

**SSKZM OBA**  
**OLD BOYS DAY & ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING REPORT**  
**23 June 2018**

**49 TH REUNION DAY (OBA) – 23 June 2018**  
**SPONSORED BY THE 1993 BATCH**

**EVENT REPORT**

1. This years' OBA reunion was conducted on 23 June 2018 with a turnout of 458 OBs including the sponsoring batch (1993). The various activities that were conducted by the sponsoring batch and other events that were conducted during reunion day are appended in the succeeding paragraphs:

**PROGRAM BY SPONSORING BATCH OF 1993**  
**21 June 2018**

**1640 -1700 hrs – Inauguration of Periodic Table**

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**1700 -1745 hrs –Prize Distribution**

3.OBA Endowment awards to cadets followed by High Tea

**1900 -2030 hrs – Entertainment Program for the cadets and staff**

4 Entertainment program that included Ganamela, on international Music Day arranged for the cadets and staff.

**PROGRAMME ON REUNION DAY**  
**23 June 2018**

**0700h - Alumni arrive at School Campus**

5. Alumni started arriving in the Campus as early as 0700h. A total of 358 alumni (including batch of '93) registered at the counter. The sponsoring batch (1993 batch) was in full strength with as many as 40 members with their family members attending. Rs 1,44,600/- was collected as registration fee. Thank you, 1993 batch, for attending in full strength.

**0800h – Homage at the Hut of Remembrance and Hoisting of the OBA Flag**

6. Along with the batch of 1993 and other Old Boys present, the group led by the President SSKZM OBA paid homage at the Hut of Remembrance – dedicated to the memory of all departed Old Boys. Subsequently, the SSKZM OBA President Cdr Sam T Samuel (Retd) (637/75) hoisted the OBA Flag.

5 After hoisting of the OBA Flag, the batch of 1993 marched towards the School Foyer led by Wg Cdr Parmaraj TR (2300/93)

### **0845h – Arrival of the Chief Guest and Guard of Honour**

6. **Vice Adm Ajith Kumar AVSM** was the Chief Guest. He was received by the Principal Col V K S Rawat, Admin. Offr Lt Col B Girish Kumar and Vice Principal Lt Cdr Parichay Kalra along with the OBA President Cdr Sam T Samuel (Retd) (637/75)

### **0900h- Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Chief Guest**

7. The Chief Guest laid a wreath at the Stupa of Remembrance in memory of those alumni who laid down their lives in the service of the nation. The batch of 1993 marched towards the Stupa of Remembrance led by **Shri Sagar PM (2262/92)**. They along other OBs and family members present stood audience to the Guard of Honour, wreath laying and paid respect to the martyrs.

8. Subsequently, the Chief Guest paid homage to the School Founder Shri VK Krishna Menon in the Foyer, Col NJ Nair AC KC in the North Wing, Capt Harshan AC in the South Wing and to 2/Lt R M Naresh and Maj S Chandran SM in the Central Triangle.

### **0920h - Commemoration Meeting at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium**

9. The commemoration meeting started with the Presidential welcome and address. In his address, the OBA President Cdr Sam T Samuel (Retd) (637/75), stressed on the upcoming golden Jubilee year and emphasized the benefits of being a part of this family. This was followed by the distribution of prizes sponsored by the OBA. The Chief Guest **Lt Gen Cherish Mathson (734/76)** gave away the prizes to the cadets who excelled in various subjects in the previous academic year.

### **Late PC Satish Chandran Lifetime Achievement Award**

10. The following OBs were awarded the Late PC Satish Chandran Lifetime Achievement Award, who excelled in various levels during their illustrious career. The Awards are instituted in memory of PC Satish Chandran (77/67):

1. ROLL NO 381 LT GEN CHACKO THARAKAN, VSM, AVSM
2. ROLL NO 116 SHRI C KRISHNADAS THAMPY
3. ROLL NO 901 COL KPR HARI, VC
4. ROLL NO 379 DR. MJ ALEXANDER
5. ROLL NO 428 DR B MOHANACHANDRAN
6. ROLL NO 207 M RAJAGOPALAN NAIR

### **Late Fg Offr MP Anil Kumar Memorial Achiever of the Year Award**

11 OBA felicitated the following illustrious alumni for their achievements in 2017 with the Late Fg Offr MP Anil Kumar Memorial Achiever Award. The Awards are instituted in memory of MP Anil Kumar (1122/81):

1. ROLL NO 4687 MAJOR RV AKHIL RAJ, SC
2. ROLL NO 2537 COLONEL ASHOK P ACHUTHAN, SM
3. ROLL NO 2385 DR MEHUL R MAHESH
4. ROLL NO 2091 DR NAWAL KISHORE

