



## DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 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), Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya (Vice President), Eng. Palitha Hendahewa (Vice President), Eng. R B M Gunawardana (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), Eng. Lal Premanath, Dr. P. Warusawithana, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Prasanna Egodage, , Mr. K M G R Chaminda, Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha, Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva , Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani and Mrs. Dharshi Guruge (21 members).

**Absent:**

Mr. Rohana De Silva, SSP Nishantha De Zoysa, Mr. Shammi Uyanage, Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri, Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara and Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri (6 members).

- 1. Meeting called to order** at 7.05 pm.
- 2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
- 3. Silent tribute to Members/relatives of members who passed away during the period :** None
- 4. Apologies for Absence:**

AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) (Senior Vice President), Mr. Iman Perera (Vice President), Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda, Mr. Nipul Goonesekera and Eng. Damindra De Silva (10 members).

- 5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

The last meeting minutes were proposed by Mr. Gavesh Ginige as correct and seconded by Eng. Lal Premanath.

## 6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:

### a. Fund Raiser

Subcommittee member Mr. Gavesh Ginige briefed arrangements of the Sing-along event.

- Tentatively reserved the Grand Ball Room – Grand Monarch for Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Requested to check the availability of the venue on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 & reserve if available. Will go-ahead on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb if 2<sup>nd</sup> March is not available.
- Hall charges will be Rs. 450,000/= + VAT. Mr. Gavesh Ginige managed to get the VAT waived off. 50% advance is to be paid at the time of confirming the date & balance to be paid 04 days prior to the event.
- Menu for dinner is priced at Rs. 1500/=. Any one item out of 5 items available could be selected by the guest.
- Band - Mr. Chandralal Fonseka with “The Kings”. They will provide Lighting, Sounds & Social Media.
- Ticket is priced at Rs. 5,000/= and expected number of guests is 325. Dinner is included & guests could select 1 of 5 dishes available.
- Corkage charges are not applicable.
- Price Lists of bites, chasers & beer will be displayed on tables and guests will bear the cost when placing orders.
- Target expected from Advertisements published in the Song Book is Rs. 1,500,000/= & from displaying Banners is Rs. 500,000/=
- Expected Income is Rs. 3,625,000/=. Expected profit is Rs. 2,297,500/= after deducting budgeted Expenditure of Rs. 1,327,500/=

All Ex-Co members are requested to engage actively in finding Advertisements & selling tickets.

### b. Annual Trip

All agreed that The Annual Trip arranged by Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. Palitha Hendarhewa & members; Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Chandra Kumar Lokuliyana, Mr. Prasanna Egodage & Mr. Janaka Thusil De Silva was one of the best trips in the recent past & participants highly appreciated subcommittees’ detailed arrangements in every aspect. It was noted that the pilot trip which was conducted prior to the journey at the expenses of Eng. Palitha Hendarhewa & Mr. Dammika Kodikara, helped make the trip a great success. Income of the trip was Rs. 1,194,300/= including amounts donated by participants to bridge the gap & Expenditure was Rs. 1,184,174/=. Excess amount in hand is Rs. 10,126/=

It was noted that Eng. Damindra De Silva could not participate in the trip even though he had paid the amount in full. It was agreed to refund Rs. 10,000/= to him from the excess amount.

**c. Digital Media & Communication**

Subcommittee Chairperson – Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya Informed that there is a progressive improvement in web site development.

**d. Sports Activities**

Status remain as same as the previous meeting.

**e. Physical Infrastructure**

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. R B M Gunawardana informed that Principal has promised to advise on school requirements by mid November. Subcommittee will meet thereafter & discuss it.

**f. Membership Drive**

It was noted that only 400+ members are contactable even though 1000+ members are in the membership directory. Advised Editor Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana to distribute the total list of which contact details of members are not available, to all Ex-Co members initially, to find out any known persons are among the list & get their contact details.

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

<b>New Applicant</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
Mrs. N. A. Egodage	Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
Mr. K. S. J. De Abrew	Dr. Srilal Silva

**10. Accounts for the last month**

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

He informed that matured FDs were re-invested @ 11% for 1 year at BOC. Interest received after deducting WHT was about Rs. 683,000/= & decided to re-invest Rs. 600,000/= in a FD.

## **11. Correspondence**

President – AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) tabled the letter sent by Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera thanking the President & Ex-Co of DCPA- Colombo Branch for organizing a memorable Felicitation Ceremony to celebrate her new appointment to the post of Secretary General of Parliament. Further she has mentioned that the entire event was an unforgettable evening full of joy, laughter and led all of them to reminisce their good old days.

## **12. Any Other Business**

It was decided to make the general membership aware of the Annual Trip in the future, immediately after the Ex-Co members' participation is confirmed. Available number of seats will be allocated to members of DCPA-Colombo Branch, their spouses & children, on first come first served basis.

## **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. He thanked Mr. Hematha De Silva & his spouse Mrs. D. M. G. Shyamalatha for sponsoring the venue & refreshments.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Ex-Co meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Mercantile Cricket Association, No. 114, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07.**

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

**18<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**