

**FINAL DRAFT TO APPROVAL**  
**S.THOMAS' COLLEGE, GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**  
**DISCUSSION HELD AT THE ROYAL COLOMBO GOLF CLUB**  
**ON MARCH 09,2002 AT 8.00 P.M**

1. **PRESENT:**
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| Mr.P S Duleep Kumar     | -Senior Vice President |
| Mr.B Munasinghe         | - Vice President       |
| Mr.Sunil Watawala       | - Vice President       |
| Mr.P J Fernando         | - Vice President       |
| Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi  | Hony. Secretary        |
| Mr.Gamini Fernando      | Hony Treasurer         |
| Mr.Rizvi Jalill         |                        |
| Mr.A N R Munasinghe     |                        |
| Mr.Shervon Fernando     |                        |
| Mr.Mohamed Najeeb       |                        |
| Mr.S Balaramesh         |                        |
| Mr.Prabath Jayasundera  |                        |
| Mr.Mervyn Wijesinghe    |                        |
| Mr.A Pietersz           |                        |
| Mr.Chandana De Silva    |                        |
| Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera |                        |
| Mr.G S S Perera         |                        |

**By Invitation**

Mr.B A Mahipala  
Mr.Don Gazara  
Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka  
Mr.Nimal Senaratne  
Mr.Kamal Kodituwakku  
Mr.Jabir Junaid

**Excuses**

Mr.J J Rajakaruna  
Mr.Milton Fernando  
Mr.Lasantha Perera  
Mr.G M S Samaraweera  
Mr.Sarath Suraweera (Vice President)  
Mr.M B Ratnayake (Asst. Secretary)

Mr.P S Duleep Kumar presided as Chairman of the Meeting.  
The Secretary was requested to take note of Mr.G M S Samaraweera's request that he be given at least two weeks notice of future meetings in order to arrange his schedule of official work as Governor of North Central Province.

- i. The Senior Vice President welcomed the new Members of the Ex-Co and thanked all who were present at very short notice, some of whom had travelled all the way from Badulla only for the Meeting and were getting back immediately thereafter, in the night
- ii. He requested the Secretary to send a Letter of Appreciation to the Head Master for the arrangements made at Gurutalawa in connection with the last Annual General Meeting and the Re-Union.
- iii. He also mentioned that he had sent a written proposal to the Secretary to be tabled at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee for the formation of 07 sub committees to deal with different areas, on the following lines:-

- i. **Projects:** To identify in terms of priority with due consultation with the Head Master and assist him in their implementation.
- ii. **Finance** To raise Finance for the Projects and to fund such finance in a S.Thomas' College Gurutalawa Development Account.
- iii. **Membership** To update Register, issue Membership Cards and engage in Membership Drive.
- iv. **Newsletters** To issue quarterly Newsletters to all Old Boys on membership roll, re projects, other matters and with information of College activity and that of members and to assist Head Master to resurrect the College Magazine.
- v. **Rules** To examine existing Rules of the OBA and recommend changes thereto.
- vi. **Social & Dinner** To organize the Annual Dinner of the OBA in the month of October 2002 and to consider other events to facilitate fellowship within the OBA
- vii. **Reunion Day Celebrations** To propose changes in the programme with particular emphasis in involving the student body as an impotent element therein.

To be headed by convener appointed there to include every member of the Committee actively in at least one of the subcommittees. The Senior Vice President and the Secretary to be Ex-Office members of the sub committees and be duly noticed by the convener of the Meeting.

To report their deliberations and recommendations to the Committee at its meetings where such reports will be the substantive items on the Agenda at every meeting.

The sub committee may co-opt any member of the OBA to assist in these deliberations (technical support), and to broad base as much as possible the activities of the OBA through the Ex-Co.

2. A lively discussion followed, after which, several projects were undertaken for the development of College. Pending further projects to be identified by the Head Master as deserving priority, the under mentioned ones were immediately set up.
  - A. **Mr. Sunil Watawala** (Vice President) informed those present that one member who preferred to be anonymous and had seen the sad state of the 04 Senior Dorms and the Staff Quarters attached thereto had undertaken its complete refurbishment. This will include attention to the toilets, roof, ceiling, walls, windows and doors, floors, plumbing, electricity, painting etc.
  - B. **Mr. Don Gazara** has taken charge of providing all necessary Equipment Apparatus, etc. for the Science Laboratory and Books for the Library.
  - C. **Mr. P.J. Fernando** Vice President and **Mr.Prabath Jayasundera** Member of the Ex-Co have undertaken the complete repair, renovation and updating of the Squash, Basket ball and Badminton courts.
  - D. **Mr. P.J. Fernando and Mr. Prabath Jayasundera together with Mr. M. Najeeb and Mr. S. Balaramesh** Members of the Ex-Co will also be responsible for providing all Equipment necessary for Every Sport in College other than swimming. This will include necessary coaching camps particularly for Squash and Hockey.
  - E. **Mr. Rizvi Jaleel** Member of the Ex-Co and Sales Manager(Ceylon Weighing Machines Ltd) has undertaken to effect a complete overhaul of the Water Supply system to encompass the wells overhead tanks, water pumps, piping etc. etc.
  - F. **Mr. Ruwan Munasinghe**, Member of the Ex-Co and Co-ordinating Secretary to the Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council has undertaken a complete re-assessment and development of the Farm, Agriculture; Biogas Project for the kitchen in the new dining hall, new desks and chairs for all the class rooms and tables and chairs for the new Dining Hall.

