



# Black & Gold of Victoria Incorporated

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Reg No: A0053302D

## **Annual General Meeting for the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

**Mount Waverley Community Centre**

**47 Miller Crescent**

**Mount Waverley Vic 3149**

**7 July 2024 at 4.00 PM**

### **Agenda**

- Present and Apologies
- Minutes of EGM held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2023
- President's Report of Activities for 2023/24
- Treasurer's Report of Financial Report for 2023/24
- Q&A of 2023/24 Activities
- Appointment of New Committee for 2024/25
- Q&A with members
- Close of AGM



# Black and Gold of Victoria

## Minutes B&G 28/05/2023

Venue: Craft room – Mt. Waverly Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverly 3149  
Date: 28/05/2023  
Time: 4pm to 6pm

An extra Ordinary 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 23.

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

The caretaker committee member Kosala Kurupparachchi sent his apologies for not being present, 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<sup>nd</sup> of April 23, was to see the organization 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and closed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 23. No nominations were received for any position.
2. In his capacity vested as caretaker he has canvassed and hand picked a new committee for the year 2023-2024.. He referred to 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 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 Wickramaratne to provide a summary of the conversation that he had with Ramesh Veerasingham at the previous AGM in relation to his interest to become the president of Black & Gold committee.

Sajith Wickramaratne 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 he has selected 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 Wickramarathna 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. Fixing or/ and any necessary amendments for current constitution
- b. Proper process/ application to obtain a nomination, how to verify proxy of a voting member
- c. Proper communication channel/method for all the members in Victoria
- d. New committee members to be included as signatories in the Black & gold Victoria bank account 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)



## Black and Gold of Victoria

Account name : Black & Gold of Victoria Inc  
BSB : 063359  
Account no : 10108234

Account name : Black & Gold of Victoria Inc  
BSB : 063920  
Account no : 10083335

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 Wickramaratne*

Sajith Wickramaratne  
Secretary Black & Gold of Victoria



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## President's Report of Key Activities for 2023/24

### 1. Nevindu Lakman – July 2023

In July 2023, at the request of the Colombo OBA, Black and Gold of Victoria hosted Nevindu Lakman, at the time, a student of D S Senanayake College and the Sri Lankan National Junior Champion, to compete in the World Championships held in Melbourne. It was the first time in over twenty years that a Sri Lankan had earned the right to participate in this annual championship.

Nevindu had not competed outside of Asia before arriving in Australia ranked 500+ and reached a world rank of 73 at the end of the World Championships.

Black and Gold of Victoria and our members are proud to have supported Nevindu in achieving this great feat. One of the benefits of this project was reestablishing a good relationship with the Colombo OBA.

The net cost of the project was **\$303**.

### 2. Website development - September 2023

The Black and Gold Committee launched a new website for the association in September 2023. This user-friendly platform features an online membership registration mechanism, which is in line with the current constitution.

This allows old boys of our college to become members of Black and Gold of Victoria easily. This initiative is a crucial step towards creating a sustainable source of funding for our OBA in Victoria, ensuring the continuity of Black and Gold of Victoria's efforts in the long term.

The net cost of the project was **\$75**.

### 3. Dinner Dance – September to October 2023

Black and Gold of Victoria held its much-anticipated Annual Gala Dinner Dance on 21 October 2023 to celebrate 15 years of operations in Melbourne, Victoria. The Senanayake Brotherhood enjoyed a great evening of celebration, camaraderie, and memories. The wonderful band Dynamics entertained the guests as they danced the night away.

The 2023 dinner dance event was completed with a net profit of **\$ 1,194**.

### 4. The commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of our beloved founding Principal RIT Alles Sir – November 2023

Black and Gold of Victoria organised an almsgiving on November 25, 2023, for 80 Sil devotees at the Keysborough Dhamma Sarana Temple to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of our beloved founding principal, RIT Alles Sir.



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The Executive Committee of Black and Gold of Victoria wishes to recognise the pivotal role played by the 2005 batch of brothers in this endeavour. The 2005 Batch was not only the main financial contributors of any batch (32% of the total funds) but also, on the day, represented the majority of the old boys who assisted with the Dane to the sil devotees.