### **Citation of Appreciation**

12. Citation of appreciation was extended to:

1. ROLL NO 2297 SHRI ANUP S

13. The Chief Guest also felicitated one senior master and one GD employee retiring this year:

1. MR. P K P PANIKER, SENIOR MASTER
2. SHRI K SOMAN, GENERAL EMPLOYEE

14. Subsequently, in his address, **Lt. Gen Cherish Mathson SM, VSM (734/76)** urged the students of Sainik School Kazhakoottam to join the Armed Forces where there are a large number of opportunities., **Armed Forces is the most lucrative career in front of them**

15 Cdr Sam T Samuel (Retd) (637/75), President, OBASSKZM thanked the chief guest and all the Cadets, Staff and Alumni for their active participation in all the events of this year's OB Reunion Day.

Thereafter, all members of staff, cadets and alumni moved for tea arranged outside the auditorium at the Maj Satish Chandran SM Gallery.

#### **1200 h- AGB Meeting at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium**

16. Minutes attached herewith separately.

#### **1330 h - Lunch for Alumni, Faculty, Class XII and all Cadet Appointments**

17. A grand lunch was organized by SSKZM and the Batch of 1993 at 2/Lt Radha Mohan Naresh Hall (Cadets' Mess). A total of 1150 approximately attended the lunch, which included Ex-Masters, OBs, spouses and children.

#### **OBA Humbles OBA School Cricket Team**

18 The school cricket team was a mismatch to the victorious OBA team this year. Glad that the school outclassed the veterans to win the Volleyball and Basketball matches. The Prizes were distributed in the evening post conclusion of all matches. This was followed by tea.

#### **1750h - Departure of all Alumni and Families**

19 The old boys dispersed after high tea, promising to return on 22 June 2019 for OB Day 2019

**Hoping to meet all of you for the next OB DAY to be held on 22 June 2019  
(Sponsored by the batch of 1994)**

**SSKZMOBA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES**  
**1140 h at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium on 23 June 2018**

**Silent Prayer (1 Min) in memory of dear departed.**

1. The General Body meeting started by observing one-minute silence in memory of our dear departed Alumni, Cadets and Staff. 122 alumni attended the AGBM.

**Welcome Address by Jt Sec, SSKZM OBA**

2. Dr Habeeb Mohammed Jt Sec, SSKZM OBA welcomed our new Patron Col V K S RAWAT and the new OBA in Charge & Ex Officio Member Sri Arun Kumar MS, Senior Master SSKZM to the meeting along with the members. During the year, in addition to 4 Obs, 85 cadets of 2018 batch joined SSKZM OBA as life members.

Four EC meetings were held during the year: 1<sup>st</sup> on 09 Aug 2017 (14/20), 2<sup>nd</sup> on 28 Oct 2017 (08/20), 3<sup>rd</sup> on 20 Jan 2018 (09/20) and 4<sup>th</sup> on 21 Apr 2018 (10/20) to discuss and decide on SOP for Liaison of SSKZMOBA with SSKZM, release of School Bulletin 'Renaissance', reviewed Endowments by Individuals and Batches for Awards to Cadets, approved 1993 Batch projects, Capt Paul Bastine Memorial Pavilion, finalized 49th OBA REUNION program and agreed to discuss further on Golden Jubilee Program. Increasing number of Old Boys participated in school Annual Day, Sports Day and POP Functions. 2 EC Members were nominated and Awards Committee formed.

9<sup>th</sup> Ed of Capt R Harshan AC Memorial Inter-School Basketball Championship was held from 25-27 Oct 2017, where in 9 Teams participated. 10 Teams participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ed of Col NJ Nair AC, KC Memorial Inter School Quiz/Debate Competition. OBA had earmarked Rs.99,000/- as assistance. Rs 65,000/- was released as advance from the OBA general fund to conduct 1<sup>st</sup> Ed of Shri NBN Memorial Teachers Enrichment Program on 18 November 2017. 60 Teachers & 5 Speakers made the event memorable. Aid for 15 Cadets from SSF includes Direct Assistance from OBA: 60,000/-, Young Brigades Group contributed 53,000/- and on an emergency, direct aid was provided for 2 with concurrence of OBA

President made an appeal to the fraternity to contribute liberally towards NBN Memorial Initiatives, Student Scholarship Fund & Golden Jubilee Celebrations

During the above period, we were able to close Federal Bank SB Account, Aadhaar number was incorporated in the new format of our Membership form. Rs 5 Lakhs was released as medical relief to Dr. B Mohana Chandran (/1972), additional aid of Rs 3 Lakhs to Renjith BV (/2002) to continue with his treatment.

