

MINUTES OF THE 84TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY, HELD AT THE DOON SCHOOL, DEHRA DUN ON SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 14.00 Hrs. IST.

ATTENDEES:

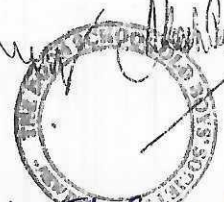
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1	MR	SUMANJIT	CHAUDHRY	7J	1963
2	MR	SUDHIR	SAHI	116 T	1963
3	MR	GAUTAM	VOHRA	154 H	1963
4	MR	HARISH	SOOD	159 K	1963
5	MR	SHEEL	SHARMA	345 K	1964
6	MR	ARJUN	MALHOTRA	325 K	1964
7	MR	RAVI	CHAUDHARY	244 K	1964
8	MR	SHIV	DEV DATT	61 T	1964
9	MR	HARPAL	SINGH	322 H	1965
10	MR	HARIPAL	SINGH GILL	328 H	1966
11	MR.	ARJUN	SAHAY	76HB	1973
12	MR	NIKHEL	KOCHHAR	41 KB	1973
13	MR	ARUN	SINHA	332 K	1973
14	MR	UMESH	CHABLANI	45JA	1973
15	MR	AMAN	RAI	005 JB	1973
16	MR	SANJEEV	MEHERA	222 KA	1973
17	MR	SUNIL KANT	MUNJAL	180 K	1973
18	MR	MOIN A	QURESHI	467KA	1975
19	MR	ANOOP	SINGH BISHNOI	112 JA	1975
20	MR	ANIL	MALHOTRA	505 HB	1975
21	MR	RAHUL	KOHLI	81 JA	1975
22	MR	SUHEL	HASAN	224 KB	1976
23	MR	ANKUR	BAHL	193 JA	1976
24	MR.	SANDEEP	NAGALIA	636 K	1979
25	MR.	ROHIT	DAS	165 HA	1979
26	MR.	RAKESH	KAUSHIK	603TA	1979
27	MR.	SANJIV	SAPRA	534 TA	1979
28	MR	SANDEEP	DUTT	627 K	1979
29	MR.	RAGHUVENDRA	SINGH 'DONNY'	878 T	1982
30	MR	BHARTENDRA	SINGH KAKARANA	957 JA	1982
31	MR	RAVIBIR	SINGH GREWAL	019 K	1983
32	MR	SHASHANK	VIRA	2 JB	1983
33	MR	RAHUL	PRASAD	029 HA	1983
34	MR	SANJOY	ROY	257 A	1983
35	MR	SHANKAR	VISHWANATHAN	26 HB	1983
36	MR.	BHARAT	MEHRA	196 HA	1984



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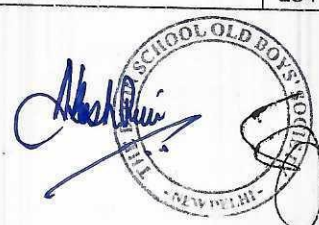
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37	MR	HARENDRA	KAILATH	171 K	1984
38	MR	AVINASH	SINGH ALAG	160 HB	1984
39	MR	SANJIV	BATHLA	158 T	1984
40	MS.	ARCHANA	SINGH	187 HA	1984
41	MR	ASHISH	MITRA	221 HA	1984
42	MR	ASHUTOSH	GOYAL	392 K	1986
43	MR	SAMEER	DHINGRA	452 TB	1987
44	MR	MUNEER	SURI	490 K	1987
45	MR	VIPUL	JAIN	564 JA	1988
46	MR	SUDHIR	SINGH DUNGARPUR	85 HB	1989
47	MR	AMAR-UL-WARIS	HABIBULLAH	178 HB	1990
48	MR	ARJUN	SODHI	203 HB	1990
49	MR	RAVI	SINGHEE	265TA	1991
50	MR	ANSHUMAN	PRAKASH	239 K	1991
51	MR	ABHINANDAN	SEKHRI	302 O	1992
52	MR	RAHOUL	SINGH	312 JA	1992
53	MR	SIDDHARTH	LULLA	383 TB	1992
54	MR.	PRATIKAKSHA	BASU	442 TB	1993
55	MR	HARSH	RASTOGI	509 HB	1993
56	MR	KUNAL	SHARMA	473 K	1993
57	MR	NIKHIL	MEHRA	410 HB	1993
58	MR	ARJUN	SAHGAL	424 J	1993
59	MR	ANMOL	WASSAN	291 JB	1994
60	MR	RAGHAV	OBERAJ	514 JB	1994
61	MR	PRITHVI	SINGH GILL	665 T	1995
62	MR	PUNEET	SARDANA	78 TA	1995
63	MR	BHARAT	SINGH	112 JA	1997
64	MR	AKASH	PURI	230 TA	1998
65	MR	PRATYUSH	VAISHNAVA	422 KB	2000
66	MR	ARUSH	SOGANI	600HA	2000
67	MR	ROHAN	THAKUR	563 OB	2001
68	MR	SYED JUNAID	ALTAJ	209 O	2003
69	MR	ABHENAV	KHETTRY	159 J	2003
70	MR	RAJAT	SABHARWAL	599 O	2007
71	MR	ROHAN	MEHRA	65 K	2008
72	MR	SAMAY	MANGALAGIRI	99 T	2008
73	MR	ARMAAN	MALHOTRA	157 H	2009
74	MR	MANAV	KOCHHAR	183 O	2009
75	MR	YASH	JOHRI	561 O	2013
76	MR	AVIK	GUGALIA	534 KH	2013
77	MR	MANAN	PRADHAN	184 O	2016



