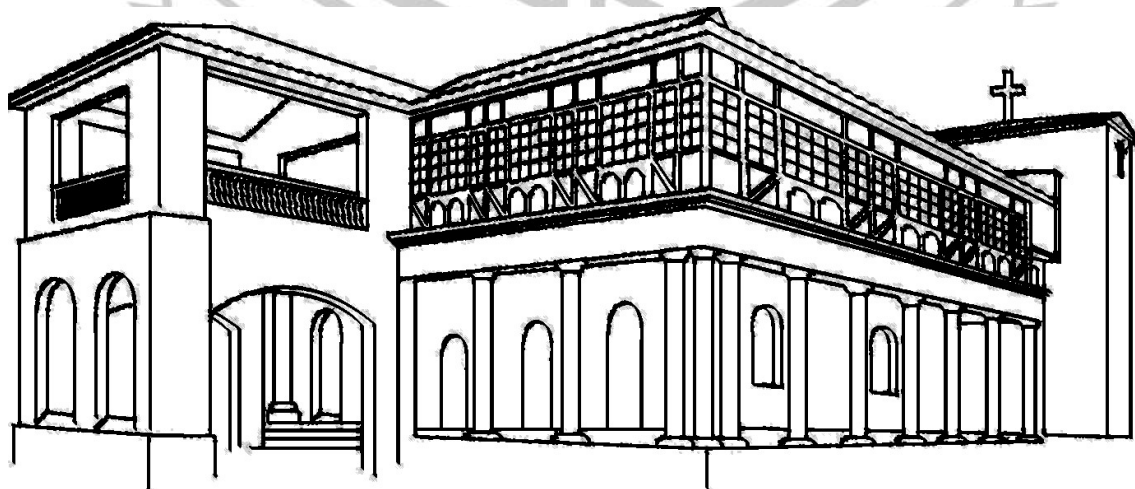
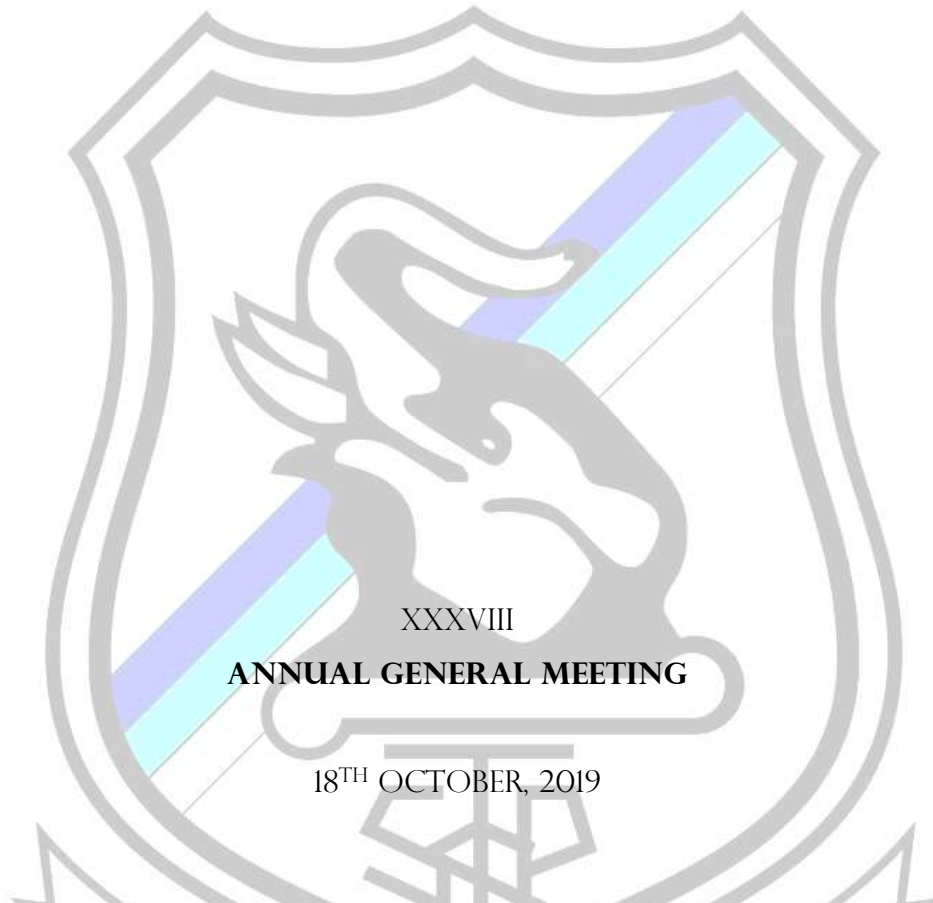


S. THOMAS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL, KOLLUPITIYA
OLD BOYS' UNION



SCHOOL SONG

Cheer, Cheer, Prep School Boys,
For our home by the roaring billows,
That sound their song in our ears all day,
And lull us at night on our pillows.

