

OLD TRINITIANS' SPORTS CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2011 - OTSC AUDITORIUM, ASGIRIYA, KANDY

President Mr.Nicko De Silva (Mr.Nissanka De Silva) called the meeting to order at 10.20 a.m. and welcomed all the members to the AGM and presented the Agenda.

Those Present

Mr.Nicko De Silva (Mr.Nissanka De Silva)	Mr.Kavinda Ellepola
Mr.Azwer Mohideen	Mr.Iqbal Omar
Mr.Iswan Omar	Mr.Rajeewa Jayasinghe
Mr.Nippa Pilimatalawe	Mr.Thushara Thalagune
Mr.Ranjith Nugapitiya	Mr.Upaka Wirasinha
Mr.K.M.K.N.Nallegoda	Mr.P.D.M.S.Desinghe
Dr.Gamini Weerasekara	Mr.K.Divagaran
Mr.L.D.Abeyratne	Mr.U.B.Seneviratne
Mr.A.L.M.Anas	Mr.K.R.Karunanayake
Mr.S.Hameed	Mr.S.Mendis
Mr.A.S.Pathirana	Mr.M.Manzil
Mr.Roshan Zavahir	Mr.Rifay Razeek
Mr.Nalin Perera	Mr.Ruwan Ratwatte
Mr.Firdowzi Muslim	Mr.C.A.Balasuriya
Mr.C.L.R.Isaac	Mr.Hassan Hussain
Mr.Alexander	Mr.R.R.Abeykoon
Mr.M.Richardson	Mr.Mely Dharmasena
Mr.D.Yapa	Mr.P.Chandrasekara
Mr.Dinesh Thalagune	Mr.Sarath Ilangathilake
Mr.Roshan Razik	Mr.E.De Zoysa
Mr.M.I.Latiff	Mr.R.Mcleod
Mr.Gandi Dharmasena	Mr.S.Ruwan Wickrama
Mr.P.Jayasena	Mr.Mohan Silva
Mr.Prasanna Samarasinghe	Mr.D.C.U.Ailapperuma

In all 70 members were present as per the attached register.

Regrets

Mr.Chula Ratwatte

Mr.N.U.G.de Silva

Brig. W.G.K.Aryaratne

As per the agenda the proceedings were as follows.

- 1) Notice of the AGM was read by the Secretary and the agenda was presented.
- 2) A moment of silence was observed in memory of members, Messers **Namal Gamage, Shantha Wimalasuriya, Susil Premasinghe and Gamini Vidurupola.**
- 3) Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on 26th September 2010 were circulated for adoption and the minutes were duly proposed and seconded by **Mr.Amal Fernando** and **Mr.Sherad Mendis** respectively.
- 4) Matters arising from the Minutes.
- 5) Any other business.
- 6) The Secretary read out the Secretary's Report for 2010/2011.
- 7) The Sports Secretary read out the Sport Secretary's Report for 2010/2011.
- 8) The Audited statement of accounts for the financial period 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 were circulated and no queries were made by the house.
- 9) The Treasurer reviewed the Audited statement of Accounts.
- 10) The President – OTSC addressed the AGM 2011/2012.
- 11) The Patron – President read a letter sent by Principal, Trinity College, Kandy, regretting his inability to attend the AGM due to prior engagements. Letter sent by Brig.Aryaratne is reproduced below.
- 12) Election of Office Bearers and Members of the General Committee for 2011/2012 was held.
- 13) KPMG Ford, Rhodes Thornton & Co., Udarata, (Chartered Accountants), Kandy, were re-appointed Auditors for the year 2011/2012.
- 14) Matters arising from the minutes.

President reproduced the contents of the letter received by us from the Patron **Brig. W.G.K.Aryaratne** for the information of the members.

Quote

22nd September 2011.