On behalf of the AGBM, he thanked Col. A Rajiv (2053/90), ex Principal SSKZM for all the good work done to our Alma mater. He also thanked Sri K Rajendran, Senior Master (retd.), SSKZM & OBA in-Charge & Ex Officio member

**Brief Introduction by OBA President**

3. Cdr Sam T Samuel (Retd) (637/75) thanked all Obs, especially the chief guest, the Principal Col VKS Rawat and the staff of SSKZM for making the 49th reunion a huge success. He, on behalf of all the OB's, also thanked the batch of '93 for successfully organizing the reunion and for the efforts to execute all the projects during the last one year.

He stressed on the relevance of fruitful discussion during the AGBM to arrive at important decisions. Later projected OBAs' short term plan & mid term perspective of an

organization that is 50years young. He emphasized that we need to look beyond our current structure that include annual reunion and minimal activities for the alumni, cadets and school.

Major mid term activities recommended for alumni includes recognition & periodic support to 17 active chapters spread worldwide. Regular Networking structure & constructive competition between chapters, batch wise Group Medical insurance/ death coverage, Career guidance especially from senior serving OBS for organised motivational trips/talks etc. Activities suggested for school include Outbound training for teachers, re-employment and career assistance to Teachers/ Non Teaching staff on retirement. For cadets, senior serving OBS would help organise motivational trips to NDA / NA etc and facilitate a Trip to NDA /NA for UPSC qualified cadets along with their parents, for better conversion of joining NDA.

Celebrity based fund raising event in addition to contribution of Rs 1,00,000/- from each batch was proposed and accepted by the AGBM towards GJ expense. Specific Batch/Chapter sponsoring an activity like NBNMTEP by Bangaluru, NDA visit by Pune/ Mumbai and NA visit byKochi / Malabar etc were also accepted. It was also agreed that Col N J Nair Memorial Inter School Quiz Competition and Capt Harshan Memorial Inter School Basketball Tournament would be taken to an enhanced level.

OBA also intends to initiate annual subscription from members (say Rs.50\*12 months=Rs.600) and activity based voluntary contribution like SSF, NBNMTEP. A platform would be created for resourceful Obs to register for voluntary assistance to OB activities by sending a mail to [admin@sskzmoba.org](mailto:admin@sskzmoba.org)

Attempt will be made to release OBA GJ Coffee Table Book with the support of sponsors. Data would be assimilated by 1994 Batch and Ceejo Thomas (1983/91) to publish GJ OBA Directory (hard copy). Chapter Visits, Insurance options, placement agencies for young alumni would provide a new direction

### **Presentation by Class Of 1993**

5. Wg Cmr Padmaraj TR (2297/92) presented the major projects that the batch of 1993 completed during the year 2017-18:

**a. TPR Memorial Hockey Pavilion**

**b. Periodic Table - Fun learning outside the chemistry lab. in memory of NBN**

**c.**

**d. Kazhaks Agro Farm – Contributed INR 1lakh**

**e. Ignite sessions – Motivational talk by the OBs to ignite the cadets to join the defence services**

### **Presentation by 1994 Batch**

6. Capt. Anish A Nair (2382/93) gave a presentation covering their batch's project execution plan ahead for the next reunion. In consultation with the school authorities, they plan to seek approval of the OBA to implement the following projects:

**a. Smart Class Upgradation**

**b. PA System with VPS for School Auditorium**

**c. Floor Scrubber for School Mess**

**d. To continue with the Ignite Series**

**e. To continue financial Assistance to kazak Agro Farm and SAF**

f. The batch also seeks support of the school & OBA to celebrate Onam 2018 at school.

1. School Reqmts a) Floor cleaning machine b) Smart Class eqpt

c) PA sys for Auditorium d) Tractor with grass cutting, earth work & Trailer att.

e) Trophy Shelf modifying the spiral stairs & sprucing up of school Foyer.

f) Synthetic layering of B'Ball & V'ball courts under the Sam Manekshaw Arena.

2. Other Suggestions related to OBA Golden Jubilee Pgmes.

a) In the light of change at helm in SSKZM and also the OBA plans towards increased activity this year, we need to take on responsibility for increased 'executive action' from OBA towards conduct of these events and cannot expect the school & its administration to be deeply involved in planning & implementation like it had been during the tenure of the OB Principal.

b) Chief Guest for the final event.. if we are considering a service chief, then the Air Chief should be preferred so that adequate involvement & responsibility rests with the Southern Air Comd who's head is also the school's LBA Chairman.

c) Continuity in EC core gp... (already accomplished).

## **ANNEXURES**

**I. FINANCIAL STATEMENT up to 31/3/2018 of SSKZM OBA (with notes)**

**II. LIST OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS 2018-19**