



ANNUAL REPORT

2007/2008

**OLD WESLEYITES' SPORTS CLUB
COLOMBO**

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007-2008

Patron

Mr. Lasantha Fernando

President

Mr. Rohan Perera

Vice Patrons

Prof. Mahroof Ismail, Mr. L. R. Goonethilake, Mr. P. B. Herath, Capt. Navin De Silva,
Mr. Parakrama Wijeyamanne

Advisory Council

Mr. B.N. Juranpathy, Mr. Rajah Sinnathurai, Mr. Richard Ebel, Mr. S.R. Sadanandan,
Mr. Richard Dwight, Mr. Eric Gauder

Vice Presidents

Mr. Wilhelm Vandort, Mr. Ivor Mahroof, Mr. Jeremy Brohier, Mr. Sudath Kannangara,
Mr. Ritchie Sappideen

General Secretary

Mr. Teranka Carim

Treasurer

Mr. K. Udayakumar

Asst Secretary

Mr. Kadir Ishak

Asst. Treasurer

Mr. Kishore Adrian

Head Of sports Activities

Dharshana Liyanage

Head of Projects

Seneka Amaratunge

Head of Club House Administration

Milinda Premachandra

Head of Social Activities

Roshan Dassanayake

Head of International Liaison

Mahendra Dissanayake

Head of membership drive

Maithree Withanage

Head of Legal And Legislative affairs

Farman Cassim

General Committee

P. Gajendran, Nalin Thabith, Asif Ansar, Prasad Amarasekara, Rasika Perera, Sajeeka Abeynayake, Gavin Weraperumal, Hisham Ziad, Ramzeen Razeek, Dilshan Hossen, Prakash Selvarejah, Kala Thuraisingham, Roshan Weerasooriya, Azmi Mohideen, Babu Balan, Mohomed Nizam, Gerrad Fenando, M. Wadood, Ahlan Muzamil, Imran Thahir, Prasanna Weerakoon, Dilip Bandarathilake, Asif Johar, Nawal Qassim, Eran Dewalage, Priyantha Jayanetti

The Presidents' Message

It is indeed my immense contentment and privilege to welcome each one of you to the 17th Annual General Meeting 2007/08 on behalf of the Patron, Vice Patrons and The Executive Committee, of the OWSC. We envisage presenting the Annual report inclusive of the audited accounts for the period ending 31st March 2008 as well as a draft account presentation reflective of the current financial standing of the OWSC at the end of the 12 calendar month tenure of office held by the exiting executive committee.

The last twelve months since our AGM, commencing November 2007 ending October 2008 would indeed go down in history as one of the most productive tenures of "executive committee office" to be recorded in the recent past at the OWSC. The uncompromised commitment as well as the dedicated spirit in which the Vice Presidents, Sectional heads together with their Sub committees bound as one in getting about their individual tasks enabled the exchequer to record an extraordinarily financially productive year. The OWSC as whole managed to emerge monetarily stronger and triumphant despite the wide spread economic downturn prevalent in both local as well as international business environments. The evaluation of the finance statements presented would reflect upon the club's financial success underlining the importance of ingredients such as "commitment and togetherness" that effectively underpin the easy accomplishment of many an epitomized objective.

My tenure of office as the President of OWSC, has indeed been the most gratifying and heartwarming period if ever of my life. The OWSC as an institution spiritedly facilitated "*The Past & Present Kindly Meet, Each The Other Proudly Greet*" - The everlasting lingering lyrics of the majestic song of Wesley. The togetherness in which we grouped under a single insignia of Double Blue enabled us to become a formidable team that extracted the corporation, admiration and unstinted contribution of talented individuals, resourceful organizations and authorities to realize every entry in a glittering calendar of events we effectively strategized at the beginning of this tenure. However, I must emphasize, that the storms that we braved and the accomplishments we throughput would certainly not have been possible if not for the tremendous contribution made by certain individuals (*whose names I have withheld*) by being the sturdy foothold that unwaveringly stood by my side. The many well thought-out effectively strong but gentle nudges that they made to amazingly realign the direction of the club whenever deemed necessary was undeniably the extraordinary Key Success Factor that underpinned all our achievements.

