

SSKZM OBA

THIRD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2024-26

CONFERENCE HALL, SSKZM | 8 MARCH 2025 (Saturday)

SSKZMOBA/EC/3/2024-26

A. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Dr. Jain V P, 2006/1990 - President
2. Cdr. Cibir V Charley, 3239/1999 – Vice President
3. Shri. Kamal Sankar SK, 3470/2000 - General Secretary
4. Shri. Manu Nair, 2867/1998 - Organising Secretary
5. Shri. Vipinachandran K, 432/1972 – Member
6. Col. Rajesh Nair (Retd.) 1039/1980 – Member
7. Cdr. Roy Francis (Retd.) 1875/1988 – Member
8. Shri. Ram Mohan GS, 2529/1995 - Member
9. Shri. Vinod V, 3007/1999 – Member
10. Shri. Karthik R Nair, 3633/2004 – Member
11. Shri. Sugeeth S, 4043/2007 – Member
12. Shri. Bivin V 4685/2013 - Member

In attendance –

Col. Dharendra Kumar, Principal SSKZM, Patron SSKZMOBA
Cdr. Sarin P M, Admin Officer SSKZM, Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA
Col. Sajjad M (Retd.) 574/1974 Ex-Officio Member SSKZM OBA
Shri. Arun Kumar MS, Master-in-Charge OBA, SSKZM

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 Third Executive Committee meeting. He thanked the Principal SSKZM Col. Dharendra Kumar for attending the meeting as Patron of OBA. 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 PRINCIPAL, SSKZM

3. Col. Dharendra Kumar, Principal SSKZM, Patron SSKZM OBA informed AOC in C SAC Air Marshal B Manikantan made a visit to the School recently and have taken note of few improvement areas for which funds are requested to MOD. On the MOU with the State Government 8 Crores have been received and nearly 10 Crores are still pending. The Auditorium renovation is being done by the State PWD Department and it will be completed by June. He requested support from OBA for replacing the old metal chairs with stadium-type chairs, estimated at INR.20 Lakhs budget. He also informed the committee that few more works are going on in the campus like New Boxing Ring Facility, Flooring being relayed at Dormitories, inter-lock tiles at bathing area, a covered area for drying cloths for the cadets etc. A proper RO system with UV and Filter attached is installed at dormitories for the Cadets. Tab with internet facilities are also installed at dormitories. On experimental basis shower facility at Dorm No.6 is installed. This may be replicated in other dormitories soon. The Principal also informed that State PWD has undertaken a 6 crore work for renovation of cooking area at the Cadet's mess. Another big project which is coming up is Synthetic Court Complex near the Boxing Ring – Old Cafeteria area which is estimated to INR.1 Crore. A toilet block along with changing area is also in plan near the sports store area. 150 KW Solar Power plant is about to be commissioned, which was developed with funds from MOD. CCTVs will be installed at both Gates.

The Principal requested help from OBA for providing assistance in creating a Architectural Sketch of the entire buildings and campus for submitting to State Fire & Rescue Department in obtaining the Fire & Safety Compliance Certificate. The Principal also placed a wish list to be placed before the OB community

- Smart Board Panels for classrooms. 19 Panels are required. The School will give a formal proposal on request to avail any CSR funds which can be raised by the OBs
- School requires a 32 seat E-Bus
- Replacements of Old Coats in dormitories. Requirement is for 600 Nos.
- CCTV for Academic Block and other important areas
- Black-topping of the Cross Country Routes – Approx 2 KMS
- An Indoor Badminton Court for Cadets – Budget 5-6 Lakhs
- Construction of Guest Rooms of 4 to 5 sets

He concluded by thanking the SSKZM Old Boys Community for the continuous support being provided for the School. LBA meeting is scheduled on 4th April at the School.

PROGRESS REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

4. The General Secretary reported that the WhatsApp Group for supporting Career Guidance is functioning. General Secretary along with Shri. Girish Kumar V (1895/1988) on the lead is operating the group and additions of members are continuing. The Life Membership campaign is on going, but no new members have joined as life members apart from the 15 OB's from 2024 batch and 10 from other batches. The Secretary requested help from Batch Reps for scaling up the membership campaign.

5. As per the request from School Authorities to support the Cadet's who have cleared NDA Exams, for preparing them to face the SSB, Sq. Ldr. Pradeep Kumar (Retd.) 2253/1991, Joint Secretary arranged an interactive session with Gp. Capt. TA Sreenath, who was an IO at Air Force SSB Varanasi & Mysore in the past. The meeting was successfully conducted on 25th Nov, and the Cadets were thoroughly benefited with the interaction.

6. The 64th School Raising Day celebrations and Passing Out Parade of 2025 Batch were conducted on 20th Jan, 2025. School authorities extended the invitation to OBs through the OBA and many senior OB's attended and motivated the young Cadets.

7. Monthly meetings of EC has commenced in online mode. Every Second Saturday of the month is fixed for the monthly meetings.

