



OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL KAZHAKOOTAM

OB DAY - 18 JUNE 2011

BRIEF REPORT & MINUTES OF AGBM





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1. The various activities that took place on 18 June 2011 at SSKZM during the Old Boys' Day are as shown in the succeeding paragraphs.

2. As it happens every year, heavy rains were experienced at Kazhakootam in the week / days preceding the OB Day. However, as has been the case for the last 40 years, it did not rain on the OB Day.

3. Registration counters at SSKZM were adequately manned by the event management group whom the OBA had arranged. Shamianas were rigged up at the cricket ground as well as in front of Cadets' Mess. Our sincere thanks are due to SSKZM and to the batch of 1986 especially to Col M Sreekumar (1632), Shri Thaju Usman (1643), Shri Bejy Mathew (1652), Shri I Sashi (1686) and Dr. Shibu Simon (1691) for these wonderful administrative arrangements. This year, there were no hiccups during registration (although a large no. of Alumni still managed not to register their names!!). Alumni started trickling into SSKZM right from 0730 hours onwards (total 353+ Alumni including 48 OBs of 1986 batch). Lunch coupons were issued to all those who registered. This played a great role in collecting the registration amount (as no Alumnus wanted to miss the famous '**PORK**' lunch). This system worked well and 'Lunch Coupons' would be implemented for all OB Day Functions. A total of Rs. 1,31,120/- was collected and approx Memorabilia collection was Rs.50,470/- , Life Memberships were 29,000/- and the rest of the amount was collected as Registration Amount. Exact details would be communicated later.

4. The 1986 batch had also organised various activities like an entertainment programme by Shri Wilson, Shri Sudarshan and Party (all ex - **IDEA STAR SINGERS**) , **Singari Melam** etc. opposite the games store (near dormitory no. 6). The SSKZM cadets as well as Alumni and their families participated actively in these events and thoroughly enjoyed these. The ladies and children were looked after very well by the batch of 1986. A '**baby elephant**' also added thrill and colour to the day's proceedings.

5. The day's events commenced at 0830 hours with an impressive Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest, Lt Gen Jatinder Singh (228 / 1969), AVSM, SM, Commandant, National Defence Academy (NDA). Wreaths were then laid by the Chief Guest and Principal SSKZM (and Patron OBASSKZM) Group Captain B Janardhanan. Floral tributes were also made at the Busts of Shri VK Krishna Menon, Colonel NJC Nair AC KC and Captain Harshan AC.

6. Thereafter, the traditional Cricket Match was played (15 overs a side). The Old Boys won the toss and after inspecting the pitch (and mat) and observing the humidity and other weather conditions, decided to bat first. The Old Boys managed a respectable total of 99 runs in the allotted 15 overs.

7. Whilst the Cricket Match was going on, the School along with 1986 batch was kind enough to organise a conducted tour of the campus for the families. About 65 ladies and children were taken around the SSKZM Campus in two buses. Once again hats off to SSKZM and to the 1986 batch for thinking about and organising this wonderful outing for the families of Alumni.

8. The SSKZM started their second innings cautiously. Some tight bowling by the OBA team restricted the SSKZM team and wickets were falling at regular intervals. The OBA cause was also helped by some excellent catching. It was later found out (during the Pork Lunch) that these Old Boys had no option but to catch the cricket ball flying towards them at break-neck speed or face the possibility of being struck in the face / chest by these flying missiles. Wiser sense prevailed, as these OBs preferred latching onto the ball rather than risk grave injuries!!!. However, as in any Cricket Match across the globe, the Match became interesting when two of our Alumni (no names – but roll nos. would be provided on request) tried to bowl super fast (possibly an influence of the recent IPL matches). Two such disastrous overs cost the OBA team 23 runs. However, fortunately, the team morale was not dented to a great extent, thanks largely to the collective decision taken by the team to banish these two stalwarts to the boundary line!!. In spite of these fire-fighting measures, the OBA team lost in the last over. WELL DONE SSKZM.

9. After the Cricket Match, the Alumni (and senior SSKZM Cadets) as well as Retired Masters / Teachers and Present Masters / Teachers assembled in the VKKM Auditorium for the much awaited Annual General Body Meeting of the OBASSKZM.