As I now move on making way for the dynamic, strong and eloquent new President of OWSC, I take this moment to quote our advisory councilor Mr. Richard's Dwight's most relatable proclamation etched in my heart as a premium and pertinent example suggestive of the task of Salt, to slightly amend it from "do your job and disappear" to signify my past president's role as to "add flavor & linger tasteful".

Ora Et Labora!

Rohan L Perera

President



OWSC-Annual General Meeting 2007-2008

Minutes of the AGM held on the 30th November 2007

Members Present: Mr.L.R Goonetilake,Mr. Parakarama Wijemanne,Mr.Richard Ebel,Mr.Eric Gauder,Mr.Richard Dwight,Mr.B.N.Juranpathy, Mr.Rohan Perera,Mr.Ivor Maharooof, Mr.J Brohier, Mr. Ramzeen Razeek, Mr.Teranka Carim, Mr.Nawal Qasim, K.Udayakuamar,Kishor Adrian,Seneka Amratunge,Maithree Withanage,DharshanaLIyanage,Roshan Dassanayake, Mahendra Dissanyake, P.Gajendran,Rasika Perera,M.Wadood, Prasad Amarasekare, Azmi MOhideen, Asif Ansar, R.Sivagnanam,Prakash Selvarajah, Asif Johar, N ravichandran,Hisham Ziad,T.R Oumar, Babu Balan, Sajeeka Abenayake, Imran Assan, Naleen Thabith, Gavin.Werapermal.

Excuses : Milinda Premachandra,Naveen De Silva, Richie Sappideen,Priyantha Jayanetti,Sudath Kannagara, Bandula, Sajehan Buckman, Ramzeen, Prof.M. Ismail, P.B Herath, Mr. Lasantha Fernando,Farman Cassim. ,Shimal Thaha, Rajah Sinnadorai, Dilip Bandaratilake,Sudath Kannagara,Wilhelm Vandort,Ganesh Rajah, Mr.Sridharan.

- President called the meeting to order at 07.20 pm.
- Mr. Richard Dwight led the house in prayer.
- The president requested Mr. Brohier to speak a few words on our Past President Late Mr. Tyronne Maye. The house stood in silence for 2 minutes in respect to Late Mr. Maye, followed by words of appreciation by Mr.Juranpathy.
- The president requested the permission of the house to go ahead with the AGM for which the house agreed unanimously.

Annual Report

Secretaries' report was proposed by Mr. Richard Dwight, Seconded By Mr. L.R.Goonetilake

Accounts

Accounts were Proposed by Mr. Ivor Maharooof, Seconded By Mr. Maithree Withanage.

The house decided on the following with regard to the accounts (Note 3 Page 21 of annual Report),

1. Write off DBB 2001 Rs.25,000
2. Write off Mr. Jacontines Rs.4702.90
3. Sundries Rs.1150.00
4. Blaze fund Rs.8608.26

5. Write off DBB 2003 Rs.20,000
6. O.L Samaranayake Rs. 15,000.00
7. DBB 2004 Rs.142,000.00 to be collected.

Appreciation

1. The immediate Past President Mr. Parakrama Wijemanne's Portrait was unveiled followed by a deserving appreciation of his service to OWSC which was done by Mr. L.R.Goonetilaka. Mr.Wijemanne addressed the house afterwards.
2. The President requested Mr. Ivor Maharooof to speak a few words of appreciation for the services rendered by Mr. Dharshana Liyanage During the last year. After which Mr. Liyanage was awarded with a token of appreciation.

Election Of office Bearers

The Committee stood down and Mr. L.R Goonetilake was appointed to the chair by the house till the new office bearers were elected.,

President

Mr. Rohan Perera war appointed by the house unanimously.

