



## DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

### MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2018 HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 6.00PM AT HAVELOCK CITY CLUB HOUSE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, PRESIDENT FUNCTION ROOM, HAVELOCK CITY, COLOMBO 5.

#### **Present:**

Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi(President), Mr. Lal Premanath(Immediate Past President), Dr. P. Warusawithana (Vice President), Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa (Vice President) Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena (Jt. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge(Treasurer), Col. Dr. Saveen Semage, Mr. Channa Pushpamal de Silva (Editor), Mr. Hemantha De Silva, Mr. Raj De Silva , Mr. Bandu De Silva, Dr. Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana ( Asst Treasurer), Mr. Susiri De Silva, Maj. Mahes De Silva, , Mr. Shammie Uyange, Mr. Nishantha de Soyza, Mrs. Yawwani Perera, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. L. Channa De Silva, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mr. Sudath Jinapriya Mr. Janaka Kumudu, Mr. Dilash Weerasuriya, Mr. Mervin Mangala Senaratne, Mr. Sumith Jayaweera (27 members).

**Regrets:** Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana(Senior Vice President), Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Mr. Jayantha Kodikara, Mr. Rohana de Silva, Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (5 members).

**Absent:** Prof. Nihal Kodikara, Rear Admiral Piyal De Silva, Mr. Saman Warusawithana Mr. Chinthaka Bandaragoda, Brig Sarath Dissanayake(5 members).

**Observers:** Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6.00 pm**
- 2. Commenced the day's proceedings by singing the College song.**
- 3. Silent tribute to Members who passed away:** Mrs. Gunawathie de Silva Warusawithana, Mother of Rear Admiral Piyal De Silva, Sanath De Silva, Dayani De Silva and Kamal De Silva and Mother in Law of Major General Sunil De Silva and Douglas Paranawithana , Mr. Premaseela de Silva former Principal and Dr. Sarath Smarasiri.
- 4. Apologies for Absence:** Above members informed that they were unable to participate.
- 5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Ex Co Meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**  
It was proposed by Mr. Bandu de Silva as correct and seconded by Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa.
- 6. Discussion on Patron's visits for the AGM and Ex-co Meetings.**  
Members expressed dissatisfaction over the absences of Principal for the AGM having sent an invitation by registered post as well as Jt. Secretary personally informed him of the event.

Further Ex-co decided to invite Principal, Secretary of Main OBA and President and Secretary of Junior OBA for future meetings and if they are present to reimburse of traveling cost of Rs. 3,000/- per visit if they claim.

7. **Year planner** was finalized with tentative dates for Ex-co meetings and other events.

It was decided to fix Ex-co meetings on first Thursday of the month unless volunteered by a member host a meeting at her or his convenience another day.

8. **Appointment of Subcommittees.**

**Physical Activities**

Subcommittee Co-chair: M r. Lal Premanath & Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi  
Committee Members: Mr. Hemadasa De Silva, Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana, Mr. Harish Guruge, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mrs. Kumari Wickramaratne, Mr. Chinthaka Bandaragoda

**Educational Excellence**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Susiri De Silva & Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa  
Committee Members: Dr. P. Warusawithana , Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya, Mr. Mervin Mangala Senaratne, Mr. Sumith Jayaweera,

**Trust Fund**

Member will remain as it is as per constitution.

**Membership Drive**

Subcommittee: Co-chair : Col. (Dr). Saveen Semage & Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena  
Committee Members: Rear Admiral Piyal De Silva, Mr. Janaka Kumudu

**Fund Raiser**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi & Mr. Gavesh Ginige  
Committee Members: Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Dr Mrs Ranjula Gunawardana, Mr. Nishantha De Soyza, Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva, Mr. Harish Guruge

**Website Development**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana & Mr. Shammie Uyange  
Committee Members: Mr. Sudath Jinapriya, Maj. Mahesh De Silva, Mr. Dilash Weerasuriya  
Consultant: Prof. Nihal Kodikara