Chorus:

Cheer, Cheer, Prep School Boys,
Sing we in cheerful chorus,
We'll cherish the School of our youthful years
Through Life that lies before us

Cheer, Cheer, Prep School Boys,
For our Flag with its colours flying,
Dark blue, Light blue and Gleaming White,
Gaily the breeze defying

Cheer, Cheer Prep School Boys,
Though we're small we've brains and muscle,
And have shown we can hold our own ere this
In many a friendly tussle

Cheer, Cheer, Prep School Boys,
For the games we play together,
Play with vim in the sunshine bright,
Nor less in a rainy weather

Cheer, Cheer Prep School Boys,
For our tasks (Tho' we often shirk them),
History, Grammar, Science, Sums,
Which are wrong as a rule when we work them

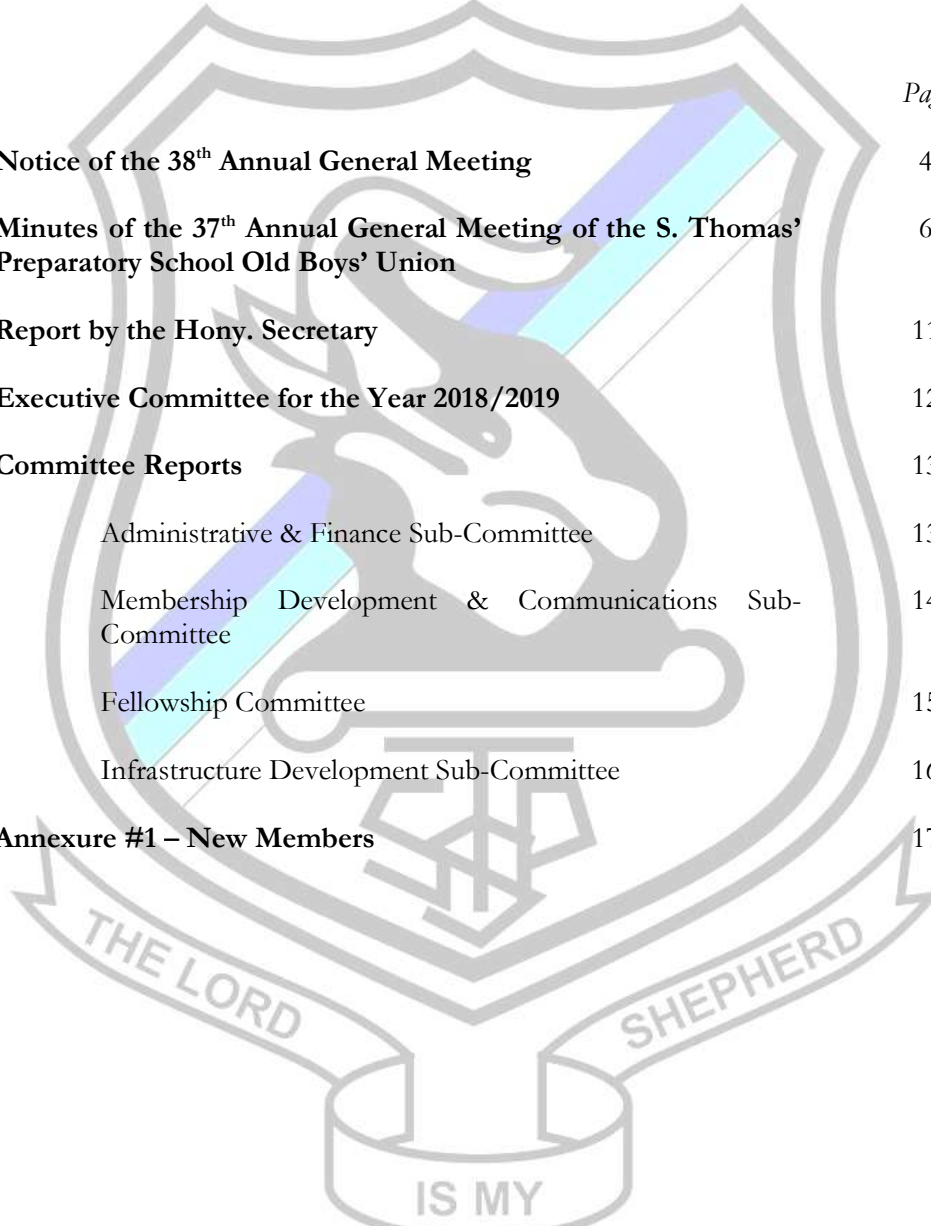
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L. A. L. Blanchard