Patron

Mr. Lasantha Fernando

Vice Patrons Proposed by the Chair		Advisory Council Proposed by the Chair		Vice Presidents Proposed by the Chair	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Mahroof Ismail ▪ Mr. L. R. Goonethilake ▪ Mr. P. B. Herath ▪ Capt. Navin De Silva ▪ Mr. Parakrama Wijeyamanne 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. B.N. Juranpathy ▪ Mr. Rajah Sinnathurai ▪ Mr. Richard Ebel ▪ Mr. S.R. Sadanandan ▪ Mr. Richard Dwight ▪ Mr. Eric Gauder 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Wilhelm Vandort ▪ Mr. Ivor Mahroof ▪ Mr. Jeremy Brohier ▪ Mr. Sudath Kannangara ▪ Mr. Ritchie Sappideen 	
Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded		
GeneralSecretary	Teranka Carim	Chair	Ivor Maharooof		
Asst Secretary	Kadir Ishak	Chair	Jeremy Brohier		
Treasurer	K.Udayakumar	Jeremy Brohier	House		
Asst. Treasurer	Kishore Adrian	Chair	Maithree Withanage		
Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded		
Head Of sports Activities	Dharshana Liyanage	chair	House		
Head of Club House Administration	Milinda Premachandra	chair	house		
Head of Projects	Seneka Amaratunge	chair	house		
Head of Social Activities	Roshan Dassanayake	chair	house		
Head of International Liaison	Mahendra Dissanayake	chair	house		
Head of membership drive	Maithree Withanage	chair	house		
Head of Legal And Legislative affairs	Farman Cassim	chair	house		

General Committee	Name	Proposed	Seconded
1	P.Gajendran	Jeromy	
2	Nalin Thabith	Dharshana	Ivor
3	Asif Ansar	Nalin	Hossen
4	Prasad Amarasekara	Rasika	Hossen
5	Rasika Perera	Roshan	Roshan
6	Sajeeka Abeynayake	Dharshana	Prasad
7	Gavin Weraperumal	Rohan	Johar
8	Hisham Ziad	Gavin	Brohier
9	Ramzeen Razeek	Ivor	Muzammil
10	Dilshan Hossen	Rasika	Jeremy
11	Prakash Selvarejah	Siva	Nalin
12	Kala Thuraisingham	Mahendra	Gajendran
13	Roshan Weerasooriya	Ivor	Muzammil
14	Azmi Mohideen	Asif	Jeremy
15	Babu Balan	Prakash	Hossen
16	M.Nizam	Dharshana	Rasika
17	Gerrad Fenando	Chair	Maithree
18	M.Wadood	Babu	Rohan
19	Ahlan Muzamil	Dilshan	Dharshana
20	Imran Thahir	Wadood	Hossen
21	Prasanna werakoon	Maithree	Dharshana
22	Dilip Bandarathilake	Maithree	Dharshana
23	T Asif Johar	Dilshan	Prakash
24	Nawal Qassim	Ivor	Adrian
25	Eran Dewalage	Gavin	Hossen
27	Priyantha Jayanetti	Dharshana	Maithree

Other Matters

1. Life Membership fee to be brought down from Rs.7500.00 to Rs. 3000.00
2. To encourage the members to pay a voluntary sum of Rs.500.00 Annually for club house maintenance.
3. Billiard room to be converted to Karaoke lounge.

The house disbursed to attend the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Teranka Carim
General Secretary - OWSC

Annual Report 2007/2008

As we come to the end of another successful year ,it gives me great pride to present you the annual report for the year 2007/2008 , on behalf of the President and the executive committee of the OWSC.

The AGM was held on the 30th of November 2007 at which the house unanimously reelected Mr. Rohan Perera for the term 2007/2008 at the chair. The appointment was humbly accepted by Mr. Perera who went on to appoint the executive committee looking forward to another dynamic year to serve the OWSC.

Executive Committee Meetings

Ten Executive committee meetings were held throughout the years which were well attended by the members. All these meeting were chaired by the president except for one which was chaired by Mr. Jeremy Brohier – Vice president of OWSC.

Though the meetings were well attended there were a few noticeable absentees who did not attend meetings on a regular basis.

The minutes of the monthly meetings and the monthly accounts were tabled at the meeting and adopted by the members present.

