



THE OLD SANAWARIAN SOCIETY (OSS)

THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL SANAWAR - 173202

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Minutes of the 22nd AGM of the Old Sanawarian Society held on 4th October, 2017 at 2.00 p.m The Lawrence School, Sanawar

Quorum

- The Secretary informed the President that as per The Old Sanawarian Society Regulations the quorum for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is 100 members present. The AGM was called to order but as only 95 members were present, it was decided to adjourn the meeting for 10 minutes to give some time for more members to join after the hectic founders schedule. The meeting was again called to order and the total number of members now present was 105. The Quorum was complete as per The Old Sanawarian Society Regulations.
- Brig I S Chima (Retd) Past President interjected and wanted to raise an issue. He was requested to raise his points under other items of the Agenda.

Homage

- The Chair requested all to rise and observe a two-minute silence for the Old Sanawarians and staff that had passed away during the year.

Welcome

- Lt. Col. Jitender Chandel (Retd), President The Old Sanawarian Society warmly welcomed all the members to the 22nd AGM of The Old Sanawarian Society, particularly Batch of 2017 who were inducted into the Old Sanawarian Society this year and were celebrating their first Founders as Old Sanawarians. The President also warmly welcomed the Old Sanawarian Batches of 1967 (Golden Jubilee Batch), 1992 (Silver Jubilee Batch) with a special welcome to the batch of 1957 which were celebrating their Diamond Jubilee.
- The Diamond, Golden and Silver batches were especially thanked for making the effort to come up to school in order to attend Founder's & for their participation and contribution towards the whole show at the Founder's celebrations.
- The Chair extended a warm welcome & thanks to Mr. Gurdeep Kalyana and Mr. James Coop from the Batch of 1954 for attending Founders.

General Information

- The President informed all present that the two-years earlier Brig I S Chima (Retd) Past President had raised the issue with respect to the conformity of the Regulations of The Old Sanawarian Society with the Himachal Pradesh Societies Act and that this September a case had been filed at the Honorable High Court of Himachal Pradesh for the same by Mr Kimsukh Sinha Batch of 1983.
- The members were informed that Ms. Brinda Roy Batch of 1980 had undertaken the herculean task of compiling the details of all members and preparing a master register which was displayed to all. He also explained that



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certain filings have been made with the Registrar of Societies. Also a formal application has been made to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for condoning and exemptions as permitted under the Act.

- The initial order of the bench which included the Acting Chief Justice of The High Court was also read out .

Quote "*Battles of ego are left best to be decided outside Courts, without wasting its time, in a litigation which in our considered view can best be settled by the parties.*

Under these circumstances, we request Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, learned Senior Advocate and Mr. Abraham C. Mathews, Advocate to make an endeavor in having the parties sit together and have the dispute resolved amicably.

We are also open of having the matter referred for mediation, which issue we shall consider on the next date of hearing and only if, learned counsel representing the parties fail in their endeavor.

List on 17th October, 2017." Unquote

Consider and Adopt Minutes of the 21st AGM

- The Minutes of the 21st AGM 2016 were circulated in advance along with the Agenda of the present AGM. The President inquired from the members present if they had gone through the same. The house confirmed that they had gone through and there were no queries to be raised. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mr. Rajveer Gulia and was seconded by Mr. Manjit Singh.

Consideration and Adoption of the Society Accounts 2016- 2017

- The Chair informed all present that the entire accounts had been shared with them in advance and requested anyone to come forward with any questions they may have. He also informed that the income of The Old Sanawarian Society is from subscriptions of the passing out batches and donations made by a few generous Old Sanawarians. The expenditure this year was very minimal as we did not have the yearly Polo event as there were no sponsors due to the demonetization and a steep raise of ground fees by the Polo Club. There being no queries the Chair requested the house to ratify and adopt the accounts for the year 2016- 2017. The same was proposed by Mr. S.S. Bala and was seconded by Mr. Pankaj Madhok.