10. The General Body Meeting was conducted by Shri Ajith Kumar (418 / 1972), President, OBASSKZM.

11. The meeting started by observing a 'Two-minutes' silence in memory of our dear departed Alumni and Staff. Thereafter, the gathering was welcomed by the OBA President. The OBA President thanked the Alumni for turning out in such large numbers. He also thanked the 1986 batch for sponsoring the OB day events.

12. Thereafter, Group Captain B Janardhanan, Principal SSKZM and Patron OBASSKZM, welcomed the gathering and gave a brief Presentation on the activities at SSKZM for the last 12 months. The Principal also assured that Old Boys that all care is being taken to ensure that our beloved cadets excel in studies as well as in academics. As regards discipline, house masters and teachers ensure that cadets

are guided properly. The Principal requested that Alumni from various walks of life should share their experiences with the Cadets and candidly acknowledged the support of the OBA President, EC and Alumni.

13. The Principal also declared the happy news that the Committee formed by the MoD to look into the issue of land requested by DRDO, were unanimous in their decision that the SSKZM land should not be spared for the DRDO.

14. After the Principal's address, the OBA President thanked the Principal for his wonderful presentation. The OBA President also conveyed the heartfelt gratitude of the Alumni for the wonderful work done by SSKZM in improving the infrastructure and thereby the quality of life of the cadets. The OBA President briefly touched upon three Projects for Old Boys viz. Educational Project (running of Colleges etc.), Insurance Scheme and a Housing Project. The President stated reports on these three proposed schemes would be forwarded to OBA EC for further necessary action. The Agenda Points were then taken up.

15. The Agenda for the meeting was as under:-

- (a) Annual Report of OBA by General Secretary.
- (b) Presentation of the Accounts (Treasurer)
- (c) Brief report on Amendments to the Bye laws (by Capt Louis George 642 /1972)
- (d) Discussion about OBA prizes for first in classes in the scenario of grades
- (e) Progress report on Documentary by Jubith Nambrath (2891 / 1998)
- (f) Discussion on Satish Chandran Nite
- (g) Flame of remembrance - presentation by Captain Ramesh Babu (888 /1978)
- (h) Improving communication amongst alumni – brief talk by Biju Baby (1992/1990)
- (i) Any other points
- (j) Election of Office Bearers
- (k) Vote of Thanks by Captain Louis George Meprath 642 /1972, President, OBASSKZM.

16. The Minutes of the Meeting (for the Agenda Points shown above) are being forwarded separately.

**17. OBA President informed that the convenient date for SSKZM for the next Old Boys' Day is the third Saturday of June (16 June 2012).**

18. The proceedings of the General Body Meeting have been captured live using a webcam. This was done by Shri Kevin Sunny (3986 / 2007). This can be viewed on **obasskzm.com**. The OBA President thanked Kevin Sunny for this wonderful job done.

19. Captain (Indian Navy) Louis George Meprath (642 / 1972), the newly elected President, thanked the gathering for their patience and participation in the General Body Meeting. He also thanked the outgoing President Shri Ajith Kumar (418 / 1972) and all members of the Executive Committee (2010 - 2011) for the great job that they have been doing. He expressed the hope and confidence that the new EC members will continue the good work in the coming year. The President then thanked Shri G Jaya Kumar (892 / 1979) (outgoing Organising Secretary) for his yeoman Service to OBA for the last 23 years.

20. There being no other points, the meeting was adjourned and the Alumni and others proceeded for lunch organised in the Cadets' Mess. Prior to this, the families were already served lunch in a separately erected Shamiana outside the mess.

21. After lunch, the Commemoration Meeting was held at 3 PM. The meeting started with the traditional prayer and School Song by Cadets. Thereafter, Capt Louis George Meprath (642 / 1972), President OBASSKZM addressed the gathering. The President assured the cadets that Alumni are always ready to help them and they need not hesitate to approach any one of us when they have any problems.

22. Mementos were then presented to the Masters and Teachers (both retired as well as serving) by the 1986 batch. All retired and serving masters were separately invited by 1986 batch for the function. This was their '**GURUDAKSHINA**'.

23. The Chief Guest, Lt Gen Jatinder Singh (228 / 1969) in his address exhorted the cadets to do well in SSKZM as well as in NDA and in other institutions which they would be joining in future. The General remembered his days at Pangode and at SSKZM and stated that he thoroughly enjoyed his stay at Sainik School and the training he received in Sainik School helped him to do well in his career. He congratulated the School Administration for the upkeep of the School and the wonderful infrastructure created over the years, which would greatly enhance the quality of the Cadets' life at SSKZM. Various Prizes to the Cadets were distributed by the Chief Guest.