FINANCIAL REPORT

8. Due to pre-commitments the Treasurer could not attend the meeting. The Secretary informed the EC that as per the suggestions put forward by the EC Member Shri. Vinod V 3007/1999, we have started paying Advance Taxes from this FY. A sum of INR.29,000/- is already paid to the ITax Department. And the EC approved for the payment balance of INR.121,000/-. The amount will be set aside by breaking the last FD in SBI. Fund Status: We have 26 Endowments FDs currently, these are expected to touch INR.46,059.00/- each and total amounting to INR.11,97,534.00/- by 31st March 2025, also 5 FD's total amounting to INR.59,76,176.00/-, SBI XX4461 Account: Balance in Bank – INR.1,07,030.53/-, Federal Bank Account XX5935: Balance in Bank – INR.23,676.00/- Cash in Hand of Treasurer: INR.7,618.00/-

1998 BATCH – (2025) PLANS

9. Shri. Manu Nair 2867/1998 Organising Secretary briefed about the activities organized by the 1998 Batch towards the conduct of next year's OB Day. The 1998 Batch conducted a Medical Camp, for Staff and Families at SSKZM on 23rd Nov, 2024. Retired Staff also availed the services. The Medical Camp was organised with the support of SUT Hospital Pattom led by Col. Rajeev Mannali (Retd.). Health Cards were issued to those who attended the Camp and 10% Discount for services at SUT Hospital can be availed for the Card holders.

10. The 1998 Batch also organized a workshop session on Social Communication and Confidence Building for Cadets of Class 12 on 12th Jan, 2025. The workshop was led by Col. Thilakan Vasudevan (Retd.).

11. The 10 Meter Air Pistol Firing Range, sponsored by the 1998 Batch is getting ready. Civil Work has commenced, and the work is expected to be completed by April/May. The Batch will be sponsoring AMC for 3 years of the whole facility.

OBA Day 2025 (19 JULY 2025) PLANS

12. All the normal events will be organized like previous years Guruvandanam, Commemoration Meeting, the AGBM etc. If the Auditorium is not ready by July, then we might have to find alternative venue for conducting the programs. The Cultural Program for the Cadets, Staff and Families will be organized by the 1998 Batch on 17th July evening.

13. Registration/ Invitation – The Invite Teaser Videos is out. Registration will be managed by the Registration Committee. The Committee will be formed in April. Shri. Karthik Nair will be making the Google Form for registration purposes. The EC approved to maintain the same registration fee structure like previous years. INR.400/- for Online Registration and INR.500/- for Spot Registration. There will be NIL registration fee for batches of 2021-2025.

14. Hon'ble Guests: The EC voted in favour of inviting Top Ranked Serving Officers also as Hon'ble Guests along with AOC in C SAC Air Marshal B Manikantan, for this OB's Day Celebrations – Air Vice Marshal KV Surendran Nair, Lt. Gen. Vijay B Nair, Maj. General Hari B Pillai and Maj. Gen. VT Mathew to be invited. The School will be sending invites on behalf of the OBA.

15. OBA Day Evening Programs: Cdr. Roy Francis (Retd) 1875/1988 proposed that OBA EC should conduct OB Day evening program and that will add on the Kazak'ian spirit and attract more OB's to join the party rather than individual Batch

get-togethers. Shri. Ram Mohan 2529/1995, Shri. Sugeeth S 4043/2007 volunteered to support Cdr. Roy for finding suitable venues and a detailed proposal with costing will be tabled before the next EC.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

16. Awards Committee Presiding Officer Shri. Vipinachandran K (432/1972) informed that total three nominations for LTA has come through batch representatives. The cut-off date for submitting Achiever of the Year Award 2025 was decided as 30th April 2025 and the nominations for achievements up to 31st March 2025 will only be considered.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF 2025 CADETS

17. Master-in-Charge OBA, Shri. Arun Kumar informed the EC that on 25th the Exams for one group is getting over, so if any EC representatives can come during the day, Life Membership Fee can be collected and forms can be directly obtained from the Cadets. Shri. Sugeeth S 4043/2007 volunteered for the purpose. He will be going on behalf of SSKZMOBA to canvas and collect the required from the Cadets of 2025 Batch.

OBA WEBSITE: www.sskzmoba.org

18. The website committee led by Sq. Ldr. Pradeep Kumar (Retd.) 2253/1991, Joint Secretary is taking necessary steps to make the present website more mobile rendering, especially for IOS platforms. The Annual Maintenance Agreement with vendor PELSHARE is being drafted and has been placed for further scrutiny in the Committee. Job Posting facilities will be also highlighted in the website, and other makeovers' to make the OB's engage more with the website.

NBN Memorial TEP 2025

19. The General Secretary informed that, this year we need to give a break to Rajagiri Business School Kochi and look for possibilities of conducting the NBN-TEP in other Cities. As an option Capital city Thiruvananthapuram can be one such venue. Asian School Of Business has shown interest and primarily agreed to conduct the program in their premises. Accommodation and other requirements can be arranged by the Chapters. Detailed proposal and action plan will be submitted by next academic year beginning. The EC came in agreement for the idea.

