

SSKZM OBA

FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2024-26

CONFERENCE HALL, SSKZM | 10 AUGUST 2024 (Saturday)

SSKZMOBA/EC/1/2024-26

A. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Dr. Jain V P, 2006/1990 - President
2. Cdr. Cibir V Charley 3239/1998 - Vice President
3. Shri. Kamal Sankar SK 3470/2000 - General Secretary
4. Shri. Ajay M 3830/2006 - Treasurer
5. Shri. Girish Kumar V 1895/1988 - Joint Secretary
6. Sqn. Ldr. (Retd.) Pradeep Kumar 2253/1991 - Joint Secretary
7. Shri. Manu G 2867/1998 - Organising Secretary
8. Shri. Vipina Chandran K 432/1972 - Member
9. Col. (Retd.) Rajesh Nair 1039/1980 - Member
10. Shri. Vinod V 3007/1999 - Member
11. Shri. Karthik R Nair 3633/2004 - Member
12. Shri. Sugeeth S 4043/2007 - Member
13. Shri. Bivin V 4685/2013 - Member
14. Shri. Nithin P S 5179/2017 - Member
15. Shri. Aravind T 3072/1999 – Co-Opted Member

In attendance –

Cdr. Sarin P M, Admin Officer SSKZM, Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA
Col. (Retd.) Sajjad M 574/1974 Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA,

B. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting commenced at 01.30 PM with silent prayer (1 Min) in memory of dear departed.

BASIC INTRODUCTION.

2. All assembled members gave a brief about themselves and unanimously agreed to volunteer for the betterment of our association.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL BY AO, SSKZM

3. Cdr. Sarin P M, Admin Officer SSKZM, Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA had a busy schedule to organise and conduct the closing ceremony of the Group H Inter Sainik School Championship at school. He introduced himself to the group and appreciated the camaraderie that prevails in our 56 year young association. He thanked Col. Sajjad M for extending unflinching support to all matters concerning the school as President OBA. He placed on records the dedication of Class of 1997 batch in organising the 56h OBA Day on 20 Jul 2024 at School. He later informed the precarious fund position of the school and the efforts being made to get a lump sum amount from the Govt of Kerala for effective management of school affairs. On the Inter Sainik School Championship (Group H), the Officer briefed that SSKZM are

the Champions in Basketball & Volleyball, Third in English Debate and Athletics.

BRIEFING BY THE PRESIDENT

4. The President welcomed all members to the First Executive Committee meeting. He thanked the OB community in expressing faith in him as President OBA. He sought the guidance of Col. Sajjad M and assured the team to perform to the best of his ability. He thanked the Principal, SSKZM and his entire school team for hosting the Old Boys on OBA Day 2024. Organising skills of Dr. Nishad SK 3093/1997 and all others from the 1997 Batch were appreciated. Shri. Kamal Sankar SK, Shri. Karthik R Nair, Shri. Ajay M, Shri. Sugeeth S took extra efforts to register participants and record various events at school on OBA Day. He also thanked the Kazaks Club for providing a gala dinner to the registrants at AOI Pangode on 20 Jul 2024.

5. The Class of 1998 batch got a chance to exhibit their huge collective strength and to demonstrate their organising ability. Further he also requested continuous coordination between all EC Members for effective decision making. He also stressed on creating a concrete but secure data base of the entire membership and to strengthen the inter batch and chapter activities,

REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

6. The General Secretary reported that a total of 703 OBs registered for OBA Day held on 20 July 2024 (423 online mode and 280 on the spot). Excellent feedbacks on the OBs day conduct were reported from across the OB community and the credit goes to the 1997 Batch. The Executive Committee of the SSKZM-OBA place in record the appreciation to Batch of 1997 in conducting the OBs Day meet in a consummate manner which the forthcoming Batches should emulate.

7. The 1998 Batch contributed hockey kit to the School which included 15 carbon fibre sticks, 4 dozen balls and stockings. The Batch also arranged for a practice match between the SSKZM Team and GV Raja Sports Academy team ahead of the South Zone sport competitions.

8. The 2000 Batch contributed two numbers of Hockey Goal Keeper Kit – Full Set, as part of their continuing support to the School.

9. Meanwhile, as per the decision of the AGBM 2024, vacant positions of Batch Representatives were filled up by nominations. Shri. Noushad A 1484/1984 (as Batch Rep: 1981-85), Shri Nithin P S 5179/2017 (as Batch Rep: 2016-20) and Shri. Basil Sabu 5556/2021 (as Batch Rep: 2021-23) were inducted into the EC. Batch representative for 1965-70 would be filled in due course after mutual consultation. The authorised signatories of our bank accounts in SBI, Kuravankonam and Federal Bank, Kazhakootam branches were renewed with new General Secretary in place.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT BY THE TREASURER.

10. The Treasurer submitted the Income/Expenditure Statement connected with OBA Day 2024 and the same was approved by the EC after obtaining the necessary clarifications **Appendix I.**

11. The Treasurer briefed the members that 26 separate FDs are maintained separately, for endowments, scholarship fund and general fund. The interest accrued from each FDs are accounted to cater the financial stability of the three major heads of expense. It was also decided to reinvest all FDs and to continue with the quarterly payout of interest.

BRIEF ON 1998 BATCH PLANS BY THE ORGANISING SECRETARY

12. Organising Secretary requested to get official confirmation from school to conduct the next OBA Day on 19 July 2025 (third Saturday), as approved by AGBM

2024. The batch agreed to sponsor all regular activities associated with OBA day including Guru Vandanam, Lunch and High Tea at school. The 1998 batch intends to go ahead with the commissioning of a 5 lane-10 meter Air Pistol Shooting Range for cadets at school. They also plan to continue with the Medical Camp at school with few additional features. Variety entertainment program for the Cadets a few days prior to Old Boys Day 2024 also are expected to come through.

