



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 5th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM AT 46/39, DAMBUGAHAWATTA MW, KALALGODA ROAD, PANNIPITIYA.

Present:

Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) (President), Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi (Immediate Past President), AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) (Senior Vice President), Eng. Palitha Hendahewa (Vice President), Eng. R B M Gunawardana (Vice President), Mr. Iman Perera (Vice President), Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena (Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge (Treasurer), Mr. Hemantha De Silva (Asst. Treasurer), Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana (Editor), Eng. Lal Premanath, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, SSP Nishantha De Zoysa, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa, Mr. Prasanna Egodage, Mr. Shammi Uyanage, Eng. Damindra De Silva, Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha, , Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara, Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani, Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri and Mrs. Dharshi Guruge (26 members).

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

Absent:

Mr. Rohana De Silva, Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri and Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva (3 members).

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm by Senior Vice President – Air Vise Marshal Dilshan De Silva (Retd).

2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.

3. Silent tribute to Members who passed away:

- None

4. Apologies for Absence:

Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya (Vice President), Mr. Janaka Kumudu (Asst. Secretary), Dr. P. Warusawithana, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda and Mr. K M G R Chaminda. (07 members).

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 7th September, 2023

The last meeting minutes were proposed by Eng. R B M Gunawardane as correct and seconded by Mr. Hemantha De Silva.

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:

a. Fund Raiser

Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Iman Perera informed that proposal could not be made yet & will be submitted to the next Ex-Co meeting.

b. Annual Trip

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. Palitha Hendarhewa informed that 26 personnel have paid advance & 5 personnel confirmed verbally. Further he informed that 45 seater may be available for the same cost & could confirm on Monday. He informed that Bus cannot be taken to Non Perial & vans to be utilized for the transport.

c. Digital Media & Communication

Subcommittee member Mr. Shammi Uyanage informed that contact list of Past Teachers, uploaded to the website. Further he has informed that details of Trust up to 2022 which was screened by Mr. Susuri De Silva also uploaded to the web site.

Subcommittee member Eng. Damindra De Silva informed that A Mobile App has been developed to get data & information from DCPA members to the DCPA Web site and to share information quickly. App was submitted to the “Google Play store” for the approval & it will take 2 weeks. It is named as “Damso Colombo” App. There are 4 main areas – Obituary Notice, News Feeds, Introduce Member and Past Teachers in the App. Any member can up load data to the particular area in order to receive by the Admin & Admin will post it to DCPA – CB website if appropriate. This will be a tool for the Membership Drive committee too.

It was noted that Eng. Damindra De Silva has organized advertisements worth of Rs. 50,000/= for the website. Requested all other Ex-Co members also to find advertisements even in a small scale.

Chairman of the Trust – Eng. Lal Premanath requested to up load Scholarship Request Letter to Prospects and Remittance Advice which will be arranged by him, to the DCPA Colombo web site in order to obtain more scholarships specially from members staying overseas.

d. Sports Activities

- Indoor Cricket Net which was donated by Mr. Dinesh Chandimal was handed over to school on 1st October 2023.

e. Felicitation Ceremony for Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera

It was noted that the over expenditure of Rs. 63,906/= in respect of the Felicitation Ceremony, could not be covered with the money collected amounting to Rs. 159,600/= by the Ex-co Members for the Sokians Fiesta, as approved at the previous Ex-Co meeting.

Mr. Hematha De Silva informed President that he will donate Rs. 20,000/= to cover the expense when he get to know about the ruling / status. President announced that he will bear the balance amount of Rs. 43,906/=. Ex-Co members didn't agree bearing the cost by both of them.

Then suggested to revoke the earlier Ex-Co decision of keeping the money collected amounting to Rs. 159,600/= by the Ex-co Members for the Sokians Fiesta in a separate Fixed Deposit in order to use for a similar event & use it to cover the deficit. But it was not accepted by the majority of Ex-Co members as it is not ethical. Finally, it was decided to cover the deficit by contributing Ex-Co members voluntarily.

f. Physical Infrastructure

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. R B M Gunawardana informed that they could not visit the school as promised but are planning to visit the school ASAP in order to submit a proposal. It was advised to concentrate on areas which government will not provide assistance. It was informed that Eng. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi has volunteered to provide transport.

g. Membership Drive

It was noted that only 400+ members are contactable even though 1000+ members are in the membership directory. Subcommittee to find a way of increasing the contactability.

It was noted that so many Group activities (year basis) are happening among sokians & need to tap them for memberships. It was suggested that hosting of Ex-Co meeting could be assigned to these groups to impress them.

10. Accounts for the last month

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

He informed that there 2 receivables; Rs. 25,000/= from BOC for the sponsorship given for AGM & Rs. 15,000/= from the OBA, Ambalangoda for sale of Ties.

11. Correspondence

None

12. Any Other Business

None

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 specially thanked Eng Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi & his wife for hosting the meeting with Refreshments and Dinner.

Udaya N. Sirisena.
Secretary

11th October, 2023