



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 1ST EX – CO MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017/18 HELD ON 2ND APRIL 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), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne(Editor), Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr. Raj De Silva, Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Nishantha de Soyma, Mr. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Ms. Pubudu de Zoyma, Mr. K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda(26 members)

Regrets: Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Jt. Secretary), Prof. Nihal Kodikara , Air Cdre Thilan De Silva, Mr. Saveen Semage Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mr. Channa Pushpakumara, Mr. Shammie Uyange(7 members)

Absent: Mr. Mathlie Jayasekara, Mr. Rohan Liyanage(2 members).

Resigned: Mrs. Neela Gunasekara and Ms. Kushani Rohanadeera.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6.00 pm**
- 2. Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
- 3. Silent tribute to old Sokian's who passed away during the last month:**
Deceased: Mr. Bandula Fernando and Mr. Susantha Jothila.
- 4. Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed, that they were unable to participate.
- 5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 10th February 2017:**
Since there were no changes, the minutes were proposed by Mr. Hemantha de Silva and seconded by Mjor. Mahesh de Silva.
- 6. Matters arising from the AGM:**
Joint Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana tabled communications received from 2 Executive Members elected at the last AGM.

Accordingly, Dr. Mrs. Neela Gunasekara and Ms. Kusahni Rohanadeera have communicated their resignation from the Executive Committee.

Accordingly, in order to fill the vacancies, the committee unanimously appointed following members with their consent to the Executive Committee:

1. Mr. Dammika Kodikara
2. Rear Admiral Piyal de Silva

7. Year Planner:

a. Fund Raiser:

Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that the DCPA has a commitment of approximately Rs.200,000/- per year for the followings:

Scholarships	-	Rs. 90,000/-
Souvenir	-	Rs. 45,000/-
AGM(25% of cost)		Rs. 25,000/-
Donations	-	Rs. 50,000/-

Mr. Gavesh Ginige mentioned that he contacted Bathiya Santhuz and Anesley Malawana and also the possible venues. Having discussed the options, the Exco decided to go ahead with Sing Along musical event with Mr. Anesley Malawana at a cost of Rs.150,000/-.

It was decided to hold the Reunion in September and musical show in November 2017.

Mr. Chandralal to check with Monarch, Thalawathugoda and Ms. Kumari to check with Havelock City of the cost and facilities available.

Sub-committee:

Co-chairpersons: Mr. Jayantha Kodikara and Mr. Gavesh Ginige.

Members: Mr. Saman Warusawithana, Mr. Bandu de Silva, Mr. Udaya Sirisena, Dr.Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardena, Mr. Hemanha de Silva, Ms. Samaji Seneviratne and Air.Cdr. Thilan de Silva.

b. Annual Trip:

Decided for a DAY trip in June or July and Mr. Gavesh Gnige to look for a suitable location.

Sub-committee:

Mr. SamanWarusawithana, Mr. Chanralal Sooriyaarchchi, Dr.Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardena.

c. Membership Drive:

It was decided to enroll minimum of 500 new members during the year.

Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya questioned whether the membership fees are accounted separately as reserves and to be deposited in Fixed Deposits.

Mr. Rohana Chaminda suggested introducing a Loyalty Card to members to motivate old Sokian's to join the association and to offer privilege's from fellow professional Sokian's.

Mr. Rohana Chaminda was asked to activate the matter and Mr. Saman Warusawithana gracefully volunteered to award Rs. 50,000/- to initiate the matter and the committee highly appreciated his generosity.

Sub-committee:

Chairman: Mr. Udaya Sirisena,

Members: Mr. Chaminda Rohana, Ms. Pubudu de Soyza, Mr. Hemanha de Silva, Mr. Saman Warusawithana, Maj. Mahesh De Silva and Mr. Susiri de Silva.

8. Vi. Matters arising from the previous Meeting minutes.

a. Update the DCPA Web

Subcommittee Chairman: Prof. Nihal Kodikara

Members: Mr. Shammi Unayange, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Mjor. Mahesh de silva.