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78	MR	SAMARTH	MAKHIJA	166 T	2016
79	MR	ROHAN	SINGH	425 H	2018
80	MR	GAUTAM	SINGHAL	30 K	2021
81	DR	JAGPREET	SINGH	Headmaster, The Doon School (Ex-Officio Member)	
82	MS	RACHANA	SINGH	Manager - Fin & Admin The DSOBS	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr. Ashok Singh Malik (230 H, 1954)

AGENDA ITEM No 1:

Establishment of Quorum

Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary, announced that the quorum to hold the Annual General Meeting was available, and that proceedings could commence.
The President welcomed all Members present in the House.

AGENDA ITEM No 2:

To pass a condolence resolution in memory of Members who have passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.

A condolence resolution was passed in memory of the following members who passed away since the last (83rd) AGM.

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LT GEN	BHUPINDER	SINGH, PVSM AVSM VSM	117 H	1942
MR	BRAJDHAREE	LALL	209 K	1943
MR	SAROJ	K MEHRA	122 K	1944
RAJA	HARENDRA	SINGH	031 H	1949
DR	PROSUN	GOSWAMI	001 T	1953
MR	RAJIV RANJAN	CHOPRA	221 K	1955
MR	SRI KRISHAN	AHUJA	177 K	1955
MR	PROBHASH	CHAWLA	290 T	1955
MR	ARUN KUMAR	HARI	251 K	1955
DR	KARNA DEV	BARDHAN	212 T	1956
MR	HINDAL 'BADRU'	TYABJI	302 H	1957
MR	SATBEER 'SUNNY'	SINGH of JIND	227 J	1957
LT COL	BALJIT INDER	SINGH SODHI	193 J	1960
MR	VIVAN	SUNDARAM	187 J	1960
MR	ASHOK	BAJAJ	156 J	1961
MR	ANIL	GUPTA	441 H	1974
MR	VIKRAM ADITYA 'BOBBY'	SHARMA	187 J	1974



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MR	ASHWAN	KHANNA	593 K	1980
MR	SUMANTRA NARAYAN	DEB	023 J	1983
MR	PRABHJOT 'JYOTI'	SINGH	159 J	1984
MR	SAMEER	PRASAD	296 K	1985
MR	ROHIT	CHAWLA	366 T	1986
MR	JONATHAN A	MASON	(HEADMASTER: 1996-2003) AFFILIATE MEMBER	
MRS	INA	MITRA	AFFILIATE MEMBER	
MR	GURDIAL 'GURU'	SINGH	AFFILIATE MEMBER	
DR	SURENDRA DAYAL 'SD'	SINGH	AFFILIATE MEMBER	

A special mention for Mr Gurdial Singh 'Guru' and Dr SD Singh.

The President requested everyone to rise and observe a minute's silence in memory of the departed members.

The President said this year we lost Mr. Gurdial Singh, fondly known as 'Guru', and Dr. SD Singh. The Founder's issue of The Rose Bowl has been dedicated to these iconic Masters of The Doon School. He went on to congratulate Mr. Prateek Basu, Editor of The Rose Bowl, for releasing issue after issue of the magazine while being based out of Los Angeles, USA. He requested Mr Basu, who was in attendance, to rise and present himself to the members. The President requested Mr. Basu to present the first copy of the Founders 2023 edition of The Rose Bowl to Mr. Harpal Singh, Collegium Member, and nephew of Late Gurdial Singh. He requested Mr. Harpal Singh to say few words in memory of his late uncle.

Mr. Harpal Singh – "The DSOBS has done a great honour to an icon of the School, Late Gurdial Singh. It's quite touching to have the entire Executive Committee of The DSOBS and so many Doscocs in the audience. I'm sure wherever he is, he is looking down rather happily at what he helped create. I think that in some ways, some of our great iconic teachers, including our Founder, our Headmasters, Arthur Foot & John Martyn, actually laid down lots of things that actually have become part of what might call the 'Dosco Ethos.' And some of them, including Guru, were people who sort of lived it through their lives, not only when they were part of the School, but also thereafter. And I think starting out with the idea of what this society should be all about, which is, and it is aristocracy of service, I think that is very much a part of what we hope, and I do believe that is one of the fundamentals the School taught. This ability to 'give', and in that sense, Guru was a big giver. If you just think about what he 'gave' to us, in every sense of the word, whether you talk of 'values', or you talk of the spirit of adventure, or you talk about the love for certain things that you like - it could be music, it could be the art, it certainly was geography, and many of us remember for the wonderful drawings he drew on the blackboard. We would leave them there, on the board, for some time because they were extraordinary works of art. When he would put up those wonderful drawings, at that time we didn't have the benefit of much of technology that is now available, but he did that in a great way. He was, in many ways, omnipresent. For those of us who went to School during Guru's time, it was very difficult to note his absence from any activity across the campus. I must share with you a little incident that may resonate with Doscocs who were in School in 1965. A so-called, environmental movement launched globally, courtesy a book called Silent Spring. I happened to read it five years later, while I was in the US, in 1970. I was very surprised that a book which had created a movement worldwide didn't impress me very much. 10 - 15