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21st September, 2019

NOTICE OF 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 4(a) of the OBU Rules that the 38th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the S. Thomas' Preparatory School Old Boys' Union (STPS OBU) will be held on **Friday the 18th of October, 2019 at 6.30 PM in the School Hall** followed by Dinner hosted by the Headmaster. All Old Boys are welcome.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Excuses
3. Two minutes' silence in remembrance of Old Boys and Members of the Staff who have passed on since the 37th AGM of 21st of July, 2018
4. Adoption of Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Presentation of the Report of the activities of the Union by the Honorary Secretary
7. Adoption of the audited Statement of Accounts for the financial period 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2019
8. Address by the *Ex-Officio* President, Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo
9. Election of Office Bearers for the year 2019/2020
 - i) Three Honorary Vice Presidents
 - ii) Honorary (a) General Secretary & (b) Assistant Secretary
 - iii) Honorary (a) Treasurer & (b) Assistant Treasurer
 - iv) Honorary Auditor
10. Election of Committee Members to represent the following age groups:

GROUP	YEARS AT SCHOOL	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
GROUP A	01-01-48 TO 31-12-57	3 MEMBERS
GROUP B	01-01-58 TO 31-12-67	3 MEMBERS
GROUP C	01-01-68 TO 31-12-77	3 MEMBERS
GROUP D	01-01-78 TO 31-12-87	3 MEMBERS
GROUP E	01-01-88 TO 31-12-97	3 MEMBERS
GROUP F	01-01-98 TO 31-12-07	3 MEMBERS
GROUP G	01-01-08 TO DATE	3 MEMBERS

11. Any business of which due notice has been given
12. Announcements
13. School Song

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Rule 5(a) - Nominations of members seeking election to the posts set out in Rules 5(a)(ii), 5(a)(iii)(a), 5(a)(iii)(b), 5(a)(iv)(a), 5(a)(iv)(b) and 5(d) should reach the Honorary Secretary under sealed cover to S. THOMAS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION, No. 98, Steuart Place, Colombo 03 no later than **12 PM of Friday 11th October, 2019** and must include the candidate's name in full, OBU membership number, position nominated to, consent to fill the position nominated to, names, signatures and OBU membership numbers of the OBU member proposing and seconding and current contact details.
- B. Rule 5(b):
- No member shall be eligible for nomination or to be elected:*
- i. as a Vice-President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer unless he has been a member of the Union for over ten (10) years;*
 - ii. as a Vice-President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer if such member has previously served five (5) consecutive terms in the same post;*
 - iii. as Treasurer unless he possesses a recognised qualification in the field of accounting.*
- C. Rule 4(c) – Notice of any motions to be tabled must be by due notice given which should reach the Honorary Secretary under sealed cover to S. THOMAS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION, No. 98, Steuart Place, Colombo 03 no later than no later than **12 PM on Friday 11th October, 2019**.
- D. Only duly enrolled Members will be allowed to raise any matter or vote at the AGM. Therefore, please bring your Membership Card / Membership No. / proof of payment of the membership dues. Membership details could be ascertained by calling [+94 77 773 7628](tel:+94777737628) or sending an e-mail to stps.membership@gmail.com.
- E. Headmaster's Lunch – Old Boys wishing to attend the Headmaster's Lunch following the AGM must confirm their attendance by calling [0112 323 976](tel:0112323976) / [+94 77 773 7628](tel:+94777737628) or sending an e-mail to prepobu@gmail.com no later than **12 PM on Friday 11th October, 2019**. For catering purposes only those with confirmed attendance will be invited to lunch.

Kishan de Silva
Hony. Secretary 2018/2019
S. Thomas' Preparatory School Old Boys' Union

(Notice convening the meeting was circulated by e-mail on 7th October, 2019. The Notice was also given publicity in the Daily Mirror of 9th October, 2019; on the Facebook page of the OBU and by Whats.App.)

MINUTES OF THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE S. THOMAS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION (OBU)

Date: Saturday the 21st of July, 2018 at 10.30 AM

Venue: School Hall, S. Thomas' Preparatory School, Kollupitiya

Presided by: Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo, Headmaster/ *Ex officio* President of the OBU