OTHER POINTS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

20. Request for supporting treatment of the family members of School employees – Mr. Sreejith and Mr. Chandran was put forward, but the committee decided not to take it up as it is not feasible for the OBA to take up all such medical requirements. Any OB can help as per their personal choice.

21. Further to the suggestions that the OBA should take up projects for uplifting the Society as well. A proposal to conduct Bike Rallies by Young OB's with the aim of running an Anti-Drug Campaign at Campuses at Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi was put forward. The EC approved for the same and an amount of INR.25,000/- each has been earmarked for the conduct of the program at Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. Detailed Plan attached as ANNEXURE I

22. The SSKZMOBA has limitations in actively contributing to the OBA Community due to lack of funds and fund raising via membership campaign etc have less impact on the corpus of the OBA. In order to accumulate/ earn a larger corpus, something out of the box has to be done or extra ordinary events to be organised. Having that big dream, a proposal was tabled to the EC for deliberation – To Organise a Mega Musical Event by Next Year. Concept & One-line attached as ANNEXURE II. The EC will further study on the various aspects about the feasibility, various factors involved etc and present a detailed plan to the General Body.

23. There being no other points the meeting concluded at 18.00 HRS.

ANNEXURE I

SSKZM OBA – 3RD EC

BIKE RALLY - IDEA

Aim:

- To organize a Bike Rally – with the message “Say No To Drugs” in major Cities like Trivandrum & Kochi by OBA.
- CSR of SSKZMOBA. Good will for the organization.

Idea:

- Considering the recent atrocities in the Society caused by usage drugs – especially by young generation – as part of our giving back to Society – organize an one day bike rally to various campuses of Trivandrum & Kochi. Relate to well being/ health conscious youth.

Concept & Action Plan:

- One Day Bike Rally
- Guest of honors – Flag Off by - Serving Top Officials – SAC / Pangode Station Command
- Notice Distributions
- Tie-up with Local Administration – Like Excise, Police etc.
- Tie-up with Media – Asianet News is currently running a campaign. We can leverage the media attention
- Leverage Kazaks resources – Junior guys who are studying, working in IT Field etc.
- Get Kazak Celebrities associated – like Indrajith, PrithviRaj, Christo, Madhu Warriar etc, get video messages from them for publicity and social media coverage also

Expense Heads (Approx Only):

- Petrol Expenses for a 20 KM for all participants.
- T Shirts – Notices – Stickers – Few Mementos to Guests / Leaders

Revenue:

- Tie-up with some Corporate's & Brands for sponsorship

ANNEXURE II

SSKZMOBA – 3RD EC

CONCEPT ONE LINE

Aim:

- To organize a mega stage show by next year for the fund rising of OBA.
- Amass OBA corpus to 1 to 3 Crores

Idea:

- Celebrating Republic Day 2026 / Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026 or any other special occasion which is related to Indian Defence Forces – Raising Patriotism and Love

Concept:

- A mega stage show night – Patriotic Songs Musical Show, Theme Play / Dances based on National Integration and Patriotism
- Guest of honors – Group Capt.(Hon) Sachin Tendulkar, Lt. Col. (Hon) MS Dhoni, Lt. Col. (Hon) Mohanlal, Kerala CM, LOP, MPs etc.
- Inaugural session - Honoring and Remembering Martyrs, support to relatives (if any) etc.
- Stage Show Session: Songs by Senior Artists – like Udit Narayanan, Jubin Nautiyal, Shreya Ghosal, Sujatha, KS Chitra, Neha Kakkar, Sukhvinder Singh etc. Also Kollywood / Mollywood Singers like MG Sreekumar, Vineeth Sreenivasan, Jyotsna, Rimmy Tommy etc. Indian Idol or TV Show Fames – like Pawandeep Rajan, Avirbhav etc.
- Act / Play / Dance Sessions as fillers – by Cine Artists / Reality Stars
- Options are – as per availability and budget.

Action Plan:

- Leverage all Kazaks resources – Take help of Organizers with expertise
- Kazak Celebrities – like Indrajith, PrithviRaj, Christo, Madhu Warriar etc
- Backed up by MB Sanilkumar and his connections
- Set-up show control at OBA Office @ SSKZM. Full time dedicated volunteer (with stipend) to handle (who can look after the OBA day-to-day affairs also) for a period till the show is conducted.
- All liaisoning can be done with Ex-Defence stature and also with SSKZM OBA repute.
- Even help of working community can be leveraged.
- Ample time frame of 1 year for planning & execution
- All Chapters can be associated, including International Chapters of SSKZM OBA

Expense (Approx Only) – 1 to 2 Crores (lesser depending on set-up & celebs market value)

- An open stadium – Sound System – Light Set-ups – Artists Remunerations – Seating – Security – Transportation – Accommodation – Food – Power – Pre-Event Expenses – Marketing – Taxes

Revenue: (Approx) – 3 to 5 Crores (lesser depending on set-up & celebs market value)

- Revenue Streams: Sponsorships from Corporate's & Brands
- Open to Public on Ticket Sale – Stadium capacity of 25000-30000
- Exclusive Telecast Rights to Entertainment Channels / OTTs