The President,
Old Trinitians Sports Club,
#28, Asgiriya Maha Vihara Mawatha,
Asgiriya,
Kandy,

Dear Sir,

32nd Annual General Meeting of the OTSC

I thank you for your kind invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the Old Trinitians' Sports Club on 24th September 2011 at OTSC Auditorium. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting due to a prior arrangement in Colombo. Hence, I shall be thankful if you could table my regrets at the meeting. I am pleased that the Old Trinitians' Sports Club has made a good progress under the present management. The laudable service rendered by the President, Secretary and the Committee will no doubt pave the way for better success in the future. My support will always be with you in your endeavours. My apologies, once again, for not being able to be with you on 24th September 2011. I take this opportunity to wish you all a very successful and a cordial meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Brig.W.G.K.Aryaratne,
Acting Principal

Unquote

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented the Annual Progress report for 2010/2011 and said that it is with a sense of pride that he is presenting the Secretary's report under the President ship of **Mr.Nicko De Silva**. The theme for the year was progression and he did not want to elaborate as everything is highlighted in the Newsletter. However for those who did not receive the Newsletter he focused the following matters:

- **Membership**

He said that the membership now stands at approximately over 1100 members and that we extend our hands to those who are not.

- **Financial commitments**

He said EPF arrears of Rs.366,022.52 and ETF arrears of Rs.11,140.72 have been paid in full. He also said VAT arrears of Rs.1,243,111/- also has been paid in full. He thanked **Mr.Azwer Mohideen**, Treasurer, for the excellent management of the funds. He said that this not a commitment by one committee alone but we have got the support of other committees as well. He said that it is with pride that he is handing over this Club to the next committee.

- **Appointment of Auditors**

He said that KPMG Ford, Rhodes Thornton & Co. – Udarata, (Chartered Accountants), Kandy, will continue to carry out their services for 2011/2012 as Auditors of the OTSC.

- **Social Activities**

He said the annual Christmas party is organized for the Daya Nivasa Children and the Mahaiyawa Home for the Elders and Poson Poya Dansala given to over 2,000 people, the hosting of the Sunera Foundation children etc., and organizing the Loose Play 2011 party after the Bradby in Kandy, by the OTSC. He thanked the sponsors, well wishers and the members for their contributions. He thanked **Mr.Amal Fernando** for the support in netting a profit of Rs.800,000/- from the Loose Play 2011 event.

- **Annual Facilities Fees**

He said that there is a misconception regarding the payment and commitment from members. He said it is very important to pay the fees. He said that the facilities fees is the member's money and can be used for the member's facilities in the club. He said if you don't like to use the club facilities then the money is a gift to the club and will be used for the progress of the club for thriving and functioning.

- **Rules of the Club**

He thanked the members of the club for observing the rules of the club. He said disciplinary action has been taken against some members. He said club rules will be strongly maintained by the future committee as well.

- **Liquor License**

He thanked **Mr.Bimal Fernando** and the OBA for supporting him at all OBA meetings with regard to the liquor license.

Neighbourhood relationships

To a query made by **Mr.Iswan Omar** about the rapport between the Asgiriya Temple and the club. **Mr.Kavinda Ellepola**, Secretary said that the temple and club are having a good relationship.

- **Proper use of donations**

Secretary said donations given for a certain purpose is used only for such purpose and not misused.

Finally he thanked the President and committee who helped him during the past year.

SPORTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr.Kumar Deysinghe, Sports Secretary, presented the Sports Secretary's report. He thanked **Mr. Sampath Perera**, Cricket Coach and **Mr.Divakaran** for supporting the game of Cricket. He said the Pool tournament grand finale is in December 2011. He thanked **Mr. Amal Fernando** for supporting to construct the Badminton court. Usage fees-Members-Rs 100.00 per hour [this includes Singles or Doubles] Usage of Lights-Members-Rs 100.00 per hour. Guest usage fees-Rs 50.00 +playing fees Rs.50.00 /hour. Guest usage of lights-Rs 150.00 /hour. He said this will be an additional income for the club. He thanked all the members who helped him during this period and wished the incoming committee the very best.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Audited statement of Accounts for 2010/2011

