

**RE-TYPED COPY****MINUTES OF THE XL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS SOCIETY HELD IN THE  
SCHOOL LIBRARY, DOON SCHOOL, DEHRADUN AT  
9.30 A.M. ON SUNDAY, THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1979****Present:**

Mr. Darshan Singh : President  
 Mr. Vineet Virmani : Vice President  
 Mr. Shiel Vohra : Honorary Secretary, and  
 53 Other members

1. The House condoled the passing away of M/s. P.K. Chaudhry, Harshraj Kriplani, C.K. Sinha, Shiv Talwar, Prakash Summanwar, \_\_\_\_\_ Maitra, Ravi Sen and S. Vertannes and, observed two minutes silence on their said demise.
2. The President then welcomed all those present.
3. The Minutes of the XXXIX Annual general Meeting which had already been circulated, were taken as read and then duly passed, subject to the following clarifications:-
  - (i) Mr. S.S. Bery pointed out that M/s Darshan Singh and Vineet Virmani were elected for the first time at the last Annual General Meeting and not re-elected as reported. The mistake was rectified.
  - (ii) A general discussion on bursaries took place. The Honorary Secretary clarified that there were three bursaries of Rs.1,500/- that is, two running bursaries of the D.S.O.B.S. and a one time bursary offered by Mr. Madhava Prasad, in memory of his late brother Mr. Govind Prasad. Some discussion on the award of these bursaries took place but, it was explained that this job was left to the Executive committee, which also functions as the Bursary Committee. The necessary resolution to

this effect had already taken place in the last Annual General Meeting. In order to clarify certain queries, the President suggested that the House first hear the Annual Report of the Committee as it would clarify many of these points.

4. The President then read the report of the Executive Committee (1978-1979) of which the salient points were as follows:
- (i) The effort to raise funds is continuing with all sincerity. The efforts of the Calcutta Regional Representative, Mr. S.K. Puri, had yielded a total of Rs.1,17,207/-. These collections had been forwarded to the Doon School Trust, the assets of which already stood at over Rs.8,00,000/-.
  - (ii) The Bombay Regional Representative, Mr. Suresh Advani had organized a very successful and enjoyable Golf Get-together in Bombay. The Inter-house Golf matches which he organized were so popular that they might even take on the nature of an annual event.
  - (iii) Several donations in kind were received from individual old boys and M/s James Finlay continued to make a special cash donation of Rs.5,000/- per annum.
  - (iv) The material for the 'Dosco Record' has been collected but, problems regarding the cost and availability of paper had forced a delay in its publication.
  - (v) The Sub-Secretariat has been functioning regularly in New Delhi.
  - (vi) Efforts have been made to regularize posting of the Weeklies. It took almost six months to have the permission for concessional postage restored. The number of weeklies to be received by the Society would soon be increased from the present 1,100 and, gradually it was hoped to receive sufficient number of Weeklies so as to be able to mail these to all old boys. The Headmaster had written requesting an increase in

the payment for Weeklies by the D.S.O.B.S. from the present Rs.3,000/- to Rs.7,000/-. These and other matters are being sorted out as efficiently as possible.

- (vii) The availability of bursaries had been sufficiently publicized. The 'Govind Prasad Memorial Bursary' had been awarded and of the two D.S.O.B.S. Bursaries, one had recently fallen vacant.
- (viii) Heartiest felicitations were offered to Mr. Gulab Ramchandani on taking over as the Headmaster of the School and to Bhai Manjit Singh on his having become a member of the Governing Body.

## 5. Accounts

The Accounts for the year ending 30 June 1979 had already been circulated. A discussion then took place on these Accounts.

- (i) The link between the loan of Rs.45,000/- to the School and the grant of bursaries was again brought up. It was explained that, in lieu of interest, the School would give three bursaries of Rs.1,000/- each to sons of old boys, against this loan. In case bursaries were not offered, then the money would lapse as the bursaries would not be carried forward.
- (ii) It was also pointed out that the Executive Committee had already resolved to treat the loan as a donation to the Doon School. Some members felt that this should be ratified at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. Accordingly, it was there and then put to the House that the loan of Rs.45,000/- be treated as a donation and this motion was unanimously carried.
- (iii) It was suggested that refunds should be obtained against the tax deduction at source on the interest amounts which accrue from the Society's various deposits. The Honorary Secretary was asked to make the necessary enquiries. It was, however, clarified that the donations are generally

taken in the name of the Indian Public Schools' Society which has an Income Tax Exemption.