Old Sanawarian Activities 2016- 2017

- An overview of the Old Sanawarian activities for the year 2016 – 2017 was given by Ms. Amrita Varma.
- The house was also informed that The Old Sanawarian website has been revamped and all were requested to re-register. The website now contains the Master Register of all Members, The Memorandum of Association of the Old Sanawarian Society, The minutes of the last three years AGM and Old Sanawarian activities.



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To Consider the Amendments to the Memorandum of The Old Sanawarian Society to bring them in Conformity with the Himachal Pradesh Societies Act

- The Chair informed The House that the Master Register containing the membership of the Society has been filed with the Registrar of Societies.
- He emphasized that there is a need to amend the Memorandum that was incorporated in 1996. Some of the salient aspects which need immediate attention are:-

– The date of the AGM which is held on 4th October. This was a justified date at that time since Founders concluded on the 5th of October. Presently Founders celebrations are held for only two days from 2nd October till 04th October. There being a large number of Old Sanawarian parents who cannot attend as their children are eager to go home as soon as possible and also due to the travel arrangements.

– The Quorum as per the Memorandum and the Societies act is at variance. The Chair requested the incoming President Justice Rajive Bhalla to kindly constitute a committee that will workout all the changes that are required to conform with the Societies Act. He also requested all members to communicate with the committee their suggestions and recommendations. This committee should give their recommendations in a time bound manner.

– Justice Rajive Bhalla(Retd) responded that he will endeavor to share a concrete proposal within a short span of time.

Welcome to The Headmaster

- The Headmaster was welcomed warmly by all present and The Chair thanked the Headmaster for the wonderful performance of the students and staff in all the events at Founders . He complimented The Head Master on the good work that he has done since his joining in raising the overall standard & development of The School and the improvement in the food among other things. The Chair then announced an open house for discussions with The Headmaster.

- Dr.Amber Sodhi Dhillon thanked the Headmaster as a Parent and complimented him as the Present Sanawarians are very happy with the School as feedback received from them.

– The Headmaster very graciously accepted the compliments.

- Mr. Anil Panchhar Parent Old Sanawarian raised a few concerns

– The first regarding the class ten students accommodations within the school during the board exams.

– The Second was the weight-age of the percentage and marks.

– The Third that no-one replies to the e-mails at the school office and that correspondence is an issue.

– The Headmaster responded that “ Come December when they finish their internal examinations they go home for the vacation period, they join back on the 20th of February and though the dates have not been officially announced the board exams usually start in the first week of March. So the plan is that once they are



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back, we have a quick mock examination for them, and this way they'll have time to interact with their respective teachers and get any support or clarifications they may require. They will be put up in a separate section from the school kids so that they can study late and the day to day activities of the rest of the school do not interfere or distract them from their studies."

– "The main component for the Board examination is the final examination but there is a section of internal assessment that comes from a break up required from the board. It is usually 80-20. 80% depends on the board results and the balance 20% comes from their performance internally in the school."

– "Regarding the dates changing and co-ordination for NCC yes it is an issue because the NCC does not run based on our schedule but in fact the NCC authorities have been very kind because the initial dates that they gave were clashing with the dates for the Founders preparation and we had 10-12 boys and girls who were involved in NCC as well as other important Founder's activities. We have a parent from Chandigarh who was kind enough to help us out and got us new dates which were supposed to be around the 10th October. With respect to any other communication, I am not very sure and my apologies for that but I would also like to emphasis on the fact that I constantly write and communicate with all Parents and Old Sanawarians. I have also requested on several occasions that when you do communicate with the school the office id is not the apt id for this communication. The office id is a general information id. In case you are looking for specific information, we would appreciate it if the email was sent to the concerned faculty member.

- Ms. Seerat Singh a very young Old Sanawarian also put some of her concerns to the Headmaster

– Interaction between girls and boys should be encouraged.

– Contemplate to have a separate GD tuck shop.

– Boy-Girl relationship: Why repercussions are way more stringent for girls than boys.