Attendance: Kushaantha Nanayakkara, Lasantha Mendis, Naditha Amarakoon, Pelham Juriansz, Lakshan Colonne, Trehan Munasinghe, Siva Bakaratnam, P. K. William, Rohith Fernando, J. Jayaratnasingham, Virukshan Perera, Lasantha S Salgado, Themiya Hurulle, Nalin Jayasuriya, Sujiva Fernando, Nalinaksha Wickremesinghe, Wicknesan Wijeyanandan, Lalin Fernando, P. I. Bakkus, Dilan Illapperuma, K. H. T. I. Sumanasekara, Milinda de Silva, Sujiv Fonseka, Hafiz Zainudeen, Sanjeeva Warusawitharana, Vishnu Balachandran, Sanjeev Balan, Thirugnanam, K. Rameshkumar, B. Sivaraj, Ruwan Dias, Prasanjith Wijayatilake, Julian de Silva, Suranjith Senanayake, Senaka Ratnayaka, Gihan Welikale, J. R. Thambar, Sulaiman Nishtar, Viran Corea, Salman Nishtar, M. Burhanudheen Thassim, M. Adil Thassim, Janaka Abeysondera, Ganeshanathan Shanthikumar, Arjuna Arulathan, T. C. Rajaratnam, Susith Dewaraja, Shahen Rodrigo, Thaveesh Fonseka, Siri Perera, Raveen Hanwella, Narme Wickremesinghe, Rajiv Casie Chitty, Glen Nugera, Nirosch De Silva, Thilina Wijesinghe, Sohli Captain, Leopold Spencer De Silva, Kelum Peramune, Dushan Roberts, H. I. D. M. Wijewardena, Ray Abeywardena, Vishvanath, Dinuk Subasinghe

The Headmaster, Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo, led the House in Prayer prior to the commencement of the Meeting. In his prayers Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo prayed for Mr. Ghulasekeram, an old boy, who was sick.

Thereafter, the 37th Annual General Meeting of the S. Thomas' Preparatory School Old Boys' Union (OBU) was called to order by the Headmaster, who presided over the Meeting.

1. **Notice Convening the Meeting**

Notice convening the 37th Annual General Meeting of the OBU was posted on the Facebook page of the OBU on 6th July, 2018; and the web-site of the OBU <www.prepobu.lk> on 6th July, 2018. The Notice was also given publicity in the Sunday Times of 8th July, 2018 and by e-mail and WhatsApp.

The Notice was taken as read.

2. **Excuses**

Mr. Janaprith Fernando, Mr. Shamin Jayewickreme, Mr. M. Sundaresan, Mr. Johanne de Zylwa, Mr. Chandan de Silva

3. **Two Minutes' Silence in Remembrance of Old Boys who have passed away since the 36th AGM of 7th July, 2017**

Two minutes of silence was observed in memory of old boys and staff who had passed away.

4. **Adoption of Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting**

The said Minutes were published at page 6 of the Annual Report.

The Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting were proposed and seconded respectively by **Dr. Dilan Illapperuma** and **Mr. Fayyaz Mukthar** and duly adopted.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Mr. Nalinaksha Wickremesinghe inquired about the status of the proposal to set up an office for the OBU in the present School Office. The Headmaster replied that the infrastructure plans for the School has changed in the aftermath of the destruction to the School. He stated that he was looking for space for an office for the OBU and that it could be looked at once the main reconstruction was over.

6. **Presentation of the Report of the Activities of the Union by the Honorary Secretary**

The Secretary, Mr. Kishan de Silva, stated that the Annual Report of the activities of the OBU for the period: 2017/2018 had been circulated.

The Secretary read out his Report which was published at page 11 of the Annual Report

The Annual Report was duly adopted by the House, pursuant to being proposed and seconded by **Mr. Siri Perera** and **Dr. Dilan Illapperuma** respectively.

7. **Adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Period 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2018**

The Treasurer, Mr. S. Ganendran, stated that the audited Statement of Accounts for the financial period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 had been circulated. The audited Statement of Accounts for the financial period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was proposed by **Mr. Glen Nugara** and seconded by **Dr. Dilan Illapperuma** and duly adopted.

The Treasurer, Mr. S. Ganendran, stated that there was a sum of Rupees 46,500/= due to the OBU in respect of sponsorships, advertisements and donations receivable from Prep Night in 2015. He stated that despite all his efforts to recover the said sum of money it had not been settled thus far and moved to write off the said sum. The said proposal by the Treasurer was proposed by **Mr. Nilantha Fernando** and seconded by **Mr. Santhosh Jayasinghe** and duly adopted.

8. **Address by the President, Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo**

The Headmaster, Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo, the *Ex-Officio* President of the OBU addressed the Meeting.

At the outset the Headmaster congratulated the Executive Committee for deciding to change the date and time of the AGM and holding it on a Saturday morning as it had cleared resulted in increased participation.

The Headmaster stated that the School was indebted to the old boys of the School who ensured that the buildings were restored in the aftermath of the damage caused by the storm on 29th November, 2017. He stated that the School was now perhaps in a better condition than what it was when the storm struck.

The Headmaster stated that it was now time to look ahead to the direction the School should be taking. He stated that in this regard he had submitted a proposal to the Board of Governors to commence Advanced Level classes at the School.

