

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) AGM OF THE ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATION –BDS, HELD ON OCTOBER 31ST 2008 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF CHICKMONT FOODS, CHRIST CHURCH

PRESENT WERE:

Executive Committee Members:

President - Pat Thompson

Vice President - Stanley Greaves

Secretary - Kenneth Khan

Assistant Secretary - Richard Bhola

Treasurer - Clement Derrell

Immediate Past President - Gavin Ferreira

Members:

Mark Mc Watt, Sean Husain, Peter De Freitas, Rohit Coonjah, Kesh Saywack, Karen Dhani-Coonjah.

1. Call to order

The President, Pat Thompson thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting was called to order at 6.00 pm. The President chaired the meeting.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 12th AGM held November 9th, 2007

The minutes were perused together on a page by page basis and there were no corrections made.

Gavin Ferreira proposed adoption of the minutes and Clement Derrell seconded it.

Matters arising from the minutes

The President enquired about the following which were discussed.

- 2.1 The issue in Guyana regarding the staff. Stanley Greaves explained that he was in Guyana and spoke with the BOG. This is examined in the Overview 1995-2008 that is attached.
- 2.2 Kenneth Khan indicated that a sum of 250 BDS was received from a Dutch auction held by the Guyanese Association of Barbados Inc (GABI), and a profit of 250BDS from the sale of College Centenary magazines.
- 2.3 Feed back from Chris Fernandes on the position of the Ministry of Education concerning the management of the College. This is examined in the Overview 1995-2008 that is attached.
- 2.4 An update on the situation arising from the idea to bring Dave Martin to Barbados for a show, was requested. Kenneth Khan stated that the idea would no longer be possible and instead, an evening of culture is proposed.

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It was mentioned that the video of the statement from Pat Thompson was played as was foreseen.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report by the President

The President presented his report (see attached), and indicated that it is a sombre document which raises questions to be addressed. The main question was the future of the Association, since members of the Executive Committee who have given many years of service may be unable to actively serve for very much longer due to varying circumstances.

Kenneth Khan pointed out that he contacted former students who reside on the Island in an effort to explore the possible of seeking members who would be able to carry forward the mandate of the association. This has had limited success.

Kesh Saywack suggested that the Association continue with emphasis on revisiting the aims and objectives.

In order to make a decision on the future of the Association, the adequacy of the manpower to run the Association effectively, alternatives, and the role of the Association in the existence of the College, were discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the members decided that the Association will continue over the next two to four years with a new Executive Committee.

In addition, it was suggested that a serious recruitment drive for new members and ways to attract present members, should be undertaken in the near future.

4. Presentation of the Financial Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer presented his report for the financial year ending December 31, 2007.

- Donations showed an increase of over 50% for the year compared to the previous year.
- There was a slight increase in expenditure due to bank and miscellaneous payments made to the St. Stanislaus College Association (SSCA) in Guyana for the sale of magazines.
- The cash position was BDS 5,490.

Based on the presentation, there were several queries and suggestions from members. Some of the main ones are highlighted below:

- The use of the money by the Association. Response: Books, equipment for the scouts, hosting Scout troop in 1996 and many other ways.
- It was suggested that the Association seek the needs of the College from the Board of Governors in Guyana, so that the funds in the bank account can be of benefit to the College. The Suggestion was acknowledged.
- Why not an interest bearing account instead of a no interest account? This is to be explored/clarified within the next year.

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The financial statements were subsequently unanimously adopted.

5. Activities for the rest of the year

The President asked that everyone make a note of the date November 13th when mass would be held at the RC Church in St. James at 6.00 p.m. in honour of our Patron Saint Stanislaus Kostka.

6. Election of Office Bearers

With Pat Thompson as President, the following persons were elected:

President: Gavin Ferreira
Nominated by: Kenneth Khan
Seconded by: Richard Bhola

Vice President: Karen Dhani-Coonjah
Nominated by: Gavin Ferreira
Seconded by: Clement Derrell

Treasurer: Kesh Saywack
Nominated by: Kenneth Khan
Seconded by: Pat Thompson

Secretary: Richard Bhola
Nominated by: Kenneth Khan
Seconded by: Pat Thompson

Assistant Secretary: Kenneth Khan
Nominated by: Clement Derrell
Seconded by: Gavin Ferreira

Immediate Past President: Pat Thompson

Committee Member: Sean Husain
Nominated by: Kesh Saywack
Seconded by: Mark Mc Watt

7. Activities for the rest of the year

This item has been put forward to the first meeting of the new Executive Committee.

8. Any other business

- (i) The next magazine
- (ii) A big reunion, “Saints 102” is being planned for period 16th to the 23rd of August 2009.

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(iii) Each member paid the annual subscription of BDS 20.00 due.

Pat Thompson wished the new Executive a very good term in office.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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Kenneth Khan
Asst. Secretary

October 31, 2008.

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Signature of President – Gavin Ferreira

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Signature of Secretary – Richard Bholá