action Plan with consultation of Teachers in Charge and coaches and will table it at the next meeting.

Ex-Co commended that the big match held at Tyrone Fernando stadium at Moratuwa was well done and the organizers were appreciated for their hard work.

Mr. Gavesh Ginige said that the accounts will be published on next Friday and Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana said that he will also publish the accounts for live telecasting of the match in next week after receiving the donation agreed by Australia.

It was mentioned that 16 T shirts were sold at the rate of Rs.350/- at the big match.

j. Accounts for the last month

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

7. Correspondence: -

8. Any Other Matters: - 21 new members were enlisted during the month and the list will be followed.

9. Vote of Thanks:

Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to Dr. Saveen Semage and his family for arranging the meeting and hosting the dinner for members and invitees.

Palitha Widanapathirana

Jt. Secretary

4th July 2014.