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Minutes of the 20th AGM of the Old Sanawarian Society held on Oct 4th 2015 at 2.00 Pm at The Lawrence School, Sanawar

Quorum

The Secretary informed the President that the quorum for the meeting was not complete and hence the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes and then reconvened with the members present being the de-facto quorum, the President then called the meeting to order.

Homage

The President asked for a two minutes silence to be observed for OS both staff and students who passed away during the year.

Welcome

Capt. Mohan Bir Singh, President (N-81) warmly welcomed all the members to the 20th AGM of The Old Sanawarian Society and particularly Batch of 2015 who were inducted into the OS Society this year and were celebrating their first Founders as OS.

The President also warmly welcomed the OS Batches of 1965 (Golden Jubilee Batch), 1990 (Silver Jubilee Batch) with a special welcome to the batch of 1955 which were celebrating their Diamond Jubilee.

To Consider and Adopt Minutes of the 19th AGM

As the Minutes of the 19th AGM – 2014 were circulated along with the Agenda, The President asked if the Minutes were acceptable and should be adopted. The Minutes were considered read and the adoption of the same were proposed by Mr. Ashish Bhatia (H-81) and seconded by Mr. Harpratap S Brar (V-89).

Consideration and Adoption of the Society Accounts 2014-15

The Society Accounts as circulated to the members along with the Agenda were presented and considered accepted. The same were proposed by Ms. Vinit Gyani (S-92) and seconded by Mr. S S Bala (V-79).

Presentation Head masters Court case- By Col JS Chandel :

The President asked the members present if they would like to go through the Presentation on the Headmasters case again (as it was shown also during the preliminary meeting held on 3rd Oct 2015) made by Lt. Col. Jitender S Chandel (N-75) highlighting the facts of the Court Case initiated by Brig I S Chima (H-62) and



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Rohit Negi (S-80) & two others and backed by Mr. B S Ahluwalia (Tusky N-65) against the School and its Board. The members present indicated that the same is not required as they have understood the nexus in the case of trying to retain the previous HM by a selected few. The house asked them that they should withdraw the case immediately.

Presentation on E-Voting by Abhijit Dutta

A presentation on how E-Voting can be introduced into the Old Sanawarian Society highlighting its benefits and issues was made by Mr. Abhijit Dutta (V-90).

Mr. Navjot S Randhawa (S-82) asked Mr. Abhijit Dutta (V-90) as to who will be the administrator of the E-Voting and was informed that this will work on the aegis of the Indian Election Commission pattern.

Mr. Bhupinder S Ahluwalia (N-65) asked as to what will be the cost of the E-Voting mechanism, he was informed that the cost has still not been worked out as we are still in the preliminary stages of development.

Mr. Zafar Khan (S-65) asked if we are buying the E-Voting mechanism or developing it, he was informed that we are open to both the options.

It was highlighted that once the E-Voting mechanism is workable/acceptable, greater transparency and participation by the OS in all the affairs of the Old Sanawarian Society would come into effect.

Mr. Abhijit Dutta (V-90) said that a plan for the E-Voting mechanism would take some more time and he would appraise the next President accordingly.

Progress Report OSS 2014-15

A power point presentation was given by Mr. Harjyot Pahwa (V-94) giving The Society's activities during the year. The President informed that much of this formed a part of his detailed letter enclosed with the Agenda and the same has also been posted on the OS- Sanawar net and Sanawar.com.

Questions to the Officiating Headmistress:

Mr. Vimal Khosla (S-65) told the officiating Head Mistress that the students uniforms are in a very poor state not only because of the sizes but even otherwise. He wanted to know that who pays for the uniforms. He was informed by the officiating Head Mistress that the cost for the uniforms is partially paid by the school and partially by the parents.

He requested the officiating Head Mistress to let the parents pay for the uniform as this way they will ensure that the child is wearing the right size and the uniform will also be prim and proper.



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Mr. Samir Arora (S-89) congratulated the officiating Head Mistress on the conduct of Founders.

Mr. Varun Kapoor (S-95) told the officiating Head Mistress that the Bust of Major Hodson should be placed more towards the wall as it is in the middle of the road. She told him that the same had been brought to her notice earlier also and as the Bust had already been placed, she will give it some thought before reconsidering.

Ms. Vineet Gyani (S-92) congratulated the officiating Head Mistress on the conduct of Founders 2015 and requested that students should be allowed and encouraged to use laptops and ipads for study purposes. She was informed that from this year October lower sixth onwards are getting the computers.

Mr. Pankaj Madhok (N-73) congratulated the officiating Head Mistress on the completion of a successful Founders 2015 and informed her that students were not looking towards the War Memorial while crossing it. He was informed that when the students are marching past it, they do look towards the memorial.

Col. Bir Mohan said that the last plate on the War Memorial had some kind of drawings made on them and they should be cleaned, Mr. Bahskar Tomar (H-95) informed him that this was done on purpose to avoid additional names coming on the War Memorial as the Armed Forces don't expect any casualties when going to war.