**ICT Projects**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya & Ms. Pubudu de Zoysa  
Committee Members: Mr. Susiri De Silva, Mr. Mervin Mangala Senaratne, Mr. Sumith Jayaweera, Mr. Rohana de Silva

**Reunion**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Jayantha Kodikara & Mr. Chandralal Sooriyaarachchi  
Committee Members: Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Mrs. Shyama Gunawardana, Mrs. Samaji Seneviratne, Col. (Dr). Saveen Semage, Mr. Harish Guruge

**Sports Activities**

Subcommittee Co-chair : Mr. L. Channa De Silva and Mr. Janaka Kumudu

**Annual Trip**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Col. (Dr). Saveen Semage & Brig Sarath Dissanayake  
Committee Members: Mrs. Ranjula Gunawardana, Mr. Raj De Silva , Mr. Harish Guruge

**Review of the Constitution**

Subcommittee Co-chair: Mr. Piyal De Silva & Mr. Harish Guruge  
Committee Members: Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, Mr. Bandu De Silva, Mr. Hemantha De Silva.  
Consultants: Mr. Chithrasiri de Silva , Mr. R.G.L de Silva and Mr. Sam Samrasinghe

## 9. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

### 9.1 Status of Physical Activities

#### Construction of the building

The chairman of the sub-committee for Infrastructure Development, Mr. Lal Premanath briefed the progress of the activities undertaken by the DCPA-CB. He said that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor slab of the building has been completed and 2nd floor slab will be done immediately after the inspections by the Building Department of Ministry of Education.

Contractor was paid at the price after adjusting the variances.

Further he mentioned that the contractor was requested to complete the construction by mid July 2018, but due to unforeseen delays it may be completed in September 2018

Also he mentioned that electrical installations such as fans and light points has to be designed as per norms and Mr. Chinthaka Bandaragoda will be requested to attend to the matter.

He further mentioned that Mr. Jayathissa Bandaragoda issued a cheque for Rs. 300,000/- as his final contribution towards the building project timely which was helped to release the payment to the contractor. Dr. Amal Harsha has agreed to transfer his contribution Rs. 280,000/- which was already contributed for tilling the ground floor of the College Laboratory to the college three storied building project.

Mr. Lal Premanath humbly requested other donors to settle their contributions as promised.

### 9.2 Statue of Thomas De Silva

Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that one hand of the statue has to be completely redo and will be completed by end of April 2018.

### 9.3 Status of Educational Excellence:

Mr. Susiri De Silva said that there is no progress to report and needs to meet Principal to discuss.

### 9.4 Status of Trust Fund

Mr. Hemantha de Silva revealed the current status as follows:

Fixed Deposit balance as at 26.03.2018

Special Fund	Rs .8,267,000.00
General Fund	Rs. 1,655,000.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 9,922,000.00</b>
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**Current Account : as at 26.03.2018 Rs.500,133.81**

(interest earned on daily basis is transferred to savings account)

#### Payable to University Students at their request:

2014 - 2nd & 3rd Installment	: 5 x Rs 12,000	= Rs.60,000.00
2015 - 2nd and 3rd installments	18 x Rs 12,000	= Rs 216,000.00
2016 - 2nd Installments	21 x Rs 12,000	= Rs.252,000.00
2017 - 1st Installment	5 x Rs. 15,000	= Rs 75,000.00

<b>Total Payable</b>	<b>Rs.603,000.00</b>
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Mr. Lal Premanath mentioned that Trust itself can offer about 18 scholarships with net interest of Rs.824,633.25 ( Net 5% WHT) earned on Special Fund in the FD.

#### **9.5 Membership Drive:**

The committee set a target to reach total of 1000 member within the year.

New members enrolled during the month.

<b>New member</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
Mr. H.D.S. Senarathna	Mr. Uadaya Sirisena

#### **9.6 Fund Raiser:**

Mr. Chandralal has said that we have reserved New Town Hall for the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to stage “Lawrencege Manali” and tabled the proposal and budget prepared for the event with an expected net profit of Rs. 500,000/= approx.