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years later I realised the reason. The kind of life, the book mentions, one must live, we all had lived at Chandbagh. We lived with the environment. We went exploring during mid-term; we sat with our masters, including people like Guru, who could extend a class simply because a bird happened to land up on the bench; or you could say, 'Sir, today is a clear sunny day,' and he would go on to speak of the weather for the rest of the class. So, we sort of lived the life Silent Spring talks about. In this wonderful campus, with the kind of flora and avian life that is present here we have here. Mr Kunzru, for all who might remember, was Head of Nature Club. In every sense of the word, Guru was what a Dosco is. And in that sense, he left an imprint on all of us. To be empathetic, while being serious. I will tell you another episode that took place between Guru and me. I happened to be sitting on a tree by the Skinners, which unfortunately, is not there anymore, watching a cricket match. Guru happened to cycle past, from Jaipur House towards the swimming pool. He went past me, saw me sitting on the scraggy old tree, then looked back, and said, 'Well, will you see your House Master tomorrow?' And I landed myself a Yellow Card just for sitting on a tree. Many years later, during a conversation I said to him that you should not have sent me for a Yellow Card for sitting on a tree, I don't think I deserved the punishment. Why did you do it? He sort of smiled and said, "Well, you will learn, in time." For the next five years that I was in Doon, I did not enter his house, despite him being my mother's brother. The day my time at Chandbagh got over, after Golden Night, he asked me to meet him in his house the following day. When I entered his house, he said, 'Well, here after, whenever you are here in Doon, you must come and stay with me.' Then came the icing on the cake. he went on to say, 'you can also have the use of my car!' That was one hell of a concession to be given, as Guru was extremely fond of, and possessive about his car. I think there was a big message in there. When you are sitting on positions of responsibility, as he was as a Master at School, you don't do anything that might be seen as favourable to even somebody who might be as close as I was. That's a message that sort of stayed with me. Each one of you who was associated with him would remember incidences which have stuck with you for life, and you use them as sources of inspiration. It encourages you to do the right things. You would recall his love for nature, the environment, and he was always on the game field. At times when he was certainly sloppy in his long shorts. But he was very much there. On behalf of the family, thank you Mr. President, and the Executive Committee for honouring Guru. I would like to mention how pleased and touched we are at this very gentle, and I think very empathetic, and very warm remembrance of a man that we all loved and cherished, and we'll probably never forget, hopefully. Thank you."

The President informed the House that the Chief Guest for Founders, Mr. Arjun Malhotra (325 K 1964), who was the Vice President of The DSOBS for few months and then left for the United States, and Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal took over as Vice President, was present in the House. He requested Mr. Malhotra to say a few words.

Mr. Arjun Malhotra – "It's an honour to be here. I would like to thank the Board of Governors of IPSS. I've been telling my wife, "they probably couldn't find anyone else," but it's an honour to be recognised by your peers. I think there's no bigger recognition you can get than that, in whatever you do. I was at the Chandbagh Debate yesterday, and I thought it was interesting that we discussed the fact that can you do academics along with maintaining whatever they call The Doon School curriculum, or whatever term you use about building character and stuff. I think absolutely you can, it's just that everyone has to find their own ratio, decide how they want to do it, and then pull towards that goal. You've just got to set those goals right. It's possible. You may decide, I don't want to be the topper. I want to be in the top 10%, the top 5% or whatever. Your goals should be - I want to enjoy life, play games, take part in



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Sunil Kant Munjal



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plays and debates or whatever else that you need to do. It doesn't matter what your curriculum is. That's something I learned at The Doon School, and it's something that proved very effective as one gets into the work environment. And of course, as you may know, I went to IIT for five years and what that taught me was, how you can survive and perform with a group of people who are much smarter. The Doon School taught me much of how to do that. I haven't been able to define it in one word, otherwise I'd write a book and sort of tell everyone how to do it, but I think a lot of it I learned here. Yes, obviously the family, your teachers, everyone play the part. It's a pleasure to be here. And thank you all for being here. Thank you."

AGENDA ITEM No 3:

Confirmation of Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting, held on 15th October 2022.

Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting, held on 15th October 2022, were emailed to all Members in advance. The President enquired if there were any matters arising from the Minutes. No matters arose.

Mr Harpal Singh (322 H, 1965) 'Proposed' that the Minutes be passed. Mr Rahul Kohli (81 J, 1975) 'Seconded' the proposal. The Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting were taken as passed.