24. The President OBA SSKZM delivered the Vote of Thanks. He thanked Lt Gen and Mrs. Jatinder Singh, Principal, Staff and Cadets of SSKZM for making the OB day 2011 a grand success.

25. After the Commemoration meeting, the traditional Basketball, Volleyball and Football matches were held between Principal's Teams and OBA Teams. The Football match was won 4-0 by SSKZM team. The Volleyball match was won by the OBA (25-17, 25-22). Basket ball was won by the OBA team (63 - 49). A three-point and a free-throw competition were also held at the end of the Basketball Match. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners and runners-up as under:-



- (a) First in three-point shooting competition – Capt. Louis George (Roll No. 642 / 1972 batch) of OBA team - Rs. 1000/-
- (b) Second in three-point shooting competition – Shri Ahammed Sukarno (2879 / 1998) of OBA team - Rs. 500/-.

**The Rs. 1500/- won by the OBA team was handed over to the School Basketball Team Captain for motivating them).**

- (c) First in free -throw shooting competition – Shri Vishnu (3859 / 2006 ) of OBA team - Rs. 1000/-
- (d) Second in free throw shooting competition - Cadet Anandu (4520 / 2012) of SSKZM team – Rs. 500/-.

26. The Alumni left the SSKZM Campus at about 1900 hrs after an enjoyable day's stay at SSKZM.

**HOPING TO MEET ALL OF YOU FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN JAN 2012 AND THEREAFTER FOR THE OLD BOYS' DAY ON 16 JUNE 2012.**

Warm regards,

**Soni Somarajan (2186 / 1991)**

General Secretary, OBASSKZM

25 June 2011

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## MINUTES OF THE AGENDA POINTS DISCUSSED DURING THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF OBASSKZM AT THE VKKM AUDITORIUM ON 18 JUNE 2011

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(j) Election of Office Bearers

(k) Vote of Thanks by Captain Louis George Meprath 642 /1972, President, OBASSKZM.

2. **Annual Report by Secretary.** Shri Raj Kumar (2569 / 1995), the General Secretary briefed the gathering about the activities of the year 2010 - 2011. He also informed that the various Minutes of Meeting and other OBA documents would be digitised and hosted on the OBA website shortly. Photographs would also be digitised. He also informed that a room in Kazhak's Club is being used as the OBA Office. The website is being revamped by Shri Ahammed (2879 / 1998 ) and Shri Kevin Sunny (3986 / 2007) .

3. **Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer.** The accounts were presented by Shri Ahammed Sukarno (2879 / 1998), Treasurer OBASSKZM. This would also be available on the OBA Website along with other documents. The accounts were passed [proposed by Shri TK Chandramohanam (64/ 1966 ) and seconded by Shri Gopakumar (70/1967)].

4. **Amendments to OBA Bye Laws.** Capt Louis George Meprath (642 / 1972) discussed the amendments to the 1993 Bye- Laws which have been registered with the Registrar of Societies at Trivandrum. The General Body accepted the amendments and directed the Executive Committee to register the amendments with the Registrar of Societies.

5. **Discussion about OBA prizes for first in classes in the scenario of grades.** The OBA awards certificates and cash prizes during OB day to students standing first in various classes. However, with the new CBSE Grade System, there may be many students who get similar top grades. Thus the prizes to be given out by OBA would increase manifold. It was, therefore, decided by the General Body that a system for award of prizes should be worked out by the EC in consultation with SSKZM.

6. **Marching Ahead – documentary.** Shri Jubith Nambrath (2891/1998) showed a brief video about the proposed documentary about SSKZM. The General Body appreciate Shri Jubith's efforts and requested him to go ahead and make the documentary in consultation with the EC.

7. **Satish Chandran Nite**. This was discussed and it was decided to organise a remembrance meeting / cultural evening on the eve of the first anniversary of Shri Satish Chandran's death. The EC would be taking this proposal forward.

8. **Flame of remembrance**. Capt Ramesh Babu (888 / 1978) briefed the audience regarding the installation of gas pipeline and the 'Flame of Remembrance' at the 'Stupa of Remembrance'. The General Body accepted the proposals and authorised the Executive Committee to implement the project.

