

# **SSKZM OBA**

## **SECOND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2024-26**

**CONFERENCE HALL, SSKZM | 16 NOVEMBER 2024 (Saturday)**

**SSKZMOBA/EC/2/2024-26**

### **A. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

1. Dr. Jain V P, 2006/1990 - President
2. Shri. Fazil A S 2452/1994 - Vice President
3. Shri. Kamal Sankar SK 3470/2000 - General Secretary
4. Sqn. Ldr. (Retd.) Pradeep Kumar 2253/1991- Joint Secretary
5. Shri. Manu Nair 2867/1998 - Organising Secretary
6. Shri. Vipina Chandran K 432/1972 – Member
7. Col. (Retd.) Rajesh Nair 1039/1980 – Member
8. Cdr. (Retd.) Roy Francis 1875/1988 – Member
9. Shri. Vinod V 3007/1999 – Member
10. Shri. Aravind T 3072/1999 – Member
11. Shri. Bivin V 4685/2013 - 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 02.00 PM with silent prayer (1 Min) in memory of dear departed

### **BRIEFING BY THE PRESIDENT**

2. The President welcomed all members to the Second Executive Committee meeting. He thanked the Principal SSKZM Col. Dharendra Kumar and Maj. Gen. Venugopal for being the guests of honour at NBN Memorial Teacher's Enrichment Program. He appreciated the Bangalore Chapter for part sponsoring the OBA programme at Rajagiri Business School, Kochi. The meticulous planning and execution by Dr. Binoy Joseph, Capt. Breeze Antony and others in Kochi was highlighted. He also expresses his desire that EC propose novel initiatives that OBA can take up on annual basis for the OBA community and society at large.

### **UPDATE ON SCHOOL BY AO, SSKZM**

3. Cdr. Sarin P M, Admin Officer SSKZM, Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA informed that Aquatic Championship, Cross Country Championships were organised at the School. He conveyed special thanks from School Principal to the OBA for the excellent conduct of the NBNMTEP. The feedback on NBNMTEP from the attendee Masters were excellent and they will be trying to implement what they have learned from the training sessions to the betterment of the students. The 1970 Batch as part of their get together visited the school and donated a sum of Rs.2 Lakhs. The Batch also organised a Dinner at AOI Pangode, AO and Master-in-Charge attended the event. The School also thanked the OB's Community for supporting Cadet. Devananda, helping her attend the World Chess Boxing Championship. She has made everyone proud by winning gold and few other medals in the event held at Armenia. LBA meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at the School. Various points were discussed and project status was evaluated. LBA Chairman Air Marshal B Manikantan donated a sum of Rs.2 lakhs to the School. Hot Water Dispenser for the cadet's was installed, and another one will be installed in the School wing soon. The Tablets sponsored by Bank Of Baroda is distributed to Cadet's dormitories. The Parents Association with the help of CSR funds from few corporate have sponsored wooden furniture for study halls in all Senior Houses. The AO also informed that Rs.5 crores as sanctioned by the Government of Kerala has been credited to the Treasury Account of SSKZM. 22 Cadets have cleared the NDA exam and are awaiting SSB interviews.

### **REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

4. The General Secretary reported that a NBN Memorial Teacher's Enrichment Program was conducted with all professional excellence by the Rajagiri School of Business Kakkanad. General Secretary mentioned about the support given by the OBA Bangalore Chapter, Dr. Binoy Joseph, Cdr. Breeze Antony, Cdr. Sam T Samuel, Shri. Balachandran M, Col.(Retd.) Sajjad M and others for the smooth and excellent conduct of the program. The EC was represented by Cdr. Cibin V Charley, Vice President and General Secretary on ground.

5. WhatsApp Group for supporting Career Guidance was opened and functioning. General Secretary along with Shri. Girish Kumar V (1895/1988) on the lead is operating the group and additions of members are continuing. On the ongoing Life Membership campaign, 15 OB's from 2024 batch have joined as life members, also around 10 from other batches have joined. The Secretary requested help from Batch Reps for scaling up the membership campaign. Life member list of batches will be handed over to Batch Reps for follow-ups.

## **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT BY THE TREASURER.**

6. Total of Rupees 1.94 Lakhs was spent for NBNMTEP this year. This including payment to Rajagiri, Naval Officer's Institute, and for mementoes.
7. Rs.1,81,660/- was paid to ITD as Tax for the year.

## **12 A(B) REGISTRATION: DISCUSSION**

8. Shri. Vinod V pointed out that we are in high tax paying slab, as we are registered as Association, hence the possibility of 12A(B) registration can be sorted, as to get exemption from ITax. President and Secretary pointed out that the previous EC's had various discussions on this direction and consultation with Auditor firm was also held on this. Shri. Vinod pointed out various options to clear the roadblock, but initially requires a thorough check on our ITax Status and Activities in the past. The committee decided to take the discussion forward and work towards the goal for getting tax exemption and thus enabling ease for getting CSR and other funds for the Association. Secretary is to give a report on previous 3 year activities done by the OBA.