AGENDA ITEM No 4: A PowerPoint presentation on activities, events & initiatives of The DSOBS in the past one year, since the last (83rd) AGM

The President proceeded to brief members about the events held in the past one year, since the last (83rd) AGM –

Chandigarh Get-Together - Chandigarh, on 2nd November 2022
Paresh Maity Art Show, New Delhi – Exclusive 'Walk-through' for DoscOs, on 16th November 2022
Karnataka & Goa Region Get-Together - Bangalore, on 20th November 2022
Gujarat Region Get-Together - Ahmedabad, on 4th December 2022
UP (Central) Region Get-Together - Lucknow, on 9th December 2022
Inter House Football Tournament - New Delhi, 10th -11th December 2022
(Winners - Oberoi House; Runners Up - Jaipur House)
Alumni Cricket Bash – Dehra Dun, 16th -18th December 2022. Winner - Team Dosco
Karnataka & Goa Region Get-Together - Goa, on 13th January 2023
Cricket Match -The DSOBS Vs CCFC - Kolkata, on 14th January 2023
(This is revival of an annual fixture, after around 3 decades)
Tennis - Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi, on 22nd January 2023
(This is a new initiative)
Middle East Region Get-together 'Dosco Fridays' - Dubai, on 27th January 2023
Wildlife & Outdoors Sub-Committee Weekend to Jim Corbett National Park, 27th – 29th January 2023
USA (East) Region Get-Together, 'Dosco Fridays' - Washington DC, on 17th February 2023
Inter House Cricket Tournament – Gurgaon, on 18th -19th February 2023
(Winners - Jaipur House; Runners Up - Tata House)
UK Region Get-together 'London Fridays' - London, on 24th February 2023
Induction Ceremony for Class of 2023 induction into The DSOBS – School, on 5th March 2023
Donation of Ambulances – The DSOBS donated one Ambulance & one Patient Transport Van to The Doon School, on 5th March 2023
The DSOBS Mentorship Program was launched on 5th March 2023, with the 1st Batch of 14 Mentors (Old Boys) & 14 Mentees (SC Form boys)
UP (Central) Region Get Together - Kanpur, on 24th March 2023
Inter House Hockey Tournament - New Delhi, on 26th March 2023
(Winners - Hyderabad House; Runners Up - Oberoi House)
A refurbished 'Doscobilia', The DSOBS Memorabilia Store at School, was thrown open - on 6th April 2023
The Sheel Vohra Cricket Match was held at School - on 15th April 2023
Delhi Region Get-together, 'Socials' with Welham Girls alumni - New Delhi, on 29th April 2023



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Visit to Cannes Film Festival, Cannes, France – 14th – 23rd May 2023
DOSCO Talks – Webinar on 'Ecological Restoration of Degraded Landscapes' – 4th June 2023. Mr Vijay Dhasmana, Member, Biodiversity Council of Delhi, was in conversation with Mr Vikram Batra
The DSOBS Annual UK Region Get-Together – London, on 10th June 2023
S L Sharma Football Match at School – on 13th August 2023
Annual Kashmir Golf Weekend – Srinagar & Pahalgam, 25th -27th August 2023
Annual USA (North-East) Region Get-Together - New York, on 30th September 2023
Annual Inter House Golf Tournament – Greater Noida, on 6th October 2023
(Winners -Tata House; Runners Up - Hyderabad House)
Donation of Neo-natal Care Ambulance to KVR Paediatric Hospital, Kashipur, UK – 13th October 2023
Donation of an air-conditioned bus to the School for movement of sports teams – 13th October 2023

Meetings of Executive Committee - 6 Meetings were held since the last (83rd) AGM –

216th Meeting: 10th Nov 2022
217th Meeting: 14th Feb 2023
218th Meeting: 14th Apr 2023
219th Meeting: 27th Jul 2023
220th Meeting: 30th Aug 2023
221st Meeting: 22nd Sep 2023

AGENDA ITEM No 5: Update from Chandbagh – by Dr Jagpreet Singh, Headmaster

The President invited the Headmaster to address the House –

The Headmaster thanked the President and informed the House that that this year, after 3 years, a physical entrance exam was conducted in 6 centres across the country. More than 200 aspirants appeared for the exam in Dehra Dun. The parents and boys were taken for a tour of the campus after the exam and thereafter a Q&A session was held with them.

Upon a query by Mr Shubhendu Kumar (017 J, 1989) the Headmaster displayed a graphic presentation showing the numbers of students sitting for the School's entrance exam over the previous 5 years. He said that this year around 380 students appeared in the entrance examination. The Headmaster said -

“Six years curriculum, life ends, and the life of this beautiful relationship begins. And this is so organic, and it happens so organically that I don't see any second school here which absorbs, and which takes over, you know, such a beautiful relationship and embraces them right from the day one when they are leaving this portal of this great institution. You've been here, you've been around the campus. People tell me that campus is looking beautiful, and I believe you when you say that. And if anything, I could get as feedback, I would be very happy. I love people who are critical because they are the ones who tell you the real picture, always telling the rosy side is not true. It's good to have a brick of thorn because it tells you also where the area of improvement is. Lots happening in academics, lots happening in the areas of the future vision. So, what we are talking about, yes, you must have heard. We are moving now towards very firmly and very well planned. You know, there is no time for experiment. We cannot experiment. We this is the time now. We have to think on a long-term and short-term visions, and we have to implement that. A lot of ideas do come in lot of ideas do float up, but then implementations are very, very important. And as the chief executive officer of the school, I have taken that responsibility that I would be very, very precisely taking over the school now from a very complex multi boards into a single Indian curriculum and people ask me what the agenda is. Agenda simple. That the school has to be very simple in the curriculum. The school curriculum has to dominate over the certifications. What we call it. I don't know where the drift began. What is better people to ask me? Is it IGCSE it is IB, or it is ISC. That's not the question. These are only Certification Boards. These are only giving you valuations, and this is only one of the parameters, What the Doon School



