



## DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2023/24 HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 Hendaheewa (Vice President), Eng. R B M Gunawardana (Vice President), Mr. Iman Perera (Vice President), Mr. Udaya N. Sirisena (Secretary), Mr. Janaka Kumudu (Asst. Secretary), Mr. Harish Guruge (Treasurer), Mr. Hemantha De Silva (Asst. Treasurer), Dr. P. Warusawithana, Mr. Susiri De Silva, Dr. Neela Gunasekara, Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Eng. Gaveshan Weerakkody, Mr. Rohana De Silva, Mr. Chandana Guniyangoda, Mr. Dammika Kodikara, Mr. Sisira Prabhath Sugathadasa, Mr. Shammi Uyanage, Eng. Damindra De Silva, Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha, , Mr. Dhananjaya Nandasiri, Mr. D. Wsantha Kumara, & Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadarshani (25 members).

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

**Absent:**

Mr. Palitha Widanapathirana, SSP Nishantha De Zoysa, and Dr. Chandana Ramyasiri (3 members).

1. **Meeting called to order** at 6.45 pm.
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**
3. **Silent tribute to Members who passed away:**
  - Mrs. Ramya Laksmi Salgado - Mother-In- law of Eng. Palitha Hendaheewa

4. **Apologies for Absence:**

AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd) (Senior Vice President), Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana (Editor), Eng. Lal Premanath, Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Mr. Prasanna Egodage, Mr. K M G R Chaminda and Mr. M W Janaka Thusil De Silva. (07 members).

5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

The last meeting minutes were proposed by Mr. Dammika Kodikara as correct and seconded by Eng. Palitha Hendaheewa.

## **6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:**

### **a. Fund Raiser**

Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Iman Perera elaborated the 2 concepts of Indoor show & Sing-alone. It was noted that Re-Union concept also could bring in to the same event, even though outsiders will participate.

Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Iman Perera requested Mr. Gavesh Ginige & Mr. Kelum Jayasooriya also be nominated to the sub-committee.

Subcommittee to meet & submit a proposal.

### **b. Annual Trip**

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. Palitha Hendahewa explained the discussions had about the venue & reasons for deciding the venue as Olympus Plaza Hotel, Haputale. Dates were finalized as 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November & made an advance payment to the hotel. Cost per person would be about Rs. 30,000/= & 35 persons could be accommodated.

Samanalawewa Power Station to be visited on the way to Haputale on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lunch will be arranged at Non Perial & could enjoy after having a bath in the nearby stream. Dinner will be at the Hotel & Karaoke Lounge will be available free of charge. Nine Arch Bridge & Demodara will be visiting following day after the breakfast & lunch will be arranged at a Restaurant in Ella. Dinner will be served at the hotel & 3 piece band will provide music. Adisham Bungalow will be visited after breakfast on Sunday & will leave for Colombo. Lunch will be provided in Pelmadulla.

Proper budget to be tabled at the next Ex-Co meeting.

### **c. Digital Media & Communication**

Discussed the way forward with enrolment of new members via the web portal. Main hurdle is the receiving of membership fee. It was requested to have a facility to upload the payment details. Filling of “Introduced by” field also to be accommodated.

### **d. Sports Activities**

- 1 cricketer from the school was selected to the under 19 team which will be played with West Indies under 19 team.
- Maj. General Bimal Vidanage managed to convince Mr. Dinesh Chandimal to

donate an Indoor Cricket Net which is worth of Rs. 20 million to the school. It will be handed over to school on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**e. Felicitation Ceremony for Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera**

President extended his gratitude to Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera for accepting the invitation to attend the felicitation ceremony. The event was conducted successfully. He appreciated everyone including the Sub-Committee who offered their assistance in many ways to make the event a success. Especially, Ex-Co members Mr. Gavesh Ginige, Mr. C. K. Lokuliyana, Mr. Kelum Jayasuriya, the Treasurer Mr. Harish Guruge, Mr. Hemantha de Silva, SSP Nishantha Zoys and AVM Dilshan Wasage (Retd). Non Ex-Co members, Mr. Sunil Prasanna for preparing an excellent backdrop at very short notice, Mr. Buddhin Ginige for helping to collect and return the college flags and Rear Admiral Wasantha Leelaratne for providing two Bagpipers from the Navy.

It was observed that there is an over expenditure of Rs. 63,906/= in respect of the Felicitation Ceremony. Ex-Co suggested and approved covering this amount with the money collected amounting to Rs. 159,600/= by the Ex-co Members for the Sokians Fiesta. The treasurer expressed his concerns over this and stated he would check on it and give a feedback on such a possibility at the next meeting.

**f. Physical Infrastructure**

Subcommittee Chairperson – Eng. R B M Gunawardana informed that they are planning to visit the school within next 3 weeks in order to submit a proposal. He requested Treasure to join the subcommittee.

**g. Membership Drive**

Following membership applications were tabled and the Applicants were enrolled as members.

<b>New Applicant</b>	<b>Introduced by</b>
Mr. K A R Silva	Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
Mrs. M R S Jayasooriya	Mr. Chandra Kumara Lokuliyana
Dr. S N Egodage	Mr. Anura Prasanna Egodage
Mr. D N Egodage	Mr. Anura Prasanna Egodage
Ms. Helani De Silva	On-line

**10. Accounts for the last month**

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

## **11. Correspondence**

None

## **12. Any Other Business**

- President - Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) announced that vacancy created due to non-qualifying the nomination of Mrs. Dharshi Guruge as she has not completed 6 months on the day that AGM was held, was to be filled & requested nominations for it. Mrs. Sajeewa Priyadharshani proposed Mrs. Dharshi Gurge for the vacancy & Mrs. D M G Shyamalatha seconded it.

It was noted that even though announcement was made at the AGM for eligible criteria for electing persons to the Ex-Co before electing Ex-Co members, such non-eligible nominations are seen repeatedly. Ex-Co decided to hold such suspected nominations if any, till confirmation is received about fulfilling required criteria, to prevent of having vacancies in Ex-Co from next AGM onward.

- Eng. Damindra De Silva informed that he has started writing a book about the history of Cricket of Dharmasoka College. President – Air Vice Marshal Thilan De Silva (Retd) requested to consider to do it as a project of DCPA-Colombo Branch, if possible.

## **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 Mr. Wasantha Kumara for hosting the meeting - Venue / Refreshments and fellowship.

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

**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**