

## MINUTES OF THE

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS SOCIETY HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE DOON SCHOOL AT 9.30 A.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 1990.

Present - The President, Honorary Secretary, Executive Secretary and 63 members.

The meeting was called to order.

2. A condolence resolution was passed and two minutes silence observed on the sad demise of the following Members/Associate members:-

- a) Mr. Afzal Khan (ex 494-T).
- b) Mr. C.P.N. Singh (ex 170-K).
- c) Mr. Brijesh Mathur (ex 122-K).
- d) Mr. Hanif Mannoo (ex 271-J).
- e) Mr. Surrinder Singh (ex 247-H).
- f) Mr. T.N. Vyas (Former Master, 1936 - 1948).
- g) Mr. R.L. Moore (Former Master, 1944).
- h) Mr. Arthur Hughes (Former Master, 1963-71).

3. The minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting had been circulated to all concerned. Mr. Jayant Hari Har Lal and Mr. Indrave Singh Mann proposed and seconded that the minutes be approved. The same were duly confirmed and approved unanimously.

4. Annual Report by the President

The President gave a brief report on the activities of the Society during the year 1989-90 and highlighted the following :

- a) The dinner and dance held in October 1989 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Old Boys Society was a particular success and was attended by approximately 400 persons including Old Boys from Pakistan, and Old Masters from all over the country. This was the largest turnout in the Society's history and augured well for the future.
- b) The Society has now been registered with the Income Tax authorities at Delhi under Section 12-A of the Income Tax Act and we are actively pursuing the case for exemption under Section 80-G of the Act. This is likely to be sanctioned in the near future.
- c) Two issues of "The Rose Bowl", dated 21 April and 11 August 1990 have been published and another issue is likely to be brought out in November/December this year. The President however pointed out that owing to paucity of funds, it may be necessary to curtail the number of issues during the year unless Old Boys actively supported this project by giving strip advertisement/donations to offset the costs of production. As it is, just half a dozen Old Boy's have come forward with assistance, and a larger response is desirable.



- d) The Old Boys Register 1990 has been published and copies of the same are available. The cost of producing and printing of 3500 copies was largely offset by the generous financial help of a small number of Old Boys including Mr.Dhruv Sawhney, Lalit Nirula, Pushpindar Singh Chopra, Jayant Hari Har Lal, Bhai Manjit Singh, Vipin Malhotra, Pavan Bali and Kulbir Singh. Mr.M.M.Ghai pointed out that the class listing in the new register was incorrect. (The error in class listing was because of a printing error and the same has since been rectified) The Register will be distributed free of cost but the manner of distribution must ensure that the Society is not burdened by the cost of mailing.
- e) During the year, some get-togethers were organised by Regions -
- i) The Madras region arranged a "Get-Together" at Ooty in February 90. This was well attended, as in 1989 and the Southern region are now proposing to have a far bigger affair in March 1991.
- ii) Two Old Boy's Dinners were held in London during May and June this year, and some 50 Old Boy's attended the dinners all-together. The Headmaster attended the dinner held in June.
- iii) Two "get-togethers" were held in Dubai during the year.
- iv) The Lucknow Region had a "get-together" in March 1990 which was attended by about 50 persons.
- v) A dinner and dance in conjunction with the Welham Girls School Alumini was held at the Holiday Inn-Plaza at New Delhi.
- vi) The Calcutta Region proposes to have a long-weekend of various functions in the third week of December 1990, and it is planned to include an OB's squash, golf and tennis tournament followed by a dinner-dance.
- f) Greater interaction between the DSOBS and the IPSS

The President informed the House that the Board of Governors have agreed that the President of the Old Boys Society, will be a "permanent invitee" to the IPSS Board of Governors meetings.

- g) Environmental Related Activities.