Mr. Zafar Ullah Khan (N-65) congratulated the officiating Head Mistress on a wonderful Founders 2015 and said the Girls Bugle Band at Tattoo was excellent. He also asked her to put together a wish list for Sanawar's requirements so that people who would want to donate to Sanawar can do so in accordance to the wish list and the wish list should be updated every 6 months.

Mr. Harjit Chima (H-60) asked the officiating Head Mistress what is the vision of Sanawar and are there any time lines to the same. She told him that her mission statement has been submitted to the Board though the Vision will be given by the new Headmaster.

Nominating Committee 2015-2017

Brig I S Chima (H-62) asked the members present that as there was no Quorum can the Nominating Committee be elected?

Mr. Ashish Bhatia (H-80) replied that it is not the responsibility of the OS President to ensure a Quorum. The E-Voting proposal has been submitted and we should continue with the process in place till such time that E-Voting is implemented. He said we should be proactive and be involved and should let the process continue.

Mr. Vivek Bhandari (H-82 Lawyer) was asked if the Nominating Members Election can be conducted without the Quorum being complete. He replied as the meeting was adjourned and reconvened with the present members being the de facto



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Quorum and other matters of the meeting were being conducted, then why not the election of the Nominating Committee Members from the members present.

The majority of the members concurred with his view.

The President asked for a show of hands for those who were in favour of the election process of the Nominating Committee Members to continue. Nearly all the members raised their hands in favour of the process to continue.

The President again asked if anybody had any objection for the Nominating Committee Election process to continue. No body had any objection.

The President then asked for the Nominating Committee Election to proceed.

Brig I S Chima (H-62) asked for the members to be selected/nominated from within the members present at the meeting.

The following members were selected/elected:

Block/Year	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
Pre 1980	1)Mr.PradeepChowdhary	Mr.PankajMadhok	Mr. Rajvir Gulia
	2)Mr. Arun Mahajan	Brig I S Chima	Mr. K S Bala
	3)Mr. Pawan Mutneja	Mr. Neeraj Kapur	Mr. Sahil Kapur
	4)Brig T P S Chowdhary	Brig Bal	Mr. Bhupinder S Ahluwalia
	5)Mr. K S Bala	Brig I S Chima	Arun_Mahajan___
	6)Mr. Rakesh Sood	Zafar Ullah Khan	Mr. Gyan Prakash
1980-85	1)Mr. Vivek Bhandari	Mr. Bhupinder Saklani	Mr. Ashish Bhatia
	2)Mr. Navjyot Randhawa	Mr. D S Rathore	Col. HS Chahal
1986-90	1)Mr. Harpratap Brar	Mr.SharanKhullani	Mr.RandeepSandhu
	2)Mr. Samir Arora	Mr. Anil Panchu	Mr. Jung Bahadur S Sangha
1991-95	1) Ms. Amber Sodhi	Vishal Singh	Rohit Virmani
	2)Ms. Tavleen Akoi	Ketan Desai	Haripal Nakai
1996-2000	1)Ms. Amrita Verma	On Demand of the House (As she was the only person present from this block)	On Demand of the House (As she was the only person present from this block)
2001-2005	NA	NA	NA
2006-2010	NA	NA	NA
2011-2015	1)Samrath	Arjun Preet	Yashodita Gaekwad
	2)Megha Lama	Samrath	Yashodita Gaekwad



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Any Other Matter with permission of the Chair

- 1) Mr. Rajvir S Gulia (N-73) said in regards to Brig I S Chima's (H-62) mail, that the president on his request for an Agenda Point asking for the incumbent president to resign should not be asked for as it was wrong and uncalled for. He further reminded Brig I S Chima (H-62) that the first president of the OSS, Mr. Gurdip Singh (S-54) had asked for Brig I S Chima to be excommunicated from the OSS for suing the school and the Board, then in that case Brig I S Cheema should be asked to resign.
- 2) Brig I S Chima (H-62) spoke about the inclusion of his Agenda Point to the house, as the AGM was the right forum to act upon it. The House at large showed no interest in his Agenda Points and accordingly the same was put down by the majority.
- 3) Mr. Arun Mahajan (N-63) said the OSS should work within the framework of the guidelines provided.
- 4) Mr. Har Pratap Brar (V-89) congratulated the OSS President and Executive Committee to have transparently conducted the Nominating Committee Election which is a positive step and we should all welcome it.
- 5) Mr. Navjot Randhawa (S-82) also congratulated the President and suggested that the OSS should purchase land below Barnes Field or New Field for making an exclusive area for OS Parties.
- 6) Mr. S S Bala (V-79) congratulated the OS President and suggested that the Upper Sixers should be educated on the functioning of the OSS. He was informed by the OS President that an induction into the OSS of the immediate passing out batch is already being done annually .

Capt. Mohan Bir Singh addressed the AGM and gave a vote of thanks to the members present, OS Executive committee, Nominating Committee, Officiating Headmistress and the Staff of the School. He then vacated his seat for the incumbent President, Lt. Col. Jitender S Chandel (N-75).

Lt. Col. J S Chandel addressed the members present and assured them of positive two years tenure.

There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Harjyot Pahwa

Capt. Mohan Bir Singh

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