He mentioned that this profit can be achieved by Sale of Ticket, collection of advertisements and banners and requested members to patronize for advertisements and banners and give their fullest support to achieve the anticipated profit and make this event a success.

Mr. Mahinda Deshpriya requested for sponsorship request letter to be sent to Bank of Ceylon

#### **9.7 DCPPA –CB Web Development:**

Mr. Shammi Uyange said that he has completed 6 modules and explained the status. Members requested him to provide details required to update the web site and assign members to collect information. Further to that demonstrate the status to members at the next Ex. Co meeting.

Following members were allocated to provide details:

Trust Fund- Mr. Lal Premanath

History- Mr. Bandu de Silva

#### **9.8 ICT Project**

Ms. Pubudu de Zoyza said that she will provide an update at the next Ex-co meeting. Further to that she requested competent personnel outside Ex.co to join hands with the team as project will have a lot to do.

#### **9.9 Reunion**

The committee agreed to have the Re-union in September or October 2018 and tentatively decided to have it at the Grand Monarch requested to submit the project proposal at the next Ex Co meeting

#### **9.10 Status of Sports Activities:**

To be updated at the next Ex-co meeting

#### **9.11 Annual Trip**

Col.(Dr). Saveen Semage mentioned that he reserved Army Engineers Training School, Ambilipitiya through Brig. Sarath Dissanayake for the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 . It was requested to

advance to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The venue can accommodate maximum of 40 guests. Activity proposal and the program to be tabled at the next meeting.

#### **9.12 Funds in Centennial Commemorative Trust**

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana tabled the draft letter which is addressed to the Principal in order to get released DCPPA – Colombo Branch contribution. Mr. Lal Preanath requested the letter to be amended to state “facilitate the release of funds with the consent of Permanent Trustees”.

#### **10. Accounts for the last month**

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of March 2018.

#### **11. Correspondence:**

- 11.1. President read out a letter sent by Mr. Indradasa Godahewa, accusing Jt. Secretary Palitha Widanapathirana high handedly ignored his request for an announcement to sell his book at the AGM and he has all the right for such request and demanding an inquiry.

The committee decided to send a reply apologizing for any inconvenience caused and also stating that the Ex-co is in full faith of the Jt Secretary, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana and do not agree with allegations leveled against Palitha Widanapathirana as the Jt. Secretary.

Committee also decided that there is no requirement for an inquiry to be held as requested by Mr Godahewa.

On behalf of the Ex-co, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya apologized to Jt. Secretary Committee Palitha Widanapathirana for the unfounded accusations stated in the letter.

- 11.2. President read out and email sent by Mr. Piyal de Silva commending the manner the AGM 2017 was held and also highlighting the shortcomings with his suggestions for improvement for future AGM's. He has also stated that the Resolutions by Palitha and Harish are well acceptable and timely suggestions & Ex co to proceed since both resolutions were approved.

- 11.3. Jt Secretary Palitha Widanapathirana tabled an invitation by school to participate for prize giving which received the same day of the prize giving.

- 11.4. Mr. Susiri de Silva tabled the Trust deeds and explained the stated the necessity of a legal body to patronize for large scale donations. President requested Mr. Susiri De Silva to prepare a proposal with full details and table at the next Ex-co meeting for further discussion/action.

#### **12. Any Other Matters:**

Col. (Dr). Saveen Semage wanted to be remain as committee member and volunteered to hand over the position of the Assistant Treasurer to former Asst. Treasure , Dr. (Mrs) Ranjula Gunawardana and she accepted the position.

#### **13. Vote of Thanks:**

On behalf of the DCPPA Colombo Branch, Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana thanked Ms. Kumari Wickramaratna for hosting the meeting by arranging the venue and providing refreshments and supper to the committee members.

Udaya N. Sirisena  
**Jt. Secretary**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.**