– Sanawar was always looked up to for being ahead of the game. Today, we are way behind, especially in terms of progressive thinking. Need to teach young adults to cope with situations, not run away from them or make them believe they wouldn't exist.

– Internet Access: Our students need to know how to handle social media responsibly! And by using it personally first, they can build skills to become professionals in the field of Social Media/Digital Marketing

– Education Planning for College Careers: Timeline - Need to be better

– Target universities - We need to tap into our network from top tier universities -

Generating awareness - Helping students through the process

– Increase use computers for all aspects in the class room.

– Use of tennis and squash courts equal between GD and BD.

– The Head Master responded that since all the issues were related to the



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general day to day running of the School it was recommended that Seerat should take this up with the Headmaster separately since this was not the appropriate forum to discuss these matters.

– The Head Master also requested all the Old Sanawarians present that we all should work as one team for the betterment for the “ Best School of All”. We should be progressive and not have individual grievances which will hamper the growth of Sanawar.

- The Chair thanked the Headmaster for taking time out from his busy schedule to join us at the AGM to address the Old Sanawarians.

Elections of Nominating Committee Members For 2017- 2019

- The following were elected to the Nominating Committee 2017- 2019.
- Block - Pre 1985
 - Mr Sanjeev Sharma
 - Mr Jagdeep Singh
 - Mr Pradeep Singh
 - Ms Malti Bhandari
 - Mr Pankaj Madhok
 - Ms Shakuntla Gulia
- Block - 1986- 1990
 - Mr Harpratap Singh
 - Mr Anil kumar
- Block – 1991-1995
 - Dr Ms Amber Dhillon Sodhi
 - Mr Harjot Pahwa.
- Block – 1996 – 2000
 - Ms Amrita Verma
- Block – 2001- 2005
 - Ms Apeksha Khanna
- Block – 2006 – 2010
 - Mr Ashutosh Singh
- Block – 2011 – 2015
 - Mr Dilawar Singh
 - Mr Angad Bir Singh

Welcome to Justice Rajive Bhalla (Retd) Incoming President Old Sanawarian Society

- The Chair then welcomed Justice Rajive Bhalla(Retd) to take the Chair as the new President of the Old Sanawarian Society. The out-going President informed all that Justice Rajive Bhalla had been hospitalized since a week and had been discharged a day before. In the true Sanawar spirit of “*Never Give In*” he has traveled up to the School to be present at the AGM.



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Vote of thanks to the Out Going Executive Committee

- Justice Rajive Bhalla gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing President and the Executive Committee in accomplishing the compiling of the members Master Register and formalities on the filings with the Registrar of Societies. The house gave a resounding ovation to the out-going Executive Committee.

Any other Matter

- The Chair now requested members to put up any other points .
- Brig I S Chima (Retd) thanked the out-going Executive Committee for taking up the issue of conforming the Memorandum of Association with the Himachal Pradesh Societies Act. He stated that the Quorum as per the Himachal Pradesh Societies Act should be 50 percent of the members and there fore the meeting be adjourned for want of quorum and decisions taken may be declared null and void.
- Mr Pradeep Choudhry inquired from Brig I S Chima (Retd) that, why during his tenure as President of the Old Sanawarian Society did he not file the statutory documents or make an effort to file them subsequently. There was no response from Brig I S Chima.
- The Chair informed all that apart from the matter being sub judice and there fore requiring restraint on part of the society, it is impossible to have 50 percent members present. The members reside in various countries around the world and different cities in India. The doctrine of necessity, entails adopting present course till such time as rules of the Society are not amended/ application for exemption from the provision of The Act is not decided and if accepted, incorporated in the rules and regulations of The Society.
- The Chair informed the House that the Nominating Committee will be requested to constitute a committee to consider amendments to The Memorandum/ Rules and Regulations wherever considered necessary and the feasibility of E voting.
- Ikraam Aulakh recommended that we start using the LIVE feature on facebook to keep the Old Sanawarians connected with the school and cover bits and pieces of the day to day activities of the students from time to time keeping the fraternity more engaged.

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