Mr.Azwer Mohideen, Treasurer, said as Treasurer and as required, he duly posted the relevant accounts of the said period, two weeks in advance of the AGM. He said he is proud to bring to the notice of the members that instead, of a loss or a debt in the accounts, we have skillfully managed to record a surplus in the OTSC accounts for the year 2010/11. He said we achieved this path breaking record due to no other reason than the work of an efficient committee and also the general membership who frequented the club very often. He thanked each and every one of them who helped us achieve this record. He called for the adoption of the audited accounts that has been circulated to the general membership as of 24th September 2011. The audited statement of accounts for the financial period 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 was proposed by **Mr.Amal Fernando** and seconded by **Mr.Kelum Jayasena**.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr.Nicko De Silva, President OTSC, 2011/2012 addressing the meeting thanked everyone for attending the AGM and said that **Mr.Mohan Samarakoon** will be coming soon and Principal, Trinity College, Kandy, had excused himself as he had a prior engagement in Colombo.

He said that most of the news under review have been dealt with in the Secretary's report and the Sports review and the audited accounts have been approved. He said the time period under his tenure has been a very successful one and most of the outstanding issues have been dealt with and overcome.

- Statutory payments

He said our biggest problem was the outstanding statutory payments which were hanging over our heads. He said thanks to some prudent management by the Treasurer and the committee we have got over this huge problem. He said he will not delve into it but the accounts audited shows it all.

- **Donations**

He said we would never have had the Club looking the way it is unless for the generous contribution received from **Mr.Nahil Wijesuriya** who time and again comes to our aid, i.e. new furniture for the bar, new kitchen and upholstering of lounge chairs, new gutters and down pipes etc. He said we have relocated the kitchen and the cellar thereby bringing in better control all round and the kitchen is now functioning from 11 am to 11 pm. He thanked **Mr.Nahil Wijesuriya** for all the support. He also thanked **Mr. Nimal Cooke** for donating an overhead projector which has enabled many a night of Big matches and Bradby fever where the members partook of the amber liquid while shouting their heads off as Trinity overran a Royal side so sure of repeating their Kandy victory. He also thanked **Mr.Ranjith Nugapitiya, Mr.Asoka Herath, Mr.Sunil James, Mr.Wipula de Zoysa and Mr.Ranjan Edirisinghe** for donating the Laser Fax, Printer, Copier and Scanner to the Club. He said that a member **Mr.Prasanna Amarasinghe** helped to tint the glass windows of the bar area. He thanked **Mr.Kumar Deysinghe and Mr.Shane Ramawickrama** for the support given to maintain the Club garden and thanked **Mr.Krishna Kumar** for donating a lawn mower. He also thanked **Mr.Firdowzi Muslim**, for getting sponsorships of over Rs.150,000/- for the Loose Play 2011 event. He thanked **Mr.Mahen Siriwardena** for donating Rs.50,000/- for upholstering the chairs. He thanked all the members and asked them to continue to donate for the club.

He said the committee continued the monthly meetings and worked hard towards resolving the many problems while the Exco did the day to day management of the Club's affairs. He mentioned a special thanks to **Mr.Azwer Mohideen** who like a good Mulla kept the finances in check and **Mr.Muthu** while patronizing the club himself kept his contacts going in resolving many Excise duty matters. He said the Disciplinary committee did their part whenever a problem arose which were very few, but have taken action whenever needed. He thanked **Mr.Kumar Deysinghe** the Sports Secretary who kept the cricket going and **Mr.Amal Fernando** and the Social committee for the excellent arrangements especially on the night of the Loose Play. He thanked the Secretary and the Exco and all other members for supporting him during these difficult times. He said if not for all you who patronize the Club there would not be a Club so keep going members, ours is a unique Club and in Kandy where everything is over by 9.00 pm the OTSC has filled this void and even visitors for the Test Matches end up here for a pint and some food. President showed the Rs.1 Million donation file (**Mr.Nahil Wijesuriya**), to the members and requested members to look at it in the office whenever they want during office hours. He thanked the members for their support for future endeavors of the club. President urged members to support the club by way of any donation and to patronize the club.