Life members

It has been a successful year where life membership was concerned. 55 new members were enrolled The list as follows,

Mohamed Ziard M Shirz, Mohamed Fahim Fazuldeen, Tuan Ishaq Abdeen, Asanka Aravinda Gammanpila, M S Dilnath Perera, Ruqshan Adjie, Dinal Peiris, Mohamed Saliman Buckman, Mahamarakkalage P S Stambo, Christopher Suresh Nanayakkara, Judson Jayakumar George ,Christopher Anthony Jesudasan, Balasingham Ajithsingh, Derrick Goonetilleke, Mohamed M Shiraz, P K Manoj De Silva, Mohammed Mazeen, Fazal Ahamed Yehiya, Ahamed Zaharan Zainudeen, H P Sandeepa Nonis, Ashey Sahabdeen, Sherron Rodney Burke, Kapil Adrian Vasudevan, Nirmal Gnanasuderam, Ranasinghe A Y Shanaka, M M I Rizzy Zareem, M Lahiru Surajith Perera, Mohamed Ishar Bin Ali, Mohamed Shafraz Mansoor, D I Sandaruwan Siriwardana, Mohamed Ifzal Cader, Benzy T Fernando, Ranjeeva Viraj De Silva, Mohamed Eirashad Ozain, Mohamed H S Naizer, A J A Mohamed Fawzal, Joseph Romesh K Fernando, Haja M A Sameeul Aleem, Haja Mohideen Siddeek, Mohamed Rushan Kamil, Aruna Chinthaka Wijesekera, Mohammed Nazran Nalir, Mohamed Silmy Faizal Madani, Mohamed N Rainudeen, Mohamed Reza Aniff, Rukshan Randolf Fernando, Liyanage Wishwa Anurudda Sigera, Vithanage Uditha Suraga Perera, Mohamed Ghouse M Firdouse, Mohamed Renoze Kamal,,Farhan Ahamed Nizamdeen, Arunasalam kanaharajnam, V Soondararajan, K L D Duminda D Gunasekera, Yakudagodage N H Kumara

Membership Drive

It has been a successful year where life membership was concerned. Owing to the successful event organized by a team led by Mr.Dharshana Liyanage, for the purpose drew in young 'Old Wesleyites' in big numbers.

Mr. Maithree Withanage as the Head of Membership drive did a splendid job in streamlining the membership data and issuing new cards to the total membership. He also managed to secure a corporate sponsorship for printing the membership cards.

Wesley Cricket Carnival

For the first time OWSC organized a six-a-side softball tournament. The format was an inter batch knockout tournament with three trophies for three different age segments. A cross section of Old Wesleyites were seen enjoying themselves both on and off the field.

Old boys who left college from the 1960s to 2007 were seen networking and reliving the memories of college days with their batch mates.

Hats off to Dharshana Liyanage and his team for organizing this successful event.

Double Blue Ball

The dynamic team led by Mr. Richie Sappideen was successful in organizing the most profitable DBB thus far.

Attention to detail was given in all aspects of organizing. It was held at the most prestigious venue in Colombo backed by the most sought after bands performing to a fun loving crowd which exceeded 450 pax .

It was an event well attended and by a cross section of Old Wesleyites which was indeed a memorable evening for all who attended.

OWSC wishes to thank Mr. S . Mahendran of Colonial Hardware and Mr. Ruwan of Nimal Traders, all sponsors and well wishers for their generous contribution.

Last but not the least, our heartfelt gratitude to the dynamic Mr. Richie Sappideen and his dedicated team for organizing the wonderful event.

Holly-Bollywood Night

This was a very successful family evening jointly organized by the OWSC and Wesley Wives.

The a dedicated team comprised of both members of OWSC & WW was responsible for this well attended family function which was a great success.

Old Wesleyites and their families especially the little children were seen enjoying themselves immensely.

Social Activity

Club patronage by the membership was seen at an improved level since the management of the OWSC kitchen was taken over by Mr. Kumar Dharmalingam of Chalis through the introduction by Mr. Milinda Premachandra- Head of Club House Administration.

Chalis had many theme nights which were patronized by club members .Even the regular patronage was experiencing an increase.

The calendar was filled many successful social events and theme nights which were organized for the first time in OWSC history. These were well attended and profitable events.

Family Lounge Project

A new project is in progress, lead by the Charismatic Mr. Milinda Premachanra and Mr. Jeremy Brohier to convert the billiards room into a lounge with a cozy atmosphere and multimedia facilities focused in increasing family patronage of the members.