13. The EC assured them of all support and further suggested to consider taking up normal upkeep and maintenance of the renovated OBA office (E-111 quarters) and support for maintaining the SSKZMOBA website.

NBN MEMORIAL TEACHERS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

14. EC appreciated the role of Dr Binoy Thomas (1917/1989) Dean, Rajagiri Business School Kakkanad, Ernakulam and the Kochi chapter for the successful conduct of the 4 session-2 day residential NBN Memorial Teacher Enrichment Programme 2023.

15. EC unanimously decided to approach the Kochi chapter to conduct the NBN Memorial Teachers' Enrichment Programme 2024 and entrusted Cdr. Cibin V Charley (3239/1998) Vice President to liaise with the Kochi chapter for the conduct of the same. It was also decided to strengthen all chapters across the globe and to create a separate organisational and financial structure to conduct the event annually.

CAREER GUIDANCE /RECRUITMENT CELL FOR YOUNG OBS

16. The EC decided to place Career Counselling Sessions for younger Old Boys high on OBA agenda this year. General Secretary along with Shri.Girish Kumar V (1895/1988) Joint Secretary as lead, will create social media groups incorporating younger batch representatives, chapter nominees and senior old boys of repute to effectively share new career options, open placements across chapters and to communicate related matters for regular feedbacks.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

17. The Old Boys Association – SSKZMOBA – is doing numerous projects and initiatives to support the Cadets of the School and the fellow Old Boys with its limited resources. The Organisation has to strengthen its core in order to increase the capacity of initiatives and supports extended. Considering these aspects the EC decided to re-start the Life Membership drive among OB's. General Secretary will lead the Life Membership drive along with the EC Members and the list of existing Life Members will be distributed to each Batch Reps. They will follow-up and will be adding Life Memberships to the Society. Treasurer will give a monthly update on the campaign.

18. Batch Personal Register, with 2 pages for each roll number prepared by the former EC, was circulated among newly inducted EC members. Also the urgency to periodically regularise and update the OBA membership roll and related data in the Website was accepted.

19. General Secretary updated that the Life Membership Drive of 2024 batch is ongoing. 12 OBs from the Batch has joined as Life Members and the deadline was extended till 15th September.

COMPOSITION OF AWARDS COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

20. EC decided to constitute a four member Awards Committee with Shri Vipina Chandran K (432/1972) as Presiding Officer. Shri Balachandran M (697/1976), Sqn. Ldr. (Retd) Pradeep Kumar (2253/1991) and Shri Karthik R Nair

(3633/2004) as members. The committee is entrusted to invite nominations through batch representatives, scrutinise, shortlist and propose names for Achiever of the Year Awards 2024-25 in a time bound manner. The committee after seeking approval of EC, would be responsible for preparation of award citations and to honour the Awardees during Old Boys Day 2025.

21. The cut-off date for Achiever of the Year Award 2025 was decided as 31 Mar 2025. It was also decided to identify the Lifetime Achievement Awardees by Nov 2024 so that they could be given enough notice to be physically present to receive the award on OBA Day.

OBA WEBSITE & MOBILE APP - FEASIBILITY

22. The EC decided to form a Sub Committee to manage the OBA Website. Sqn. Ldr (Retd) Pradeep Kumar (2253/1991) Vice President volunteered to lead the Sub Committee. The EC appointed Wg. Cdr. Padmaraj TR (2298/1993), Shri Karthik R Nair (3633/2004), Shri Manu G (2867/1998) Organising Secretary, Shri Nithin P.S (5179/2017), , Shri Prabhasudhan S (3577/2004) as members along with Shri Kamal Sankar, General Secretary and Shri. Ajay M, Treasurer. The website www.sskzmoba.org will be managed by this committee. A new Gmail ID for communication and for recording all digital copies will be generated and maintained.

23. The Committee will study the feasibility of integrating the existing OBA App with the present OBA Website in consultation with the maintainer of the App. Shri Ceejo Thomas (2183/1991) and other data experts for effective management of the OBA website in without misuse of data. If integration is difficult, feasibility of a new App will also be looked into.

OBA NEWSLETTER

24. After recording the important events within the OB community, the OBA intends to release two newsletters in digital format this year. All event details and photographs to be forwarded to respective Batch Reps or to the email address sskzmobakazak@gmail.com

OTHER POINTS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

25. The present EC decided to stress on volunteering work. Hence the adhoc appointment of Smt Susamma Issac is temporarily withdrawn with effect from 10 Aug 2024 and the same shall be communicated to her. Moreover, Shri Narayan Ananthakrishnan is an appointee of the Audit office and shall be paid only for the professional jobs entrusted to him.

26. The 1999 batch has sought the school wish list seeking financial support from OBA, and the same shall be sought from the school administration in writing.

27. CSR funding of various schemes to uplift school infrastructure shall be sought by OBA

28. The EC unanimously acknowledged and passed a resolution thanking Dr Nishad SK 3093/1997 and the Class of 1997 Batch for a memorable **Roll Call '97**

29. There being no other points the meeting concluded at 03.30 PM. EC members later joined the closing ceremony of the Group H Inter Sainik School

Championship held at Harshan Pavilion, Sainik School Kazhakootam. SSKZM won the overall championship trophy for the Group H - Inter Sainik School Championship.