- **Membership Cards**

President said there is a problem with the membership register where it indicates membership numbers have been allocated without names and addresses and there is a duplication of membership numbers too. He said this should be corrected. He also said that **Mr.Sherad Mendis** will help us to sort it out. **Mr.Samarakoon** requested that this not be repeated and to check the numbers. President said when there are mistakes he will highlight them and see that action is taken to sort out any problems. He said that he will expose any errors and mistakes until the matters are sorted out. Secretary said that there was a complaint that overseas members have given their membership cards to other local non members to use.

The President offered special thanks to outgoing Vice-President, **Mr.Bimal Fernando** who has been a pillar of strength to the committee and the club. He also offered special thanks to outgoing Bar Secretary, **Mr.Muthu (THE MUTHU)**. He said **Mr.Muthu** has also dug deep into his pocket when the club needed assistance.

In the absence of **Mr.Mohan Samarakoon**, Secretary proposed **Mr.Ananda Pilimatalawa** as Chairman Pro tem, who proposed **Mr. Nicko De Silva** as President OTSC for the next year 2011/2012. President thanked and introduced the office bearers for 2011/2012 as follows.

Brig. W.G.K.Aryaratne	:	Patron (Principal)
Mr.Nissanka Nillagoda	:	Patron (OBA President)
Mr.Mohan Samarakoon	:	Trustee
Mr.Nahil Wijesuriya	:	Trustee
Mr.Roger Abeyratne	:	Trustee
Mr.Nicko De Silva	:	President
Mr.N.U.G. De Silva	:	Vice President
Mr.Iqbal Omar	:	Vice President
Mr.Amal Fernando	:	Hony. Secretary
Mr.Azwer Mohideen	:	Treasurer
Mr.Chula Ratwatte	:	Bar Secretary
Mr.Umakanth	:	Social Secretary
Mr.Kumar Deysinghe	:	Sports Secretary

- **Committee Members as per age representation proposed by the house.**

Mr.Shane De Silva	:	20 – 30 Age Group
Mr.Prasanna Amarasena	:	30 – 40 Age Group
Mr.Lakmal Tennekoon	:	40 – 50 Age Group
(To be appointed)	:	50 – 60 Age Group
Mr.Kavinda Ellepola	:	60 – 70 Age Group
Mr.Sherad Mendis	:	70 – 80 Age Group

ADDRESS BY TRUSTEE - MR.SAMARAKOON

Mr.Mohan Samarakoon who arrived then excused himself for the delay in attending the meeting and spoke about various matters including,

- Hosting of disabled children by the Club

Disabled children of Sunera Foundation being hosted by the club.

- Donations by old boys

He said that an old boy is offering to donate a gymnasium for the college and another old boy gave a large gift to the Cricketers and Ruggerites.

- TTF Account

He said the TTF account has been properly closed after final handing over of funds to the recipients.

- Exemption of facilities fees

To a query made by **Mr.Iswan Omar** whether any higher age group is exempted from paying facilities fees. Secretary said he will check on this and let him know.

- Membership Fees

Mr.Samarakoon said that 130 members have paid membership fees.

- Attack on Trinitian School boys

Mr.Fido queried about the attacks on the Trinitians by the Dharmaraja College players. **Mr.Samarakoon** explained what happened during the attack. He said that Principal of Trinity College has spoken to the Principal of Dharmaraja College. He said that stern action has been taken against their students including suspension of 3 of their students.

In the absence of any other business, President thanked all for attending the AGM and also thanked all the OTSC staff, security and **Mr.Vajira** and his kitchen staff and the meeting was terminated at 11.20 a.m.

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Amal Fernando
Hony. Secretary - OTSC