This area would be a private area where members could reserve the lounge in advance with DVD, Karaoke and other facilities for private evening for the members an their families.

The lounge is planned to be declared open early next year dedicated to Mr. Denzil Perera who generously funded the billiards room.

OWSC Caterer

The management of the OWSC kitchen changed hands from Ceylinco Hotels Limited to “Chalis” restaurants a catering service owned by Mr. Kumar Dharmalingam. A one year contract was entered into which included the food outlet towards the Car Park.

There are plans to have a “Drive in Movie” at the car park on selected evenings to enhance revenue to the club.

“Glucofit Sixes” schools invitation Six-a-side Cricket tournament

With the expiration of the 15 year tie up with Ceylon Cold Stores Limited the OWSC was able to sign up a contract with Ceylon Biscuits Limited for a period of 3 years. The initiative was lead by Mr. Ivor Maharooof- Vice President of the OWSC who with Mr. Nandana Wickramage Group Marketing Director CBL negotiated to finalize the Sponsorship.

With the new contract signed, the organizing of the tournament was handed over to the enigmatic Chairman of the Wesley Cricket Development Council Mr. L.R. Goonatilleke who in turn formulated his committee with a dynamic bunch of old Wesleyites to run the tournament. The number of teams was increased and the tournament ran into 3 days compared to 2 days during the last 15 years. For this first time in its history live television coverage was aired for 2 days. A combined District team from the North who were specially flown down by Expo Aviation a sponsorship which was secured by Laksanda

Gunawardena and a combined District team from the East participated at this glamorous event. The President of the OWSC and the entire committee extend their unreserved gratitude to Expo Aviation for their generosity.

Champions - Price of Wales College, Moratuwa
Runners up - Thurstan College , Colombo.

Mr.Lakshman de Silva- Group Managing Director CBL graced the awards ceremony as the chief guest . Principal Mr. M.A.P Fernando and many others were among the distinguished guests.

Contribution to Wesley College Cricket.

Through this project which was done in collaboration with the CDC, OWSC was able to fund a much needed bowling machine to facilitate Wesley College cricket. This was a well appreciated by all stake holders of the College.

Oktoberfest 2008

Oktoberfest 2008 was a great success. The event initiated by the Wesley Wives was spearheaded by Mr. Jeremy Brohier his year. It was held on the 31st of October and well attended by Old Weseleyites, their friends and families. The most encouraging feature of this event was once again a high percentage of children's participation.

The tickets were fully sold out and gates had to be closed.

The Wesley Café

An agreement was entered into with Mr. K.Somabandu and OWSC to lease the Wesley café for a period of one year starting from the 1st of November 2008, Securing a deposit of Rs.120,000 at a rental of Rs.15,000.00 per mensum.

Financial Status

As evident through the draft accounts for the tenure of office that the financial status of OWSC has been improved to a remarkable extent from an over draft to a positive balance in the accounts.

The Fixed deposit was enhanced from a sum of Rs.1,300,000.00 to 2,300,000.00 as an investment.

The OWSC Website – www.owsc.lk

This project initiated by Mr. Mahendra Dissanayake is now updated and maintained by Mr. Richie Sappideen and his staff. The site is up to date with the latest information and pictures of OWSC events.

Conclusion

In general it has been an exceptionally active year for OWSC with young blood coming in to shoulder the responsibilities with the senior members. The young membership has increased and a huge degree of enthusiasm is witness among the ranks.

As the General Secretary I wish to thank the Principal for his support and co-operation of the president of the OBU/Patron of OWSC Mr. Lasantha Fernando and the efficient secretary of the OBU Mr. Chandima De Silva for the cooperation for many joint events.

The vice patrons, the president and the vice presidents for their advice and guidance, especially Mr. Jeremy Brohier, for the silent support, excellent advice and for your unparalleled dedication.

Last but not least the EXCO, the General Committee and the general membership for the cooperation during my tenure in office.

I humbly request for you to bear with me for any shortcomings during this period.

Ora et Labora...

Thank You,
On behalf of
Old Wesleyites' Sports Club.

Teranka Carim
Hony.General Secretary