



## DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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), 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), Eng. Lal Premanath, Dr. P. Warusawithana, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda, Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara, Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani and Mrs. Dharshi Guruge (19 members).

**On-line :**

Mr. Nipul Goonesekera ( 01 member)

**Absent:**

Mr. Rohana De Silva, SSP Nishantha De Zoysa, , Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri, and Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri (4 members).

**1. Meeting called to order at 6.40 pm.**

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

**3. Silent tribute to Members who passed away:**

- Founder member & Ex - President Mr. Charly Jayawardana
- Mrs. Shanika Roshini De Zoysa – Beloved wife of Prof. Kasun De Zoysa ( Member DCPPA)

**4. Apologies for Absence:**

Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya (Vice President), Mr. Janaka Kumudu (Asst. Secretary), Mr. Hemantha De Silva (Asst. Treasurer), Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana (Editor), Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Mr. Prasanna Egodage, Mr. K M G R Chaminda, Mr. Shammi Uyanage , Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha, Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva and Eng. Damindra De Silva (13 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 Dr. Neela Gunasekara as correct and seconded by Eng. Lal Premanath.

## 6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:

### a. Fund Raiser

Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Iman Perera briefed arrangements of the Sing-along event.

- Reserved the Grand Ball Room – Grand Monarch for Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

- Ticket is priced at Rs. 5,000/= and can sell to anybody – Not only Sokians.

- Tickets will be available following day of the Ex- Co meeting with Mr. Gavesh Ginige.

- Song Book cum Souvenir will be published. It was proposed to include musical note of songs if possible as an educational tool.

- Need to find a Main sponsorship. Rates for Advertisements in the souvenir & displaying banners were tabled. Required letters will be arranged by the President / Subcommittee Chairperson.

- Mr. Wasantha Kumara offered the advertisement for Back cover of the souvenir which the cost is Rs. 50,000/= . All Ex-Members present applause & thanked him for his generous contribution.

- Eng Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi informed that he will not be available for the event & offered Rs. 10,000/= as a contribution towards the event.

President – AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) requested all Ex- Co members to engage actively in finding Advertisements & selling tickets.

### b. Digital Media & Communication

Status remain as same as the previous meeting.

c. **Sports Activities**

Status remain as same as the previous meeting.

d. **Physical Infrastructure**

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. R B M Gunawardana informed that they will meet Principal on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

It was informed that Melbourne Branch of DCPA will be dissolved & their remaining funds about Rs. 2 – 3 million, will be available for us to use for development of the school.

e. **Membership Drive**

It was noted that updating present data base is necessary. It was suggested to have a Google Form to update member details.

Requested each Ex-Co member to introduce at least 5 new members.

It was noted that request of distributing 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 was pending.

Following membership application was tabled and the applicant were enrolled as a member.

<b>New Applicant</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
Miss M W T T Sugathapala	Mrs. Reka Mallawaarachchi

f. **Thomas De Silva Memorial Oration**

Subcommittee Chairperson – AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) informed that subcommittee will meet & advise arrangements.

**10. Accounts for the last month**

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

## **11. Correspondence**

Treasurer – Mr. Harish Guruge tabled the request sent by Football Coach - Mr. Mahendra Wickramasinghe with the recommendation of the Principal – Dharmasoka College, to obtain about 15 footballs for training purposes. Further Mr. Mahendra Wickramasinghe has informed that cost of a Football would be about Rs. 2900.00

Ex-Co members – Harish Guruge, Chandana Guniyangoda, RBM Gunawardana, Prabath Sugathadasa , Dharshi Guruge, Sajeewa Priyadharshani, Gaveshan Weerakkody, Iman Perera, Nipul Goonesekera & Udaya N Sirisena contributed Rs. 3,000/= each for 10 Footballs while Wasantha Kumara contributed Rs. 15,000/= for balance 5 Footballs.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Demise of Secretary of UK Branch – Mrs. Chandrika Warrel was notified.

President – AVM Thilan De Silva (Retd) informed that Photograph of the Ex-Co to be taken before the next AGM. It was suggested to take it on a Saturday probably at BRC & before starting the February Ex-Co meeting.

## **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 Dr. Neela Gunasekara , Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadharshani & Mrs. Dharshi Guruge for sponsoring the venue & refreshments.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Ex-Co meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Dr. P. Warusawithana's Residence, No. 11, De Silva Road, Kalubowila**

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

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