In conclusion the Headmaster thanked the different Batches and Class Groups for their assistance. He stated that he looked forward to their continued support in the coming year and called on the old boys to stay connected to the School.

The Headmaster thanked the outgoing Executive Committee and wished the incoming Executive Committee well.

9. **Election of Office Bearers for the Year 2018/2019**

Since there was no contest for any of the posts the Headmaster read out the names of the Office Bearers who were duly elected:-

Hon. Vice Presidents: Mr. Kesara Seresinghe, Mr. Chandan de Silva, Mr. Haroun Cader (*Uncontested*)

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Kishan de Silva (*Uncontested*);

Hon. Asst. Secretary: Mr. Rajindh Perera (*Uncontested*);

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Sithambaram Sri Ganendran (*Uncontested*);

Hon. Asst. Treasurer: Mr. Aminda Rodrigo (*Uncontested*);

The Treasurer, Mr. S. Ganendran, stated that since the previous year the OBU did not have the services of an Honorary Auditor and had retained the services of S. J. M. S. Associates for a professional fee. He stated that quotations had been called for the audit for the following year and that the lowest quotation was from Deloitte (formerly S. J. M. S. Associates) and suggested that the services of Deloitte could be obtained as the Auditor for the year 2018/2019. This was proposed by **Mr. Hiran Molligoda** and seconded by **Mr. Vishnu Balachandra**.

10. **Election of Committee Members to represent Age Groups**

Since there was no contest for any of the Age Groups the Headmaster read out the names of the Committee Members who were duly elected to represent Age Groups:-

Nilantha Fernando
Anura Meddegoda
Johanne de Zylwa
Gehan Dias
Fayyaz Mukthar
Romesh Tissanayagam
Shamin Jayawickrema
M. Sundaresan
Prasad Hettiarachchi
R. Krishnamoorthy
Ruwan Dias Kirindage
Monroe Jayasuriya
Omali Balapatabendi
Santhosh Jayasinghe
Aqeel Deen
Shahen Rodrigo
Jason Samuel

The Headmaster advised the new Executive Committee to give of their best and to regularly attend meetings.

11. **Any business of which due notice has been given**

No Motions had been received in terms of Rule 4(c) of the Rules of the OBU.

12. **Announcements**

The Assistant Secretary announced that the Executive Committee had decided to felicitate two (2) old boys who had made an outstanding contribution to the School, namely, Mr. Hiran Molligoda and Mr. Shamin Jayawickrema. He stated that Mr. Hiran Molligoda had served as Chairman of the Prep Walk 2017 whereby a sum of approximately 16 million had been raised for the restoration of *Fortrose* and that Mr. Shamin Jayawickrama had served as the lead Architect in the restoration of *Fortrose* in an honorary capacity. He called on the Headmaster and the Secretary of the OBU to present the *Awards of Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to the School by the Old Boys* to Mr. Molligoda and Mr. Jayawickrama. Accepting the Award Mr. Hiran Molligoda stated that he did so on behalf of the entire Committee that organized the Prep Walk 2017. As Mr. Jayawickrama had excused himself the Assistant Secretary stated that the Award would be presented to him at a later date.

The Headmaster invited the Old Boys to lunch after the AGM.

13. **School Song**

As there was no further business, the proceedings of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the OBU were terminated by the Headmaster after singing the School Song.

After the conclusion of the 37th Annual General Meeting a photograph of all those who attended the Meeting was taken on the steps of Fortrose to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the OBU and the 80th Anniversary of the School.

Kishan de Silva
Hony. Secretary
S. Thomas' Preparatory School Old Boys' Union



REPORT BY THE HONY. SECRETARY

As I hand over the office of Secretary, I reflect the past three years with a sense of achievement and much satisfaction. I am proud to say that during the past three years the Old Boys' Union has been able to: support the first ever walk in the history of the School - from which a sum of nearly sixteen million was raised for the restoration of *Fortrose*; organizes two Dances – one to raise funds for the proposed pool for the School and the other was one of the grandest ever which was held to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the School and the 40th Anniversary of the OBU; and introduce new events such as Sports and Rugby Fiestas to increase the fellowship amongst the alumni and their families. We have also been able to make steady progress in setting up systems and processes for a more efficient administration of the relationship between the Union and its Members.

However, what I am most proud of is the manner in which the Executive Committees I have had the privilege of serving as Secretary have been able to renew the relationship the old boys have with their *alma mater*. On one hand the old boys are now welcome in the School and on the other the old boys are quick to respond to any call for assistance. It was due to this renewed relationship between the School, its administration and the old boys that the School was able to rise from the destruction that befell it on the night of the 29th of November, 2018. Once again this year many old boys rallied round the Headmaster when he stood up in defense of an old boy, Kamer Nizamdeen, who was falsely accused of plotting a terror attack in Australia.

