

Black and Gold of Victoria

Minutes EGM 28/05/2023

Venue: Craft room – Mt. Waverly Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverly 3149

Date: 28/05/2023 Time: 4pm to 5.35pm

An Extra Ordinary General Meeting was called to order by Secretary Kosala Kularatne at 4.00 pm and initiated by caretaker committee member – Chaminda Galagedara.

Secretary Kosala Kularatne read out the AGM meeting minutes held on the 2nd of April 23.

Minutes were proposed as being accurate by – Sajith Wickramarathne Minutes were seconded as being accurate by – Anura Pandithasekara

The caretaker committee member Kosala Kuruppuarachchi sent his apologies for not being present and sent his well wishes to the nominated committee.

Chaminda Galagedara addressed the gathering;

In his speech he mentioned that the main reason to appoint the caretaker committee at the AGM held on the 2^{nd} of April 23, was to see the organization continue to function this year and see to it that a committee be appointed to take the organization forward.

- 1. He mentioned that fresh nominations were called from the 3rd of April and closed on the 29th of April 23. No nominations were received for any position.
- 2. In his and Kosala Kuruppuarachchi;s capacity vested as caretaker committee members they have canvessed and hand picked a new committee for the year 2023-2024.. He referred to a a few questions raised by Sameera Gunaratne and Antonio Veerasingham via email regarding the decision to bring new candidates to the committee and presidency without prior executive experience in the Black & Gold committee.

Chaminda Galagedara explained the exact constitutional clause (24) that had vested power to the caretaker committee in the event of zero nominations for the upcoming presidency. Chaminda mentioned that Ramesh was offered the presidency by Sajith as the returning officer at the last AGM and requested Sajith Wickramarathne to provide a summary of the conversation that he had withRamesh Veerasingham at the previous AGM in relation to his interest to become the president of Black & Gold committee.

Sajith Wickramarathne mentioned that he had a conversation with Ramesh where Ramesh expressed that he is no longer interested to become the president of black & gold of Victoria and Chaminda Galagedara also confirmed the same. Chaminda mentioned that Ramesh could have expressed his interest in the presidency as the nominations were called a second time.



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Chaminda Galagedara proposed the new Black and Gold Committee that the Caretaker Committee had selected and communicated to the members in writing on the 21st of May 2023 and asked the gathering if there are any objections in appointing the committee as proposed. Since there were no objections, Chaminda requested Devinda Wijesinghe, Sajith Wicramarathna and rest of the new committee to come forward and chair the meeting.

Proposed and Appointed committee members were as follows for FY23/24

President – C. Devinda Wijesinghe – 1998 Batch
Vice President – Kosala Kularatne – 1992 Batch
Vice President – Janke Weerakoon – 1997 Batch
Treasure – Roshan Unantenne – 1992 Batch
Secretary – Sajith Wickramarathne – 2005 Batch
Assistant Treasure – Callum Weerakoon – 2005 Batch
Assistant Secretary – Isuru Dhanawardana – 2006 Batch
Event Coordinator – Janithu Liyanage – 2020 Batch

Devinda, Roshan & Sajith addressed the gathering and requested to provide any suggestions for the upcoming year.

Received Suggestions from Mangala Banneyake, Pavithra Samaraweera, Damith De Mel, Chaminda Galagedara and Gami Jayasinghe as follows:

- a. Minimise the number of events for the upcoming year. Proposed events are Black & gold dinner dance, Death Anniversary of honourable R.I.T Alles and big match between DSSC & Mahanama college if possible to organize.
- b. Fixing or/ and any necessary amendments for the current constitution
- c. Proper process/ application to obtain a nomination, how to verify proxy of a voting member
- d. Proper communication channel/method for all the members in Victoria
- e. New committee members to be included as signatories in the Black & gold Victoria bank accounts held in Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the account details as follows;
 - i. 4 signatories to be on the account
 - ii. At least 2 to sign to transact
 - iii. Signatories
 - 1. Devinda Wijesinghe (President)
 - 2. Kosala Kularatne (Vice President)
 - 3. Roshan Unantenna (Treasurer)
 - 4. Sajith Wickramarathne (secretary)



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Special Note: There were some funds to be received from sponsorships which was obtained on year 2022 Black & Gold gala night. Total amount was \$1,800.00 and to be followed up with the sponsors by Naveen Pandithaseka & Pavithra Samaraweera.

Meeting was adjourned around 5.35pm.

Sajith Wickramarathne Secretary Black & Gold of Victoria