It was a matter of great satisfaction that the Society's efforts to create an Environmental Centre and set up a paper re-cycling unit for the School was near fruition. While the Society has funded the project report for the Environmental Centre (to be prepared by a professional group nominated by Dr.Maheshwar Dayal), considerable work has been carried out to identify the site, equipment and infrastructure for the paper re-cycling unit. Mr.Harpal Singh, who has devoted considerable effort to bring about these projects, was asked to give a briefing to those assembled at the Annual General Meeting. It was announced that



the house of Birla's have kindly agreed to fund the Paper Recycling Unit at a cost of Rs.3 Lacs, and this unit would be set up behind the Carpentry shops. Equipment for the same has been identified and the unit should be operational within the next few months.

h) Plans for the firm foundation of the Old Boy's Society

The Society currently had Rs.3.25 lacs invested in Fixed Deposits (shortly increasing up to Rs.4.0 lacs) while Rs.1.05 lacs has been given to the School on account of Old Boy's bursaries. (The President also mentioned that the Old Boys in Pakistan have been offered a scholarship for the grand son of an Old Boy from Pakistan and it was hoped that this opportunity would come about).

The Sub-Secretariat of the Society at Delhi has functioned to a large extent with the support of an Old Boy (Mr.Arun Bharatram) whom we most sincerely thank. The Society's aim, however, is to be of independent means and the object is to form a corpus fund of at least Rs.25 lacs during the next five years so that the Society can be self supporting and in a position to assist the School in various areas. In addition, the Society would wish to start a career counselling cell for young Old Boys. The President suggested that Mr.Gulab Ramchandani, a senior Old Boy and ex-Headmaster of the School with his immense experience in planning and fund collection, be requested to chart out an action plan for the Old Boys Society. Mr.Ramchandani kindly agreed to do so.

Mr.Gulab Ramchandani proposed and Mr.Shomie Das seconded that the Annual Report of the President be adopted. This was approved unanimously.

5. Accounts

The accounts for the period ending 31st March 1990 had been circulated earlier to the members and the following points were raised :-

- a) The Society was receiving a small amount in an "Endowment Fund" each year. It was suggested that this be credited directly to the School and not shown in the Society's account.
- b) The Life Membership fees received by the Society should go into the capital account and not be shown as an income of the Society.
- c) After considerable discussion and references to the genesis and the manner in which interest on Rs.5 lacs from the Golden Jubilee Corpus Funds had been given to the Old Boys Society by the Board of Governors in 1985-86, Mr.Lovraj Kumar suggested that the President take up the case with the Chairman of the Board of Governors to reconsider their decision to cease payments of interest from the end of the current financial year. The President informed that this matter had already been



taken up with the Hon. Secretary of the IPSS and requested that the Board of Governors revise their decision.

- d) One of the members brought up the point regarding money given in advance to the John Martyn Trust. It was explained that this amount (Rs.25,848.05) would be donated to the Trust.

Mr. Gulab Ramchandani proposed and Mr. Manjit Singh seconded that the accounts be adopted and the same were approved unanimously.

6. Participation of members of the Old Boys Society in the proposed expedition to mark 60th Anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Kamet.

Mr. Sudhir Sahi, who is Secretary Delhi Chapter of the Himalayan Club, is organising the above expedition in the summer of 1991 and hopes that many Old Boys will participate not only to pay homage to the fond memory of the legendry R.L. Holdsworth but also to appreciate the wonders of the Himalaya.

Mr. Gurdial Singh who is one of India's greatest mountaineering veterans, spoke to the members about the rare plant "Ermania himalayensis" which is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as collected by Nandu Jayal in the 1955 expedition to Kamet. He advised that "if you desire a niche in the temple of fame, you are well advised to go to the same rock face".

