

**St Patrick's College Jaffna
Alumni Association Ontario – Canada**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 15, 2006

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association was held at 25. Silver Springs Blvd, Scarborough, Ontario at 7.20PM. The meeting was chaired by Herman Vijayakumar and commenced with the opening prayers by R. L. Xavier.

Herman Vijayakumar, the outgoing President, thanked all the members for attending the meeting. Herman mentioned briefly the various events held during the concluding year as detailed in the Annual Report. The highlight of the events was the successful completion of the Fundraising raffle draw. Herman thanked committee members Reginauld Nicholapillai and Raymond Santiago for their outstanding efforts in achieving sales over \$1.000 in ticket sales. Special mention was made of the donors of the raffle prizes namely; Manuel Jesudasan, Gerrard Simonpillai and Stanley Jeyakumar. Herman also thanked Albert Santiapillai for the successful organization of the Seniors Party. Herman thanked all committee members for their support and dedication in carrying out the duties entrusted to them. Herman then invited the secretary, Britto Antonipillai to read the Notice of the Annual General Meeting and also the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). The bound booklet containing the notice of the AGM, minutes of the last AGM, annual report for the period 2005/2006, income and expenditure account for 2005/2006 was provided to the members at the commencement of the meeting.

The secretary read the minutes of the last AGM and the President invited the members to adopt the minutes if there are no amendments. Joe Swampillai pointed out that his comment regarding holding the AGM at the parish hall referred to the Tamil Parish in downtown and not their parish church as mentioned in the minutes. The secretary agreed to rectify that. The adoption was proposed by Albert Santiapillai and seconded by Raymond Santiago. The secretary then mentioned since the President has already spoke about the events detailed in the Annual Report whether it was necessary to read it again. The members felt it was not necessary to read the Annual Report again. The members were invited to express their comments on any matters arising from the report. There were no major points raised by the members.

At the invitation of the President, the Treasurer Andrew Rajasingham tabled the Income & Expenditure Statement for the period October 2, 2005 to October 15, 2006 and Balance Sheet as at October 15, 2006. Members were invited to review the financial statements. A member (Gerrard Simonpillai) wanted to know what is included in fundraising income and fundraising expenses. Andrew explained that fundraising income included ticket sales of \$7,464 and donation from donors of \$1,478 and fund raising expenses included the actual cost of the first three prizes of \$1,590 and \$500 for ten consolation prizes. Gerrard also inquired about the fundraising receivables, which according to Herman are amounts receivable from committee members for raffle ticket sales. Herman also informed that out of the receivables of \$1,710 a sum of \$700 has already been received. Anton Saverimuttu suggested that membership fees of \$10 should be charged from all irrespective of whether they are senior members or not. Most members present agreed to that suggestion. Pedupillai Innasipillai pointed out that the

constitution provides that a senior member could become a lifetime member by paying membership fees of \$10. Various members expressed their views on that subject. The consensus reached on that point was to request the senior members to pay annual subscription of \$10 like ordinary members. However this proposal was to be voted on after the appointment of the new committee. Faustinus Manuelpillai wanted explanation on the liabilities shown in the balance sheet, which was provided by the Treasurer. He also queried a point regarding the date of the financial statements as he felt the date should be a fixed year-end date and not the date of the AGM. The secretary while agreeing to the technicality of the suggestion pointed out the practice of submitting financial statements covering the period from one AGM to the other. The secretary also drew attention to the fact that the financial position as of the AGM date would not be materially different from the financial position a day earlier. The adoption of the treasurer's report was proposed by Gerrard Simonpillai and seconded by Albert Santiapillai.

The next item on the Agenda was the amendment to the constitution. The following amendment was tabled at the AGM:

Section 2(b) of the Constitution: To promote fellowship and co-operation amongst past pupils of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna now resident in Canada;

Amended to read as: To promote fellowship, sports activities and co-operation amongst past pupils of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna now resident in Canada;

The amendment was put to vote and was approved by the members.

The members took a short break to have snacks and drinks before proceeding further. Herman reconvened the meeting and requested the members to elect a protem chairman to chair the meeting till the members elect a president. The members elected Albert Santiapillai as the protem chairman. The protem chairman then requested the members to elect the president and presided the meeting till the newly elected president took the chair. Sathiajeevan Aloysius proposed that the same committee continue for one more year. R.L.Xavier seconded this proposal. The members approved the motion unanimously. Herman took the chair as the re-elected President for the new term and thanked the members. He then requested the members to elect one committee member, which was vacant. Sathiajeevan Aloysius' name was proposed by Raymond Santiago and seconded by Gerrard Simonpillai. A new auditor, Faustinus Manuelpillai was elected at the proposal of Albert Santiapillai and secondment of Anton Saverimuttu. The following are the committee members elected unanimously for 2006/2007:

Position	Names of persons re-elected/elected
President	Herman Vijayakumar
V.President	Raymond Santiago
Gen. Secy	Britto Antonipillai
Asst. Secy.	Reginauld Nicholapillai
Treasurer	Andrew Rajasingham
Asst. Trea.	Morison Saverimuttu
Hon. Auditor	Faustinus Manuelpillai

Committee Members:

Albert Santiapillai
Angelo Swampillai
X.R.Francis
E.J.Anthony
Sathiajeevan Aloysius
Ajith Pullenayagam
Collin Nirmalarajah
Gilroy Ponnaih
Anton Philip

The president Herman Vijayakumar thanked the members and spoke about the goals he has in mind for the new term. He mentioned that he wants to foster fellowship, increase the membership and promote sports activities amongst members. As to the suggestion that a sports secretary should be appointed, Herman mentioned that task is entrusted to one committee member, Colin Nirmalarajah.

The proposal that all senior members would pay annual membership fees of \$10 was put to the members by Anton Saverimuttu and seconded by Faustinus Manuelpillai. The members approved the proposal.

President opened the floor for any other matters. Thomas Benedict pointed out that there was insufficient notice given for the annual general meeting. Herman agreed that there was not enough notice but mentioned that the AGM was already delayed due to postponement of the raffle draw. The fact that the constitution also does not stipulate a notice period prompted the committee to hold the AGM without further delay.

Joe Swampillai again suggested that the committee should consider holding the AGM at St. Joseph's & Our Lady of Good Health Church, the Tamil parish church at 172 Leslie Street, in downtown Toronto. He mentioned that the parish hall could be hired for that purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with closing prayers led by R. L. Xavier.

Britto Antonipillai
General Secretary