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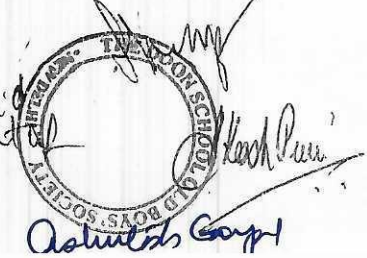
curriculum looks after, there are eight other parameters. The most important is joy. The happiness. What? A child. Achieves after doing anything and everything what he does on the campus here we deprived our boys. When the chairman of the board was discussing with me, we were talking about the four areas we want to develop and the four centres of excellence we want to come up and that excellence is one is for definitely art. Second is theatre and music and all the performing art and still arts, and the third is very, very important. That's it. Nothing will happen if we are so adamant about our deadlines and about and understand the complexities. I mean we have. 4 calendars running in the School. It made the School very complex and this School is so unique, in so many ways and we are forgetting the uniqueness and we were driving ourselves into the competition, which we do not belong to, and that made us think very deeply and trust me when I say that five years and you will see what Doon School model is, what Doon School curriculum model is and how it will demonstrate. In the world. What is Doon School curriculum in alignment with NC? I have gone through the 600 pages document of NEP & NC. I've taken a very deep dive, in fact on the Board I did make a presentation on the National Curriculum. The National Curriculum framework is not ordinary, and this is exactly what Doon School has been doing it for many, many years. The only idea was we lost our way somewhere because we did not know where the drive was going. We are focusing, we were focusing too many areas and now with the vision very clear. The goal post is very clear, and we do not want to move our goal post from time and time again. And with that area, we have given a very definite futuristic look to our academic world and to School. And let me tell you, a lot of people had a I did get a lot of calls, and I did get a lot of from the old boys' community and from the US, not really the members of the DSOBS, even from other schools the old boys' network. Isn't it a regressive move, and that's what you're going when the world is moving into internationalism. You're moving into Indian board. And I say, it is not a regressive, it's a most progressive move, and I'll prove it. Why? Why I want to say that. But then having said that, I say we are looking into diversities when our children go for America and when they go for UK, or they go for any European Universities, they are looking at diversity, they are looking more into people. I was talking to one of the Deans from Cornell and in the conversation it happened. I don't want all the boys to be applying for piano. I don't want all the boys coming for guitar. We want children to play tabla, sitar, santoor. We look for Bharatnatyam, we do not want a hip hop, so they are also looking at diversity and they believe like Americans do not have their local board national board, they believe more in a structure which is AP, what we call it. But when they say that we are looking for a diversity and why a child coming from India does not belong to the Indian curriculum and is looking towards the Board which does not belong to them, there is a big question mark and there are many areas what I can tell you about, but we are now moving into the right direction. Only one thing is what people ask me about. Or our admission process would suffer. Now let me put it on the record very straight. When we were having our admission test on the 1st of October. I wrote a fortnight before when the decision was taken on the Board that I need to be very transparent to my people who are applying for the admission. So, I wrote a letter to every parent who had applied for the 1st of October admission. I asked them if you want to really withdraw your son because we are not going to offer your son any of the international Board. We are a complete Indian Curriculum Board, and we will actually enhance it with The Doon School curriculum, and this is what Doon School curriculum talks about, the academic parameter only being one of the parameters. So, you will be surprised that 29 parents withdrew, and we gave their complete registration refund. This is what we believe in. We honour what we say, and we do what we always believing in. But you'll be surprised from the day we announced that we are becoming the Indian Board. 57 new admissions came in. And these old boys and you know the boys were applying for the school because they could not get in, you



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know, any other centre which we have around the country. And I met those parents. And you know what they said? I did not want my child to be in confusion. We were very sure our boy must go through this curriculum and that is why we wanted him to continue in that the day we came to know that Doon School is now looking at this way of education and this is what we wanted to send our boy here, not coming under pressure, not coming under. I'm using this term, don't really quote me under any caste division in the school. And that caste division, what they wanted was IB is taken an edge over ISC, and IGCSE is taken over an edge over ICSE. Why in one school? We are all living in the same house, we are living in the same building. We are using the same classrooms. We are using the same resources. Then why do we have a differentiated class, and class division in the school? That gave me an answer. What is the future of this school? We may have gone wrong, and we may have gone wrong to the parents. What we came in now those parents who are now looking for straight Indian curriculum going into it. I'm not saying Indian universities are the best in the world, but they are catering to our needs. And why not our children? People ask me why they and nobody is going to the Delhi University. Why they are not going to it and why not. That root of the greater civil services. It's because, boy, when it comes to Can you believe that the boy comes at the age of 11 or 12 into D Form? He doesn't study Indian history. He doesn't study Indian geography, he doesn't study Indian vernacular, he doesn't study Indian music. He does not even know Indian economics and he graduates from the school, goes to US, he goes Bologna, wherever in the European sector, comes back after a few years of experience and comes back to the soil. Where he doesn't belong. Do we really want to cater that that generation? This is my question. We were the school for the Indian. I'm not talking Indian does not mean internationalism. Indians are today talked in the world. And why the Dosco will not be talked in the world is absolutely absurd. I mean, why people think about those two different lines? So, my only appeal is. Believe in what the school is doing. This is one of the best moments. This is the glorified moment for us. Let's enjoy that. Let's see the growth. Let's see the information and I can tell you the journey of evolution is going to be great and thank you for always giving that support. I've always been, whether it was giving a school small school bus, or whether now you have graduated to a bigger bus and now I have, I think probably will be looking into a Volvo next time it's growing. I see in fact my driver who drives my car said 'Sir, ab OK hai'. And he's looking from his point of view, he suddenly saw a fancy air condition bus coming. He saw a beautiful school bus coming in, and then he saw the golf carts come. And suddenly these have come. So, I said they've opened their not only their gates. they've opened their arms for the boys and that what I always say please come more in number. I've never stopped a single old boy who's come on the gate. And not entered in and I will always appreciate more and more old boys to register more and more old boys to come in for admissions. That is where our culture lies. That is where our legacy lies. Let's honour the legacy of this School. Thank you so much."

AGENDA ITEM No 6: Presentation on The DSOBS Mentorship Programme – by Mr Rakesh Kaushik, Convener

Mr. Rakesh Kaushik greeted the audience and said, a lot of interest was generated amongst the boys for this programme. They were looking for mentors with whom they could speak about their aspirations, fears, concerns, and anxieties, freely and in full trust. The boys' wish list included mentorships for diverse verticals, like, managing, setting up a business in construction / infrastructure space; business in engineering-related fields; mechanical engineering; running a capital/asset management business; design (architecture, engineering, graphic design, art); pharmaceutical manufacturing; sports management, science & physiology. One can see the wide variety of interest amongst the boys, which is very healthy and encouraging. The Mentorship Programme took The

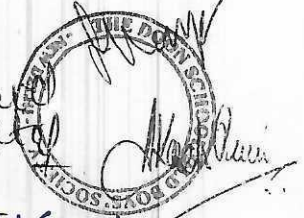


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DSOBS, and the School, through uncharted territory. We moved ahead with the clear idea that this would be a 'pilot project' for both The DSOBS & the School. One we were done with the boys' wish list, we approached DoscOs across ages & across geographies. We were delighted by the response of fellow DoscOs, more than 70 showed interest in participating in the programme. We managed to match 14 mentees with appropriate Dosco mentors. Some of the Mentors are present in the House today, and I wish to thank them for stepping up to support the Programme. Logistics have been put in place. The Mentors & Mentees will engage with each other once a fortnight. The School has built this into the schedule of the Mentees, keeping in mind that Mentors are based across the world and time zones, from Singapore, to India to USA & Canada. We then set up a training programme for the Mentors to guide them and we defined the framework for them. At the same time, the boys were given guidance on how to make the best out of this opportunity. We are now 6-7 months into the Programme. We did a survey of the progress on parameters like logistics of the programme, interest levels amongst the mentees, frequency of engagement, the chemistry between Mentor and Mentee, focus on core objectives of the Mentee, etc. We wanted to know whether the Mentors are enjoying the experience, whether we have gained sufficient momentum to take the Programme into Phase II. I am happy to report, very candidly, on a scale of 5, 60% of Mentees awarded 4-5 to their experience; 11% found the experience average; and just 9% felt that it did not go right for them; 3 out of 14 Mentees exited the programme midway, due to conflicting schedules, lack of time & interest etc. These are great diagnostics for us and will help us tweak the Programme in the next round. The Programme is scheduled to run until the end of December, after which we will have more information to further strengthen the Programme. The most encouraging bit has been that the Mentors have all been very 'gung-ho', and that pushes us to amplify the scope of the Programme itself.

AGENDA ITEM No 7: Presentation on the proposed Post-School Mentorship Programme – by Mr Akash Puri, Convener

Mr. Akash Puri said that a diverse talent pool that exists within the Dosco community, in India and overseas. Amongst the top five career paths of DoscOs are - Business, Business Management, Legal Services, Consultancy, Defence Services, Finance and IT. Other than that, DoscOs also pursue careers in areas like, arts and academics. The DSOBS is considering starting a Post-School Mentorship Programme for young DoscOs. Under this Programme we intend to curate an eco-system wherein young DoscOs can seek professional guidance from fellow DoscOs, in their respective preferred business verticals. At a young age, at the threshold of starting their careers, people are anxious about their career choices and may not have the where withal on how and where to start. At this stage they could do with some guidance and wise counsel. Who better than a fellow Dosco for gaining the desired insights? This is where the proposed Post-School Mentorship Programme fits in. As a pilot project the programme is perceived to be of around three months duration. The scope of this Programme is multi-tiered – Entry level professionals would be Mentored by mid-level professionals; mid-level by senior level ; and senior level with seniors, industry leaders and/or those that have retired from active work life. We are encouraged by the enthusiastic response to the Mentorship Programme with School, and we are hopeful that we should be able to make a similar impact in Post-School Mentorships. We are intending to launch the Programme soon after Founders and we seek the support of each Dosco in making this a success by volunteering to become Mentors.

AGENDA ITEM No 8: Update on The DSOBS Internship Program – by Mr S Junaid Altaf, Vice President

Mr. Syed Junaid Altaf said that the Internship Programme of The DSOBS has been in place for several years now. In this Programme, SC Form boys are placed in industry verticals of their choice for 2-4 weeks. This gives them an insight into how business is conducted in the career vertical of their choice.

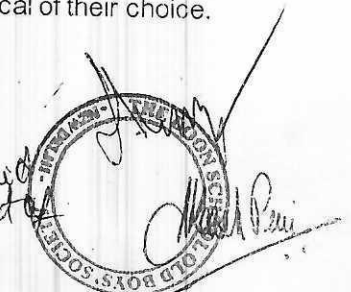


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This Programme is typically held during the summer vacations. Over the last 3 years, the pandemic & post-pandemic years, we curated the programme to run online & in hybrid format. Now that things are back to normal, we have reverted to the offline format. Last summer 44 SC Formers opted for internship. We are delighted to share that each of them was placed in organisations of their choice. This was possible because of the support from fellow DoscOs, who were more than happy to open doors of their establishments to these boys. The DSOBS would like to thank each Dosco who stepped up to support the Programme, and we request more DoscOs to volunteer to participate in the coming summer. Please contact Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary, to take this forward.

AGENDA ITEM No 9: Update on The Dosco Card Sub-Committee – by Mr Rakesh Kaushik, Convener

Mr Rakesh Kaushik made a PowerPoint presentation and said that in his previous update (on Mentorship Programme) he spoke of the spirit of giving. This update is about the spirit of taking. Please take your Dosco Card, use it, and enjoy the benefits! He continued, saying that The Dosco card programme is a year old. Over the past year, since the last AGM, we have added more brands, presenting to you a bouquet of a wider mix offerings. Laggard partners were dropped, and newer ones came on board. Mr Pratik Basu, Editor, The Rose Bowl, was a great support, as he communicated our initiative impactfully. A lot of engagement happened around the Cards in Get-togethers in Delhi & London. Apart from that we have been promoting the Card itself and its benefits & offers from time to time on our social media handles, WhatsApp, email. Etc. As we speak, we are now going a step ahead and, in keeping with the times, the Dosco Card has gone digital. All of you would have received your Dosco Card in digital form via email. If not, please update your email ID with the Secretariat. You don't need to carry your Dosco Card in your wallet anymore. Just save a digital copy on your mobile and use it from there. I am sure no one will leave home without his mobile phone! The Dosco Card covers a wide range of categories. We have been very mindful of the spread of DOSCOS we have, and what they would be interested in, from the time they are in School to the very senior DoscOs. The immediate family of a Dosco (parents, spouse, siblings, and children) can also use the Card and avail of benefits. As of now we have covered the following business verticals – hospitality, fine dining, lifestyle, wellness, insurance, wellness, consumer, etc. We have also launched a Chatbot. This Chatbot gives you updated information and details of offers available on The Dosco Card, all on the click of a button. We will continue adding more partners across verticals and brands. At the end of this Meeting, please collect a copy of The Rose Bowl, it has all the latest information on all the latest offers available on the Card.

AGENDA ITEM No 10: Update on The DSOBS Social Media Initiatives – by Mr Yash R Gandhi, Convener

In the absence of Mr Yash Gandhi, Mr Junaid Altaf, Vice President, briefed the House on the initiatives taken up by the Social Media Sub-Committee over the last one year. He said that, as in the past years, we continued active engagement on all our social media platforms, primarily Facebook and Instagram, to update all the old boys about our events and activities. We are looking to build greater traction, especially on LinkedIn. We would like suggestions from all of you, all members of the fraternity, to give us ideas, especially for building greater engagement through our social media channels, as that remains a critical part of The DSOBS agenda to reach out to the fraternity at large. We have already executed a major task, that of digitising all the documents that we have at the Secretariat. These will be uploaded on cloud, courtesy, Eisenvault, for with selective viewing rights available to all DoscOs. We are also completely overhauling our website. The new updated state-of-the-art website will be ready in the next few months. It will be created on WordPress we welcome suggestions from everybody regarding content on the new website.



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AGENDA ITEM No 11: Update on The DSOBS Memorabilia – by Mr Ravi Singhee, Convenor

The President informed the House about the change made in our memorabilia vendor and the revamped Doscobilia. He requested Mr Ravi Singhee to update on initiatives taken by The DSOBS Memorabilia Sub-Committee.

Mr. Ravi Singhee informed that Doscobilia was renovated in the current year by the new vendor, M/s Mango Orchard. He requested everyone to visit Doscobilia to have a look at the fresh arrivals and validate the quality of, which has improved tremendously. He said that issues with the previous vendor, including settlement of accounts etc. has been satisfactorily completed.

AGENDA ITEM No 12: Update on new office premises for the Society – by Mr Sameer Dhingra, President & Convener

The President informed the fraternity about the purchase of New Premises for The DSOBS Secretariat. He said that the Society had sold its office premises in Bhikaiji Cama Place, New Delhi around four years back. We have finalised a new office premise in Block A1 of Panchsheel Enclave in New Delhi. It is a basement in a new building which is under construction. We expect the building to be ready in 4-5 months. The carpet area is around 2,000 sq. ft. which is similar to the existing office in Defence Colony. He invited all members to visit the new Secretariat once it is ready and in use.

AGENDA ITEM No. 13: To seek approval of Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Account for Financial Year 2022-23 (Auditors Report & Audited Statement of Account – Annexure II)

The President requested the Hony. Treasurer to brief the House on the financial status of the Society as on 31st March 2023

Mr Sanjiv Sapra, Hony. Treasurer, gave a brief on the financials of the Society, as under -

INCOME:

Membership Subscription – Rs. 88 lakhs

Interest on Deposits with Banks & Financial Institutions - Rs.71 lakhs

General Donations - Rs. 66 lakhs

EXPENDITURE:

Scholarships - Rs.15.36 lakhs

The Rose Bowl - Rs. 20.09 lakhs

Admin Costs - Secretariat Rent, Maintenance, Staff Cost, Staff Travel, Communication Expenses etc. were maintained in the same range as the Previous Year

BALANCE SHEET:

Fixed Deposits with Banks & FIs - Rs. 1,356.88 lakhs (including fixed deposits made for Building Fund, and other Restricted/Dedicated Funds, like Scholarships, The Rose Bowl, Gurudakshina etc.)

Brought Forwards - Sports for Charity Fund

Brought Forward from Prev. Year - Rs. 19.24 lakhs

Collections during the Year - Rs. 13.92 lakhs

Total - Rs. 33.16 lakhs.

Utilised during the Year – Rs. 26.67 lakhs

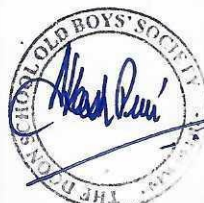
Balance Carried Forward - Rs. 6.49 lakhs

He asked the Members if they had any queries regarding the financials. No query was raised.

Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary requested that someone from amongst the House may propose that the Auditors Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23 be 'Approved.' Mr. Moin A Qureshi proposed that the Auditors Report along with the Audited Statement of Accounts be 'Passed', Mr Haripal Singh Gill seconded the proposal. The Auditors Report & the Audited Statement of Accounts for FY 2022-23 was duly taken as approved by the House.



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Hony. Treasurer



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Ashutosh Goyal
Secretary

AGENDA ITEM No 14: Re-Appointment of Auditors

Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary informed the House that M/s JHS & Associates, LLP, retire as Statutory Auditors of the Society, and, as such, they are eligible for re-appointment for Financial Year 2023-24. They have given their consent to be re-appointed as Statutory Auditors. (Annexure III) in documents emailed to all members along with Notice for AGM.

He requested that, if no one has objection to the re-appointment, someone from the House may 'Propose' appointment of M/s JHS Associates, LLP, as Statutory Auditors for financial year 2023-24.

Mr Sumanjit Chaudhry proposed that the Statutory Auditors be re-appointed for financial year 2023-24. Mr Sai Armaan Malhotra seconded the proposal. M/s JHS Associates, LLP, were duly appointed Statutory Auditors of the Society for the financial year 2023-24.

AGENDA ITEM No 15: Appointment of Honorary Treasurer

Mr Sanjiv Sapra's term, of 5 years, as Honorary Treasurer, comes to an end at this AGM.

The incumbent Hony. Treasurer, Mr Sanjiv Sapra, was appointed at the AGM of 2018. He was the first Hony. Treasurer of the Society. Effectively, his term ends at this AGM. While the Society would have very much liked him to continue to handle this most critical responsibility, Mr. Sapra has been given even greater responsibility by being co-opted as Member of Board of Governors of IPSS.

During Mr. Sanjiv Sapra's tenure the Society underwent many challenging situations, like, new FCRA Act; GST being imposed on the Society with retrospective effect; disruption in work, and normal life due to the coronavirus pandemic; change in Income Tax laws; etc. Without his active involvement and wise counsel, it would have been very difficult for the Society to handle such adverse situations. The Executive Committee puts on record their gratitude to Mr Sapra and would like to thank him for his wisdom & guidance.

The Executive Committee, after several deliberations and due diligence, has proposed appointment of Mr Vipul Jain, ACA (564 J, 1988) as the new Honorary Treasurer of the Society, for a term of five years, effective from this AGM. The term is extendable by a second term of five years.

The outgoing Hony. Treasurer, Mr Sanjiv Sapra, said that Mr. Vipul Jain is the perfect fit for the position. He is willing to devote time to the Society, and his experience will help in the betterment of the Society.

Mr. Sheel Sharma 'Proposed' that the recommendation of Mr Vipul Jain as the next Hony. Treasurer be 'Approved', Mr. Prithvi Singh Gill 'Seconded' the proposal. Mr Vipul Jain was duly appointed as Honorary Treasurer of the Society for a term of five years, extendable by another five years.

AGENDA ITEM No 16:

Any other matter, with permission of the Chair.

Mr Ashutosh Goyal, Secretary, announced that if someone wanted to discuss any matter related to the Society, he may bring it up. No one brought any matter to the table.

The 84th Annual General Meeting of The Doon School Od Boys' Society was duly adjourned, with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