## **NBN MEMORIAL TEACHERS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME**

9. The NBN Memorial Teacher's Enrichment Program organised by Old Boys Association of Sainik School was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Rajagiri Business School. 50 Teacher's from various Schools of the State attended the two day Program. Inauguration of the program was done jointly by Maj. Gen. Venugopal (Retd.), President OBA Bangalore Chapter and Col. Dharendra Kumar, Principal SSKZM. The Ice Breaker session was done by Dr. Manoj Menon. The second session – Innovation in Teaching Learning Pedagogy was taken by Dr. Angela Susan Mathew. After lunch, Collaborative Learning sessions were conducted by Cdr. R Madhusoodanan (Retd.) and Team, supported by Cdr. Sam T Samuel. Day 2 started with our own Prof. K Unnikrishnan Nair from IIM Kozhikode taking up in-depth sessions on the topic "Insightful Lessons from Leadership and Management for School Teachers", followed by Collaborative Leadership session by Cdr. Madhusoodanan (Retd.) and Team. The attendees were handed over certificates of participation on the closing ceremony. Feedback analysis report collected majorly shows "very satisfied" on overall experience and "excellent", "very good" mainly for the hospitality and other supports offered.

10. EC thanked the OBA Bangalore Chapter for part sponsoring the NBNMTEP. Also appreciated the support given by Dr Binoy Thomas (1917/1989) Dean, Rajagiri

Business School Kakkanad, Prof. K Unnikrishnan Nair and all others who helped for the successful conduct of the 2 day residential NBN Memorial Teacher Enrichment Programme 2024.

### **1998 BATCH – (2025) PLANS**

11. Shri. Manu G, Organising Secretary briefed about the activities planned by the 1998 Batch towards the conduct of next year's OB Day. The 1998 Batch will be conducting a Medical Camp, for Staff and Families at SSKZM on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2024. Retired Staff can also avail the services. This Medical Camp is organised with the support of SUT Hospital Pattom led by Col. Rajeev Mannali (Retd.). As a token of gratitude to the alma matter, he has agreed to give 10% Discount for services at SUT Hospital for all the Staff and Families who comes with the health card which will be given as part of the Medical Camp.

12. The 1998 Batch is also in talks with School authorities for organizing an ignite session for Cadets availing the service of Col. Thilakan Vasudevan (Retd.). This session is planned to be conducted before Christmas vacations.

13. The 10 Meter Air Pistol Firing Range, sponsored by the 1998 Batch is getting ready. The location has been identified as the old garage near MI Room. Civil Work Contract has been awarded, and the work is expected to be completed by March. The Batch will be also sponsoring AMC for 3 years of the whole facility.

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

14. Awards Committee constituted 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 Gen Secretary on behalf of the Committee will be inviting nominations for Life Time Achievement Awards through batch representatives. The cut-off date for submitting Achiever of the Year Award 2025 was decided as 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and the nominations for achievements up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 will only be considered. It was also decided to identify the Lifetime Achievement Awardees by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (preferably from 1980 Batch) so that they could be given enough notice to be physically present to receive the award on OBA Day.

### **OTHER POINTS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

15. **OBA WEBSITE & MOBILE APP:** After the feasibility study done by the Sub Committee, the EC unanimously decided to sunset the old Mobile App and the

related website. The Sub Committee led by Sqn. Ldr (Retd) Pradeep Kumar (2253/1991) Vice President, and members comprising of 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) along with Shri Kamal Sankar, General Secretary and Shri. Ajay M, Treasurer will be managing the present website, **[www.sskzmoba.org](http://www.sskzmoba.org)** . The committee will be taking necessary steps to make the present website more mobile rendering, especially for IOS platforms. Vendor options for the same are being explored. Shri. Fazil AS, has passed on few vendors for the purpose, and the committee will be exploring more options also. Job Posting facilities will be also highlighted in the website, and other makeovers' to make the OB's engage more with the website.

16. Upon the request from School Authorities to support the Cadet's who have cleared NDA, for preparing them to face the SSB, Sq. Ldr. Pradeep Kumar (Retd.) Joint Secretary is arranging a session with Gp. Capt. TA Sreenath, who was an IO at Air Force SSB Varanasi & Mysore in the past. The meeting with the Cadets will be happening on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2024 at SSKZM.

17. A request from the AO came up, for supporting the families of two casual employees who had lost their lives in recently occurred accidents. The EC will be placing an appeal to the OB Community. Considering these types of requests frequently coming up to the organisation, Shri. Fazil AS, Vice President, came up with the idea of providing group insurance to the casual staff at the school. The EC will be studying the feasibility of providing group insurance to the casual employees and will detail a proposition if viable.

18. A suggestion of Membership Cards for life members came up in the discussion. The EC will study the feasibility and will proceed if viable.

19. Cdr. Roy Francis (Retd.), suggested that the OBA should take up projects for the upliftment of the Society as well. Apart from the routine works undertaken by the OBA, Socially relevant projects also to be taken up by the association. The Association can be benefited by taking up these kinds of projects and it will help in collaborations with Start-ups or NGO's which are of similar kind and will help attracting CSR funds also. Cdr. Roy Francis will be presenting a road map on this regard to the committee.

20. The EC decided to have online mode of meetings for every month, evaluating the progress of activities undertaken or assigned. The online mode of meetings will be conducted every Second Saturday.

21. There being no other points the meeting concluded at 17.30 HRS.