To update the proceedings at the next meeting.

b. Updating the IT Lab

Prof. Nihal Kodikara to update the committee at the next meeting.

c. Status of Physical Activities:

I. Building Construction:

Mr. Lal Premanath has submitted the first bill of building construction for the settlement and mentioned that there will be a variance of around Rs.1million on the contract value. And also there is a variance in the first bill from the contractor. Ms. Shyama Gunawardena being the engineer assigned to the contract needs to approve the variance.

Executive committee approved the first payment and requested the treasurer to issue the cheque.

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

Mr. Lal Premanth mentioned that the construction work of the statue is handed over to Mr. Duminda on the same value of Rs.600,000/- and will complete the work at the end of April 2017. Treasurer mentioned that Rs.200,000/- has been paid for materials purchased.

III. Renovation of Principal's quarters:

It was discussed to look for an old Sokin who can undertake to do the renovation and to contact Mr. P.H. Ruwan de Silva the owner of Sripali Construction. Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi , Mr Lal Premanath and Mr, Udaya Sirirsena to liaise with him to do the needful.

d. Status of Educational Excellence:

Dr. Deshapriya Wijethunga mentioned that he went to school along with Prof. Nihal Kodikara and the sponsors from Denmark and educated school teachers of the program.

School teachers have requested for an additional copy to be installed and aslo to conduct a seminar on "Sustainable Development" at the school.

Subcommittee Chairman: Mr. Susiri de Silva.

Members: Dr. P. Warusawithana, Prof. Nihal Kodikara,, Mr. Deshpriya Wijethunga.

e. Status of Sports Activities

Mr. Gavesh Ginige stated that he is fully involved with school Big Match which will be held on 20th and 21st May 2017 at Tyrone Fernando International Cricket Grounds in Moratuwa, due to ground in Ambalangoda is under construction and no other suitable ground is available in close proximity.

He also requested for financial aids to meet initial expenses on returnable basis and committee approved Rs. 250,000/- to be repaid before 30th May, 2017.

Subcommittee Chairman: Mr. Gavesh Ginige

Members: Mr. L. Channa de Silva, Brig. Bimal Widanange.

f. Accounts for the last month

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

Committee agreed to sell the balance T Shirts stock at the Big Match and Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya agreed to undertake the sale.

9. Correspondence:

Joint Secretary Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana tabled email communication from Prof. Nihal Kodikara regarding workshop on raising IT awareness for OL and A/L students and requesting financial aids for workshop.

Since the request is not within the DCPA criteria, committee members collectively contributed Rs. Rs.7,500/- at the meeting and handed over to Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya to liaise with the team and do the needful.

10. Appointment of Trustees for Scholarship Trust.

Since the 3 year period is over for the existing members of the Scholarship Trust, Mr Lal Premanath requested the new appointments for next three years. Exco appointed following members for same.

Mr. Jayatissa Bandaragoda
Mr. Piyal De Silva
Mr. Lal Premanath
Mr . K.M.G. Rohana Chaminda
Mr. Hemantha De Silva
Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President)

11. Any Other Matters:

Following Membership applications were tabled:

	New Member	Introduced by:
1	Mr. Shammi Uyange	Mr. Sudath Jinapriya
2	Miss. W.T.D. Anuradha	Scholarship holders
3	Miss. W.G. Devini Nayanthara	
4	Miss. K.P. Madushi Savindya	
5	Mr. S.K. C. Madhushanka Sampath	
6	Miss. Anuradha Madubashini	
7	Miss. E.N.D.N. Edirisinghe	
8	Miss. Udeshika Rasanjalee	
9	Mr. J.L.P. Majula	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
10	Mr. K.S.J. Priyawansa	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
11	Mr. Kanishka Kulasooriya	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
12	Mr. M.W.K.C. De Silva	Mr. Udaya Sirisena
13	Mr. S. Ruwanpura	Mr. Udaya Sirisena

12. Vote of Thanks:

Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana to Ms. Kumari Wickramaratne for providing refreshments and arranging The President Function Room, Havelock City to accommodate the meeting.

Palitha Widanapathirana

Jt. Secretary

18th April, 2017.