To me more than the events we organize or the money we have raised creating a vibrant Union where the Members could engage with the School and fellow alumni was the most important concern.

This past year has been no different to the previous two. Despite very difficult times in the country the Executive Committee strived to get on with the work of the Union and the Committee Reports record the activities and initiatives that have been undertaken.

I thank the Headmaster and our *ex officio* President, Revd. Dushantha Rodrigo who continues to support the OBU in all its endeavours. I also thank the Members of the Board of Governors for their continued support of the OBU. I thank the academic, administrative and clerical staff of the School who silently support the OBU in numerous ways. The OBU continues to receive the assistance of individuals employed at the offices of Members of the Executive Committee and I greatly appreciate their support.

I reserve a special word of thanks to all the Members of the Executive Committees I have served as Secretary for being the driving force behind the activities of the Union. The many hours they give on a voluntary basis at the expense of time from work or with their families has been the foundation on which the successes of the past three years have been build on.

I wish my successor and the incoming Executive Committee the very best and assure the Union, the Headmaster and the School of my services whenever it is needed.

Lets "*Cherish the School of our youthful years*" ...

Kishan de Silva
Hony. Secretary
S. Thomas' Preparatory School Old Boys' Union

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019

During the period under review the Executive Committee held 6 Ordinary Meetings and 1 Special Meeting. The attendance by the members of the Executive Committee is as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT	%
Kesara Serasinghe	Hony. Vice President	2	3	2	29%
Chandan Lal De Silva	Hony. Vice President	3	4	0	43%
Haroun Cader	Hony. Vice President	4	3	0	58%
Kishan De Silva	Hony. Secretary	5	2	0	72%
Rajindh Perera	Hony. Asst. Secretary	7	0	0	100%
S. Sri Ganendran	Hony. Treasurer	7	0	0	100%
Aminda Rodrigo	Hony. Asst. Treasurer	1	6	0	15%
Nilantha Fernando	Committee Member	1	6	0	15%
Anura Meddegoda	Committee Member	0	5	2	0%
Johanne de Zylwa	Committee Member	1	4	2	15%
Gehan Dias	Committee Member	4	2	1	58%
Fayyaz Mukthar	Committee Member	7	0	0	100%
Romesh Tissanayagam	Committee Member	2	1	4	29%
Shamin Jayawickrema	Committee Member	5	2	0	72%
M. Sundaresan	Committee Member	4	3	0	58%
Prasad Hettiarachchi	Committee Member	7	0	0	100%
R. Krishnamoorthy	Committee Member	6	1	0	86%
Ruwan Dias Kirindage	Committee Member	0	5	2	0%
Monroe Jayasuriya	Committee Member	2	5	0	29%
Omal Balapatabendi	Committee Member	2	5	0	29%
Santhosh Jayasinghe	Committee Member	6	1	0	86%
Aqeel Deen	Committee Member	5	2	0	72%
Shahen Rodrigo	Committee Member	3	1	3	43%
Jason Samuel	Committee Member	1	4	2	15%



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The main function of the Administrative and Finance Sub-Committee is to streamline the administrative work of the Old Boys' Union (OBU).

Establishing an OBU Secretariat

The activities of the OBU continues to be hindered by the lack of a permanent Secretariat and staff. However, the Headmaster has promised to set aside space for a Secretariat within the School premises. Despite this the Executive Committee has endeavored to serve the membership to the best of its ability.

Mr. Trevinne de Silva, who formerly served of the administrative Staff of the School, assisted the Executive Committee with administrative work for a short period of time during the year.

Registration of Batches

Having become aware that many batches have formed either formal or informal Groups the Executive Committee decided to commence a process of registering Batches and establishing formal communications with the office bearers of such groups as a means of strengthening its outreach and coordinating the activities of the OBU. The process will be finalized and launched in the near future.

OBU Trust Fund

At present the OBU Trust Fund monies are held at NDB Bank and First Capital Treasuries PLC. No disbursements have been made from the OBU Trust Fund.

J. S. L. Fernando Memorial Scholarship

The J. S. L. Fernando Memorial Scholarship presented by the Old Boys' Union in memory of Mr. J. S. L. Fernando to a student each from Grades 7 and 8 continues to be funded by the Class of 86, who revived and have continued to fund these two scholarships which are equal to an entire years fees.

The Headmaster repeated his appeal to the OBU for the OBU to fund one (1) W. T. Keble Memorial Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (student of Grade 6) and two (2) Golden Jubilee Scholarships (students of Grade 10), which had been presented by the OBU.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Membership of any association, being the very core of its existence, and the membership experience within the association are two vital factors contributing towards the success of any association and the privilege of its membership.

The Committee realizes that delays may have been experienced by some applicants in processing their application forms. It is a manual, time consuming process done on an honorary basis for which the Committee members have dedicated their time and effort quite diligently. The absence of office space, logistics and the lack of any support staff for any documentary or clerical work of the OBU are major contributory factors towards the delay experienced by members in processing applications and issuing of membership cards. Despite such setbacks, the Membership Development Committee has managed to clear up all pending membership applications and are happy to report that all applications received have now been processed. The Committee has issued emails to old boys who have lodged applications for membership pending the issuance of temporary cards to acknowledge the receipt of their application, updating them of the status of the application and to ensure their presence at OBU events. The Committee thanks all members for their patience and support.

The OBU has taken decisive steps to ensure that membership development is given top priority in its day to day activities. Whilst improving the structure of the membership application process the Committee has made every attempt to make interaction with the membership efficient and effective. The Committee continues to provide updates on a regular basis to the Executive Committee by way of a progress report at every meeting and remains confident that the Committee can further streamline and strengthen the membership development process.

Membership Database

The OBU has managed to bring about a semblance of order to the existing database after having embarked on a process of information verification & rectification through many means. We have managed to clear up incorrect / incomplete records to a great extent and are confident that we will be successful in our task of getting the membership database in order soon.

Temporary Membership Card

As an initial step towards acknowledging enrolment and fast tracking the membership process a temporary membership card is issued to all members, pending the issuance of the permanent card. This is done after the applications have been processed. A significant quantity of temporary membership cards have been issued thus far, clearing the backlog to a great extent.

Plastic Membership Card

All members will be issued with a plastic membership card that will carry the members photograph as well as other details. Existing members are requested to fill out a simple form and apply for the card whereas new applicants will be issued with this card with their membership application. Members were notified of this process by post, e-mail, and *via* social media and card replacement forms were made available. The new plastic membership cards too, have also already been dispatched to existing members in stages.

Online Membership Details Update Form

The Committee introduced an online form to enable members to update their membership details online. The submission of this form will ensure information in the database are

current. This form is accessible by link from the Prep OBU website. Please visit www.prepobu.lk

Facebook Page

The Prep OBU Facebook Page is active and provides a continuous update of key information regarding the OBU. It has proven to be useful in publicizing the activities of the School and the OBU to a wider audience. The page continues to receive hits on a regular basis. The page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/prepoldboysunion/>

Facebook Group

The Prep OBU Facebook Group remains a vital link in dissemination of information to the membership. Whilst being a quick and effective means of communication it has proven to be highly interactive and popular with many old boys who rely on the group to keep themselves informed on events and initiatives of the OBU. Membership of this group has now exceeded over 1200 old boys. Old boys are required to answer a simple questionnaire when requesting to be added to this group, which will aid in quick verification, and subsequent membership to this group. This group is accessible to members of the Prep OBU Facebook Group only.

Whatsapp Group – Prep Batches

The Prep Batches Whatsapp Group was created with the intention of having access to at least one representative from each batch that has studied at Prep school. We have been successful in getting together quite a number of representatives and continue to add to this group. This group too, has proven to be an effective method of communication.

The Prep OBU e-Newsletter

The OBU has introduced the concept of an e-Newsletter *via* email going out to all members with a valid email address on the database.

The Prep OBU Twitter Handle

The OBU is pleased to introduce another means of social media interaction with its membership by launching its Twitter Account. Please subscribe to the Prep OBU Twitter feed: @prepobu.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee coordinates alumni relations and seeks to strengthen the bonds between the old boys and Prep School.

PREP RUGBY FIESTA

On an invitation by the Headmaster the OBU assisted the School in organising the first ever Prep Rugby Fiesta with a view to identifying new talent from the school boys. Romesh Tissanayagam, Gehan Dias and Shahan Rodrigo from the Executive Committee assisted in organising the Prep Rugby Fiesta which was worked out on the basis of age groups and School Houses.

Given the success of the event the Executive Committee hopes to host this event on an annual basis.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Class of 1992 continues to assist the School by making a monthly contribution to defray expenses in relation to Rugby through the OBU.

