



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 6th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 9th 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 who passed away:**
 - 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 7th 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 24th February 2024. Requested to check the availability of the venue on 2nd March 2024 & reserve if available. Will go-ahead on 24th Feb if 2nd March is not available.
- Hall charge will be Rs. 450,000/= + VAT. Mr. Gavesh Ginige managed to waived off the VAT. 50% advance is needed when confirm 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 select 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 are 325. Dinner is included & guests could select 1 of 5 dishes available.
- Corkage will be FOC
- Tabled prices of bites, chasers & beer and guests will have to bear the cost.
- Target 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 trip in recent past & participants were highly appreciated subcommittees’ detailed arrangements in every aspects . It was noted that pilot trip which part of expenses borne by Eng. Palitha Hendarhewa & Mr. Dammika Kodikara, brought the success of the trip.

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 participated to the trip even though he has paid the full amount. 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 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 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.

New Applicant	Introduced by
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 us to reminisce our good old days.

12. Any Other Business

It was decided to announce the Annual Trip to general membership in future, immediate after confirming Ex-Co members' participation. Available seats will be allocated for members of DCPA-Colombo Branch, their spouses & children, first come first entitle 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 wife Mrs. D. M. G. Shyamalatha for sponsoring the venue & refreshments.

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

Udaya N. Sirisena.
Secretary

18th November, 2023