9. **Improving communication amongst Alumni**. Shri Biju Baby (1992/1990) intimated that at present many Alumni are not aware of what is happening. However, he was informed by Ahammed, Kevin Sunny and other Alumni that a new OBA Website would be fully functional within a month.

10. **Any other points**.

(a) **Hut of Remembrance**. A brief mention was made by a few Alumni about constructing a 'Hut of Remembrance (similar to the one at the NDA, Khadakvasla)' at SSKZM. The EC was authorised by the General Body to look into invite proposals for this and to take necessary action.

(b) **Golden Jubilee activities**. It was decided that the EC would closely liaise with SSKZM to ensure that the Golden Jubilee Celebrations are held in a befitting way.

11. **Election of Office Bearers**. There being no other points, it was decided to conduct the election of office bearers for 2011 - 2012. The senior-most Old Boy present viz. Cmde (Retd.) KM Nair (10 / 1965) was requested by the President OBASSKZM to be the Returning Officer and to conduct the elections. There were nominations asked for each post by the Returning Officer.

12. The following were elected as the new Office Bearers:-

(a) **President**. Captain (IN) Louis George Meprath (642 / 1972), lgmeprath@gmail.com, 09869505861

(b) **Vice President 1**. Commander (Retd.) Sam T Samuel (637 / 1975), samtsamuel@hotmail.com, 09447782280

(c) **Vice President 2**. Shri Gopikrishna S (1737 / 1987), gopikrishnax@gmail.com, 09447031266

(d) **General Secretary**. Shri Soni Somarajan (2186 / 1991), sonimail@gmail.com, 09946484717

(e) **Organizing Secretary**. Shri S Rajkumar (2569 / 1995), rajkumars@gmail.com, 09446415015



- (f) **Joint Secretary 1**. Cdr Rajeev Maroli (954 / 1980), [rajeev\\_maroli@yahoo.com](mailto:rajeev_maroli@yahoo.com), 09394857785
- (g) **Joint Secretary 2**. Shri V Girish Kumar (1895 / 1988), [girish.katpadi@gmail.com](mailto:girish.katpadi@gmail.com), 09543797757
- (h) **Treasurer**. Shri Ahammed Sukarno (2879 / 1998), [bas2879@gmail.com](mailto:bas2879@gmail.com), 9895972363
- (i) **Auditor**. Shri MB Sanil Kumar (777 / 1977), [sanilmb@gamil.com](mailto:sanilmb@gamil.com), [sanil@vsnl.com](mailto:sanil@vsnl.com), 09447025830
- (j) **Batch rep (1965 - 70)**. Shri C Gopakumar (70 / 1967), [cgkumar@sify.com](mailto:cgkumar@sify.com), 09895761405
- (k) **Batch rep (1971 - 75)**. Dr. B Mohanachandran (428 / 1972), [drbmohan@gmail.com](mailto:drbmohan@gmail.com), 09447041848
- (l) **Batch rep (1976 - 80)**. Major (Retd.) R Suresh Kumar, (792 / 1977), [rsk0792@yahoo.com](mailto:rsk0792@yahoo.com), 09961222352
- (m) **Batch rep(1981-85)**. Shri PN Narendranath (1620 / 1985), [narendranath.pn@gmail.com](mailto:narendranath.pn@gmail.com), 09895788011
- (n) **Batch rep (1986 - 90)**. Shri Anil Kumar KC (1744 / 1987), [anilkchettayil@rediffmail.com](mailto:anilkchettayil@rediffmail.com), 09447401088
- (o) **Batch rep (1991 - 95)**. Shri VB Sreelal (2047 / 1991), [vbsreelal@gmail.com](mailto:vbsreelal@gmail.com), 09895404104
- (p) **Batch rep (1996 - 00)**. Shri Manu G (2867 / 1998), [manu.gokul.g@gmail.com](mailto:manu.gokul.g@gmail.com), 09447447999
- (q) **Batch rep (2001 - 05)**. Dr. Ashish Bens (3393 / 2002), [ashishbens@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ashishbens@yahoo.co.in), 09895318743
- (r) **Batch rep(2006-11)**. Shri Kevin Sunny (3986 / 2007), [carolchrisevin@gmail.com](mailto:carolchrisevin@gmail.com), 09746998675

Warm regards,

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