#### Exemption of Income Tax

A discussion took place on obtaining an Income Tax Exemption for the Doon School Old Boys' Society. However, it was pointed out that this exercise had been carried out on earlier occasions and had been dropped for various technical, though valid, reasons.

(iv) From the accounts, it was observed that the Society had paid Rs.10,000/- towards its stock of Greeting Cards. The Honorary Secretary informed the House that these Greeting Cards are already available for sale. All old boys, desirous of purchasing them, could contact him.

(v) During the year under review, the Executive Committee had decided to increase the Life Membership Subscription to Rs.300/-. This point was put to the House and it was duly approved.

#### Consequently, Mrs. Darsan Singh, Yash Varnani

Some members expressed the view that Life Membership Subscription should not be taken as an income but put in a Capital Account. Mr. Siddarth Sen was of the opinion that such monies could be taken as income, if expressly declared as such by the Society. Kanwar Prem Lal thought that an expert must be consulted in order to clear doubts.

(vi) The Bursaries then again figured in the discussion. It was quite clearly stated that no further bursaries could be granted for the time-being. Mr. S.K. Khanna was of the opinion that bursaries should not necessarily be given only to the sons of old boys. This suggestion was firmly opposed by the House. It was agreed to circulate information on the existence and availability of bursaries through Regional Representatives and the Weekly.

(vii) The accounts were then confirmed and duly passed.

6. Election of office bearers:

- (i) There was considerable discussion on whether a 2-year tenure should be given to the office bearers as a rule. M/s ....Gill and Atul Gupta said that such a provision would have the benefits of continuity and thereby increase the advantage to the Society. However, arguments were advanced on other angles to this issue, such as, an ineffective Office Bearer continuing for two years. Then Mr. Piloo Mody more or less brought the discussion to an end by suggesting that plain common sense should be used at each Annual General Meeting to decide whether the incumbent should continue for a second term or whether new Office Bearers should be elected in their place. Mr.Mody felt that such a matter did not warrant any law or convention.
- (ii) Consequently, M/s Darshan Singh, Vineet Virmani and Shiel Vohra were re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary, respectively.
- (iii) A discussion ensued on members of the Executive Committee. M/s S.S. Bery, Dhruv M. Sawhney, Lalit Nirula and Pushpendra Maliah were elected members of the Executive Committee.
- (iv) The names of four other old boys were suggested by the House for being co-opted. The final decision, would, ofcourse be left entirely to the Executive Committee. The names were:

Bhai Manjit Singh  
 Mr. Izzat Rai Dewan  
 Mr. M.A. Murugappan, and  
 Mr. Rajbir Singh

(v) Mr. Sumer Singh had earlier been requested by the Executive to assist in Dehra Dun as the D.S.O.B.S. Junior Local Secretary and with the mailing of the Weeklies. The House recorded its sincere appreciation of his spontaneous co-operation.

7. M/s V. Sahai & Co. were appointed as the auditors.
8. The last item on the Agenda was "Any Other Business". The matter of the 'Dosco Record' was brought up by Mr. S.R. Das. Mr. Das felt that there had already been considerable delays and that Mr. Martyn was disappointed. The President explained the many problems that the Executive Committee was faced with. M/s S.R. Das, Izzat Rai Dewan and Anil Gore offered to assist with the printing and Mr. Anil Gore also offered to assist with the mailing out of the 'Dosco Record'. It was agreed that samples of proofs would be handed over to M/s Izzat Rai Dewan and Anil Gore and if it was possible for them to assist, they would revert within two weeks.

The President informed the House of the progress till date on the 'Dosco Record'. On understanding the difficulties faced by the Executive Committee, the House felt that, nevertheless, the 'Dosco Record' should be expedited by as much as possible so that Mr. Martyn's hard work could come to early fruition.

9. In conclusion, the meeting was then duly adjourned with a 'Vote of Thanks' to the Chair.

(S.K. VOHRA)  
HONORARY SECRETARY  
DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY