

OWSC Annual Report – 2009/2010

It was indeed a pleasure to continue as the secretary of OWSC and under the presidency of Jeremy Brohier. The intention of the incoming president was to have a stable finance and reduce the overdraft of the club and happy to say that we have achieved the plan. The club had been a hive of activity through out the period 2009/2010 with many events being held and excellent participation by its members.

Let me summarize the progress of the OWSC activities for the period December 2009 to October 2010.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The first project of the new committee was the joint Christmas party held on 5th December 09. A total of 104 kids participated in the kid's party and 70 participated in the adult's party.

CLUB NIGHTS

A total of three theme nights were held namely Mongolian Night, Sri Lankan Night, Paduru Party (a joint project with the class of 92) plus open nights where special events were held without any entrance fee. The participation at these nights was very encouraging the proceeds from the Sri Lankan night were utilized for the refurbishment of the kitchen.

KITCHEN

Mr. Kumar Dharmalingam gave notice that he was terminating his services of running the kitchen. The OWSC committee had extensive discussions as to whom to out source the kitchen as done in the past. With all the infra structure falling into place the kitchen department was a vital area which needed huge improvement.

The President along with his executive committee then decided that the OWSC runs its own kitchen and handed over the challenge to Mr. Yohan Mather (former manager) and Mr. Joseph Weerasuriya who readily accepted the challenge. When we look back at the decision taken it has proved that the decision was good and it is now beginning to pay dividends. We can proudly boast of a star class kitchen.

WESLEY CRICKET CARNIVAL

The much looked forward event, the softball cricket carnival was held for the third consecutive year headed by Dilshan Hossen and his dynamic team. The organizers had some hiccups due to date changes since the dates were clashing with the college rugby matches but amidst these hiccups the event was a success.

OWSC ACADEMIC FORUM

The Academic forum SEMINAR headed by Thariq Thulba was held for the second consecutive year on the 21st of July 2010 at the HNB Auditorium, and was a tremendous success. The title of the seminar was very appropriate “Sri Lanka Emerging” – Leadership & Branding – Needs of the Hour.

The speakers were Mr. Rienzie Wijetilleke, Mr. Hilmy Cader, Mr. Rohantha Athukorala, and Mr. Ranjith Fernando. The project was sponsored by HNB and Taprobane Securities Pvt Ltd with the Daily Mirror, ETV and E.FM 100.4 being the media sponsors. A total of 150 participated at the seminar.

GLUCOFIT CRICKET SIXES

The Glucofit Cricket Sixes was held for the 18th consecutive year from September 24th -26th, sponsored by Ceylon Biscuits Ltd for the third consecutive year. A total of 36 teams from all corners of the country participated and this year’s tournament. The dates had to be advanced by one week due to the non availability of television coverage on the third day which made the committee work overtime. For the first time in 18 years the first day was a total wash out due to the heavy showers. Even though no play was possible on the first day the dedication and the determination of the organizing committee ensured that the tournament got underway on schedule on the second day and concluded successfully on the final day. Congratulations to the organizing committee for a job well executed.

The novelty of this tournament was the many new innovative ideas introduced. This year the art competition was open to four neighboring schools which saw All Saint’s girl school responding positively. A total of 600 children from All Saints and Wesley College took part. I wish to place on record my appreciation to the following gentlemen for all the hard work done for the success of the tournament. Chairman Capt.Navin De Silva, Deputy Chairman Mr.Richie Sappideen, President Mr. Jeremy Brohier, Tournament Secretary Mr.Darshana Liyanage, The Technical Committee, Principal and Vice Principal, The Art Competition committee comprising of Dilshan, Firdouse, Aruna, and Rohan, and all the committee members of the tournament.

DOUBLE BLUE BALL

The signature event of the OWSC the double blue ball will be held on 27th November 2010 at Waters Edge. The bands Gypsies and Heat are bound to keep all of us well entertained until the wee hours of the morning. This year the project is chaired by Senaka Amaratunge and no doubt it’s going to be another outstanding dance. The membership is encouraged to join the organizing committee by extending their fullest corporation by securing sponsorship, gifts etc; which will make this years dance “**Simply The Best**” of all dances.

OKTOBERFEST

Another annual event which is much looked forward by the members will be held on Saturday 30th October 2010. This year the event is focused as a family oriented event with special entertainment for family and Kids with a live band in attendance.

FINANCE

The intention of the president when he took over was to ensure the financial stability and was very careful when it came to expenditure. But proud to mention the bank overdraft which was in the range of 5.5 lakhs in January has reduced to 2.5 lakhs in September. The club has also been registered for VAT and NBT and all payments and claims have been up-to-date. It has also been registered as a sports club with the Sports Ministry in the Western Province. Thanks to Mr. Maithri Vithanage for coordinating this area and also for coordinating the renewal of the liquor license. Since April 2010 the club has begun to realize profits. I am proud to announce that the OWSC is now beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel financially.

CLUB HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The kitchen was fully renovated at a cost of Rs 800,000.00 inclusive of purchasing of equipment.

A new Projector was purchased at a cost of Rs100, 000.00.

The lawn area has been maintained on a regular basis under the supervision of Mr.Rohan Amarasinghe.

A computerized billing system has been introduced and is in operation.

STAFFING

Mr.Yohan Mather and Mr. Joseph Weerasuriya along with the support staff have been doing an excellent job in running the club activities. Since Mr.Yohan resigned as he was leaving overseas a replacement, Mr. Nalin was employed on a temporary basis. Plans are underway to streamline and re-structure the staff accordingly.

OWSC SPORT

The OWSC sports department has fared well this year with rugby taking full honors a brief detail individually

RUGBY

This year the OWSC rugger side received a big boost with its promotion into the Caltex league tournament. For the first time in the history of the club, rugby was funded by the SLRFU a remarkable achievement indeed. The team fared reasonably well this season and in the WPRFU open sevens tournament. The OWSC were runners up in the Bowl championship. The OWSC fielded two sides at this tournament. We appreciate the contribution made by the manager of the side Shiraz Lye, Dilshan Hosen and the all those involved with OWSC rugby.

The OWSC presently is a powerful force in the rugby circles and enjoys the rare distinction of having two votes which many big clubs do not have. We as Wesleyites should be proud of all these achievements. Well done to OWSC rugby.

CRICKET

Significant progress has been made in OWSC cricket. Our membership in the Colombo District Cricket Association has been reinstated thanks to the intervention of Dharshana Liyanage, Dilshan Hossen, Roshan Johar and the extensive negotiations held with the office bearers of the CDCA and the President of the OWSC.

The OWSC has been invited to participate in the division three tournament this year. The first match on the 3rd October 2010 was washed out due to bad weather. The side is captained by Mahesh Wijenayake and is managed by Dharshana and Johar. The President would like to see that OWSC cricket is sponsored on the similar lines of rugby. He appeals to the membership to explore the possibilities. The expenditure for each match is Rs15, 000/- We wish the team success for the season.

SOCCER

The OWSC soccer team participated in the Holcim F.A Cup championship for 2010. The side had done reasonably well. The soccer team became champions at the Dialog indoor futsal championship held on the 11th July 2010.

There is an urgent requirement for a proper manager and coordinator for soccer. Very little information is filtering to the executive committee despite the many appeals made to the captain of the team by the President. There is potential that soccer could receive funds from the Sri Lanka Football Federation but information to explore the possibility of obtaining funds is lacking due to the fact that there is no proper manager or representative. We appeal for anyone of the executive committee to come forward and volunteer to coordinate OWSC soccer. Wishing the team well in its future engagements.

SNACK OUTLET

The outside Kiosk was rented out to Manel Bakers for a monthly rental of Rs.15000/= the agreement was signed for a period of One Year.

OWSC WEB SITE – www.owsc.lk

Mr.Richie Sappideen and his able assistant head of IT Mr.Ladislaus Gnanapragasam' of Emirates Shipping ensured that the club web site was frequently updated with all the happenings of the club and the college.

And wish to place on record my appreciation to both gentlemen for the wonderful job that they have done.

EXCO MEMBERS

The exco members as always have been a tower of strength for me and the club. At this juncture I wish to place on record a special word of appreciation to the senior statements of the club for their advice, guidance and far sight at all times. But sad to note there were a few notable absentees who were not present for exco meetings and club functions. This trend needs to be addressed.

NEW MEMBERS

A total of 31 new members were enrolled as life members for the year. Their names are given below:

Dr.Ameer Rasheed, M.A.Saleem, C.S.Rodrigo, S.N.Rajendran, M.A.Maaz, K.K.Saranawera, A.N.Muthazzir, M.S.Mahir, M.S.Ahamat, Jimuth Kadurugamuwa, U.H.D.L.Unawatuna, Kishan Fernando, Roger Norton, A.S.Hirimuthugoda, A.N.Vanheer, V.Kamaleshwaran, S.Vijayarajah, S.Gobinath, S.Selvarajah, P.Segar, R.Ravichandran, S.M.Seyad Azmaan, Dilanjan E.A.Jayasekera, N.A.H.Lokuge, Sherad Mustafa, M.I.Ahamed Nalheer, R.M.Upasena, R.Vasudevan, M.Pillai Punitharaj, R.S.Kanagasabay, S.Thieyageswaran.

CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure being the secretary of OWSC. In general it has been an exceptionally a busy year for me working for OWSC, OBU and College, it was the passion to serve **Wesley** that gives me the energy. At times I had to compromise between office, home and OWSC, and on most occasions priority was given to OWSC. As the general secretary I wish to thank the President Mr. Jeremy Brohier for making things easy for me when I was overloaded with work, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Asst. Secretary and the rest of the committee members for being of help when needed. Mr. Yohan Mather, Mr. Joseph Weerasuriya and the support staff of OWSC for carrying out the responsibilities of the club. And the general membership for patronizing the club and the club events.

I do sincerely apologize for any shortcomings during my term of office as secretary, and if I have overlooked any one in my report please pardon me as it was un-intentional.

Wishing the incoming committee all the very best.

Fowzil Nawaz
Hony. General Secretary