7. Membership of the Society in respect of 10 Old Boy's from Pakistan.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Old Boys from Pakistan, who could not fulfil the criteria laid down in the rules of the Society owing to the partition of the country in 1947, be made members of the Society as a special case :-

i) Khan Abdul Aziz Khad	ex 100-J (1945(2)-1947(1).
- ii) Mustafa Anwer Hussain	ex 82-J (1946(2)-1948(2).
- iii) Rafiq A Akhund	ex T (1946(1)-1947(1).
iv) M Safique Saigol	ex J (1947(10)-1947(1).
- v) Azhar Ali	ex 209-K (1946(1)-1947(1).
- vi) Khurram Muzaffar	ex 12-T (1947(1)-1947(1).
- vii) Khwaja Saifuddin	ex 51-H (1947(1)-1947(1).
- viii) Shahzada Amirzeb	ex H (1947(1)-1947(1).
ix) Zafar Ali Khan	ex 45-H (1946(2)-1947(1).
- x) Barkat Ullah Khan	ex 167-J (1947(1)-1947(1).

This was greeted with much cheers.

8. Payment of life subscription for membership of the Society by wards of School Staff.

Some Staff members, who are also Old Boys, took exception to the suggestion that wards of the staff be treated on the same lines as Government Scholars and were strongly of the view that staff members should pay the life subscription for their wards on the same basis as



other Old Boys. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the wards of the Staff should pay their life subscription at the time of leaving School.

#### 9. Election of Office Bearers

Before the above was taken up, the President read out the letter of Mr. Lalit Nirula who had suggested that :-

1. The tenure of the members of the DSOBS Executive Committee should be for a maximum period of 3 years with one-third of the members retiring every year.
2. Executive Committee members who attended less than 50% of the meetings should not be re-nominated for the next year, regardless of whether they completed their normal tenure of 3 years or not. He did not propose changes "in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society, but was suggesting that if the above points are accepted by the House at the AGM, it can establish a convention/tradition for the future as is the case with the election of the President and the Vice President where both the President and the Vice President have a period of 2 years with the Vice President becoming the new President each time".

The following Old Boys were elected to the Executive Committee for the year 1990-91 :-

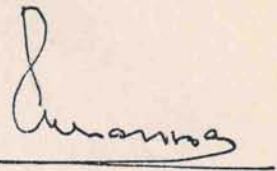
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| 1.  | Mr. Dhruv M Sawhney                         | - | President                          |
| 2.  | Mr. Harpal Singh                            | - | Vice President                     |
| 3.  | Mr. Shiel Vohra<br>(Mr. JHHL to assist him) | - | Honorary Secretary                 |
| 4.  | Mr. Jayant Hari Har Lal                     | - | Member                             |
| 5.  | Mr. I. S. Mann                              | - | Member                             |
| 6.  | Mr. Sandeep Dutt                            | - | Member                             |
| 7.  | Mr. S. K. Munjal                            | - | Member                             |
| 8.  | Mr. Balbir Saluja                           | - | Member                             |
| 9.  | Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhry                       | - | Member                             |
| 10. | Mr. Sudhir Sahi                             | - | Member                             |
| 11. | Mr. Samir Modi                              | - | University Representative.         |
| 12. | Mr. Mahesh Sahai<br>(V. Sahai & Co.         | - | Chartered Accountant<br>Auditors). |

#### 10. Points taken up with the permission of the Chair.

- a) Mr. Sandeep Dutt offered the services of his EDB Business Centre at Dehra Dun to the Old Boys Society free of cost. This was gratefully accepted.
- b) Dr. Fareed Italia was appointed the Regional Representative at Hyderabad vice Mr. Vijit Pillai.
- c) Mr. Inderpal Singh (ex 385-T) will be the Class Representative of 1965 vice Mr. Harpal Singh.

- d) The President requested members to contribute generously for:-
- i) The Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball Tournament.
  - ii) The Michael Dalvi Benefit Cricket Match.
- e) The House was of the view that the existing badge of the Old Boy's Society as worn on the blazer, be retained as such without any change. This was accepted.
- f) Mr. Shomie R. Das proposed a special vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Mr. Pushpindar Singh Chopra, for his outstanding leadership of the Old Boy's Society over the past two years. This was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was then duly adjourned with a vote of thanks to the outgoing President and the Committee.



(P.C. KHANNA)  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

15th November 1990