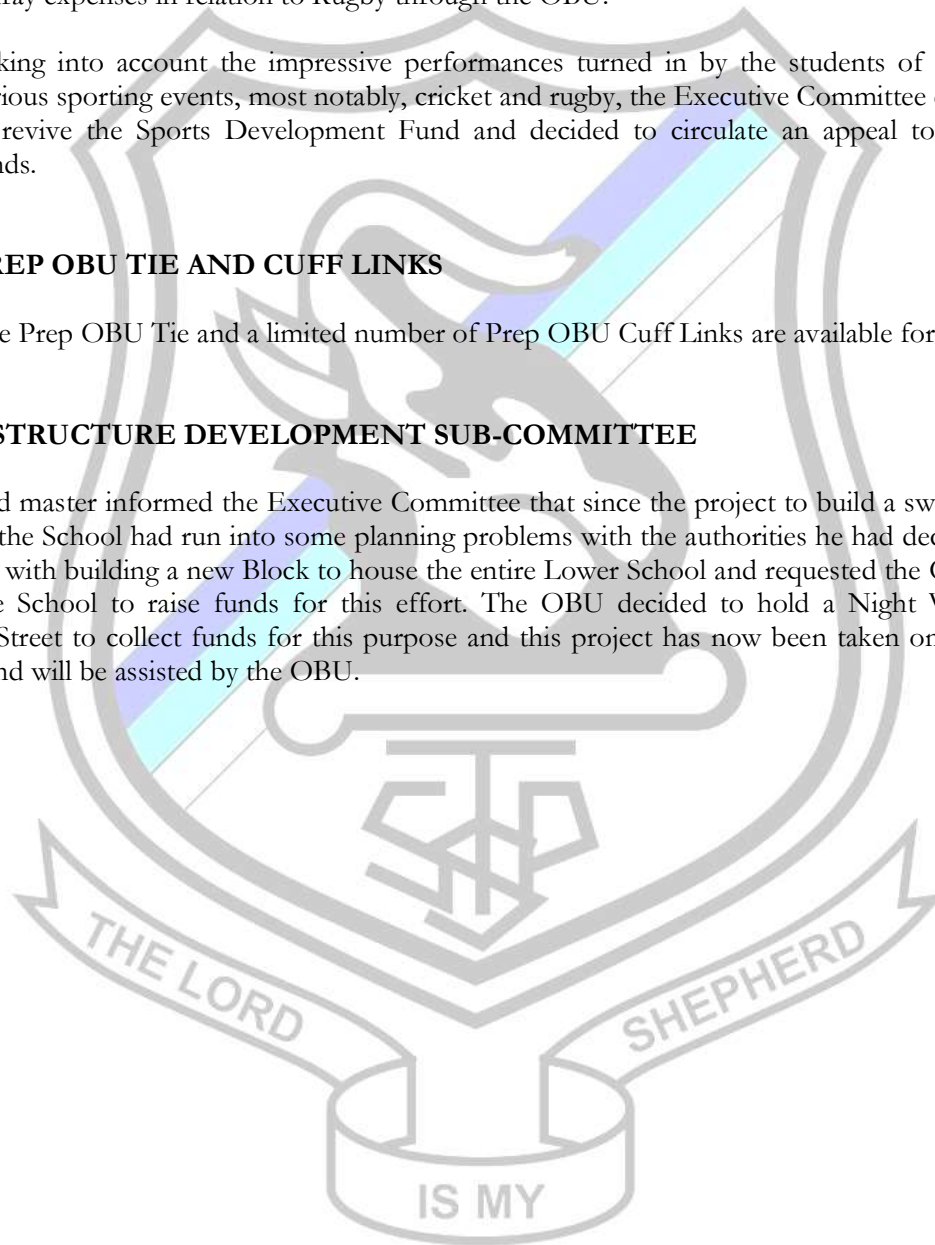
Taking into account the impressive performances turned in by the students of Prep at various sporting events, most notably, cricket and rugby, the Executive Committee decided to revive the Sports Development Fund and decided to circulate an appeal to collect funds.

PREP OBU TIE AND CUFF LINKS

The Prep OBU Tie and a limited number of Prep OBU Cuff Links are available for sale.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Head master informed the Executive Committee that since the project to build a swimming pool for the School had run into some planning problems with the authorities he had decided to go ahead with building a new Block to house the entire Lower School and requested the OBU to assist the School to raise funds for this effort. The OBU decided to hold a Night Walk & Hawker Street to collect funds for this purpose and this project has now been taken on by the School and will be assisted by the OBU.



ANNEXURE #1: NEW MEMBERS

Wickremesinghe E. R.
Wickremesinghe D. N. O.
Perera T. D.
Perera H. M.
Valavan P.
Niroshan M.
De Silva K. P. E. S.
Abeywickrama Goonathileke H. B.
Joseph S. A.
Liyanage D. R.
Ismail I. A.
Amaratunga S. L. D.
Caldera H. D. H.
Jameel A. M.
Kuruppu R. G.
Cooray M. J. D.
Seneviratne M. N.
De Mel W S. R.
Gunasekara G. D.
Gunasekara S. D.
Velayutham N.
Vijei Abinandan
Cooray M. J. P.
Rodrigo D. S.
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