The Senior Vice President greatly appreciated the enthusiasm shown not only by all Members of the new Ex-Co, but by several Members to go ahead with development work at Gurutalawa without delay and cautioned all to do so in co-ordination with the Head Master for the sake of proper procedure and good order.

3. Finally, the Senior Vice President expressed his appreciation and that of all the others present, to Mr.B A Mahipala who hosted the dinner and also arranged the Meeting with careful attention to all related details.

4. **Any Other Business**

- i) It was suggested that Mr.B A Mahipala and Mr.Don Gazara be appointed to the Fund Raising Committee and the two Members signified their consent.
- ii) It was suggested that Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera and Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka be appointed to the Committee to look in to the Rules and suggest amendments etc and the two members signified their consent.
- iii) Mr.Ruwan Munasinghe pointed out that the standard of education has seen severe downward trend. This was the general consensus among all those present. It was decided to look in to this matter carefully and that the Senior Vice President would consider the matter personally with others willing to assist, co-ordination with the Head Master.
- iv) It was also pointed out that the teaching standards may have seen a drop and that one reason for same may be the fact that the living quarters provided for members of the Staff were far below accepted standards. All members agreed with this observation and it was decided to give careful attention to this matter.

There being no other business the Meeting terminated

Confirmed as correct

Chairman

1. **PRESENT:** Sujiya Godage;Athula Harischandra;W N Peiris;W M Karunanayaka;M L U C Pinto;Lakshman Seneviratne;P Wathuhewa;G R L Jinadasa;P J A Fernando; S P Atapattu;Riza Sulaiman;W S Kaluarachchi;Thusitha Handapangoda; J Wanigasekera; H Peitersz;G T R Peitersz;S A R S Peitersz;M A S Peitersz; Kularathna;W R G C Perera;D Kularathna;M Ansari;S Perera; D A M S Premachandra;C N Karunaratna;Joe Rajakaruna;Milton Fernando;Mahinda Padmasiri;Shantha Dimbulana;Mahen Ranasinghe;Mohan De Silva; Sirilal Wickreematne;G P H Ariyapala Punchihewa;Maxie Perere; K P L Sirisena; M Pathamaperuma;Shervon Fernando;Sanath Jayatilaka;T D M Gnanaraj; Mr.Upali Panditharatne; Mr.Clifford Ratwatte; Mr.Upali Jayawardena; I Hanthi;Krishnatha Weerawardena;Palitha Rajapakse;S Rajatilakam; Kamal Nilaweera;Don Gazara;Lakshman Jayatilaka;Rizvi Jalill;S M Suraweera; M. Jabir Junaid ;M.Kuru Utumpala; L W A Fernando;Nihal Wanniarachchi; N Sundararajah;Sunil Watawala;Upali Panditharatne;Ananda Gallearachchi; Sunil Hanthi;Buddhika Kurukularatne;K Rajendran;Nimal Ratnasekera;W L I Perera;Sathyaseelan Ramiah;G S S Perera;Anil U Senanayake;Kaleel Majeed;A S M Najeeb;M. Vinodh;M L M Zuhair;M B Ratnayake;P N Wijewardena;B G C Fernando;H S Prematilake;P H P de Silva;Chandana De Silva;L S B Amunugama;P S R Fernando;A E Algama; Kamal Kodituwakku;B A Mahipala;B M Neelendra;A M M Azick; T D M I SilvaS T Fernando;R Marikkar;B M I Rangakumara; N Rasika Jayasundera;Deshapriya A A T P;S K Kulasingham;N M A Imran; S N Marikkar;P P Pathirana;J Wilegama;L S Jayasinghe;G T De S Jayasinghe; P S Duleep Kumar;A A Medonza;N L Fernando;M H D Perera;M Y

Khan; Lalith Perera;Upali Perera;C E N Jayawardena;S M Ular ;S M Khan; S M Iqbal ;Y L SarathchandraP B W Perera;J S Thilakarathna;D M Wasantha;Nalin Jayalath Abeyratna;S K M Azam;A J Hiran Pietersz;Damith Kalupathirana;A Ajith Pietersz; S A R S Pietersz;S K Kulasingha;S M Marikkar ;N M A Imran;L S Jayasinghe; J Welegama;Menaka Jinadasa;G T De S Jayasinghe;P P S Pathirana L L L Lenaduwa; S Jayasinghe;A H M Razeek;L Ravichandran;T N M Mashoodh;Mohan Liyanage;S K M Azwar Khan;A M Hidaya;M IM Ifthikar; M David Mohanasunder;A C M Imthiyas;S K M Ameen Khan;M I M Imthiyas; C P S L Perera ; P D Padmasiri;K D L M A Gunathilaka ;A I Marawila ; V S Waragoda;T D A D De Silva ;Mervyn Lihikiduwa;W H Liyanage; Sarath Hputhanthirige;Major D M Dassanayake;Panini Edirisinghe;Raja Solomon S Balaramesh;Rizvan Jalill;A J M Faris;W A P C Perera;A C Sebastian; R P Samarasekera;K J Mohanraj;B M S Ranga Kumara ;A A Tharanga P Deshapriya; A P W S Leo Sebastian;Hasitha Lanka Geeganage;Lahiru Keerthi;Amitha Ratnayake; Navaz Mohideen;W A H M Perera;R H Ratnayake ;W N Shanthlal;A M Abdul Cader; M L U C Pinto;D C Rupasinghe;Jagath Waragoda;K C Subasinghe;U A Janka Udavita;I M S P Dissanayake;K H S Mahinda Padmasiri;Chethiya Fernando; (175 Members)