The Committee also acknowledges the contributions of all the other old boys who participated in this meritorious act, including Past Presidents Chaminda Galagedera, Mangala Banneyake and Naween Panithasekera.

The net cost of the project was **\$50** due to the generous contributions of DSSV's old boys.

## **5. President's Visit to Colombo – January 2024**

In January 2024, Black and Gold of Victoria President Channa Wijesinghe visited the College in Colombo and met with Principal Sampath Weragoda Sir and Colombo OBA President Mayura Amerasinghe. Constructive discussions, including some preliminary discussions, were held about future collaboration efforts, including fundraising initiatives, which ultimately led to the creation of An Evening with Aravinda (refer below).

## **6. Dinner Dance – February to May 2024 – *An Evening with Aravinda***

Black and Gold of Victoria was approached in early 2024 with an opportunity to have the chance as the first overseas old boy's chapter to celebrate our alma mater's most famous son, Mr Aravinda De Silva, on his induction into the ICC Hall of Fame. We acknowledge the contribution of Black and Gold of Victoria's founding president, Dr Keshawa Edirisinghe's contributions and appreciate his involvement with this project.

We thank Aravinda Aiya for his involvement in planning this project, his participation in the event, and his engagement with the guests throughout the night.

We are also grateful for the support for the event from DS Senanayake College Principal Sampath Weragoda Sir, Colombo OBA President Mayura Amerasinghe and Treasurer Amila Fernando. We also greatly appreciate that the Principal and Treasurer were able to attend the event in person.

The event was a great success, resulting in a net profit of **\$9,915**.

## **7. Administration Expenses**

The administration expenses include the hiring of the halls for the AGMs (2023 and 2024), EGM (2023) and the Principal's visit (2024), the cost and lodgement of CAV annual returns for three financial years (2022 – 2024) and the website development costs noted above.

For the financial period the total administration costs - **\$552**



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## 8. The Surplus for the year and Distribution to the Colombo OBA

Black and Gold of Victoria's surplus for the year from its activities was **\$10,324**. In early June 2024, we transferred **\$10,000** to the Colombo OBA to be used **70%** for the Cricket Development Fund championed by Aravinda Aiya and **30%** for the School Development Fund.

We have received the acknowledgment receipts from the Colombo OBA for these donations.

## 9. Review of the Constitution

At the EGM held last year, a request was made to review the Constitution. The Committee has performed a review and has not identified any significant matters that would impact Black and Gold of Victoria's current operations.

From our interactions with members, we note that there is a preference to change the name, and such a change would impact the constitution. However, we note that the other Australian state chapters, as well as some DSSV events in Colombo, also use “Black and Gold”. Further, the bank accounts and all official documents and registrations carry the “Black and Gold” name.

Accordingly, we do not believe that it is advisable to change the name that has now been in place for 16 years in Victoria and also used as a basis for DSSV OBA chapters in other Australian states.

## 10. Other matters

### *Cricket Match with Mahanama*

In February/March 2024, we received a request to play the big match with Mahanama. At the time, we were also busy with the 2024 Dinner Dance – An Evening with Aravinda. I was contacted by the Mahanama President Gayan Ariyaratne. Due to our resource and capacity constraints, I offered Mahanama the opportunity to run the event this year, as historically, it has been Black and Gold of Victoria who ran it. I informed him that if they can do it this year, then we can do it again next year. He was also informed about our resource constraints with the May event. However, Gayan refused that offer. A similar offer was made to a DSSV old boy who contacted us.

Ultimately, the Committee had to decide whether we should invest the available resources and capacity in a project that would benefit the current students at our college in terms of their education, sporting activities and future betterment or facilitate the entertainment of old boys by playing a cricket match in Melbourne. Given the dire economic circumstances in Sri Lanka and our obligation to lend a hand to those in need, the Committee unanimously decided to support the Evening with Aravinda project.



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## Conclusion

The 2023-24 year has been a very busy year for this Committee, which has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the members of Black and Gold of Victoria.

The Committee took office at an EGM under challenging circumstances and have achieved the following in the past year:

- Re-established an excellent working relationship with the Colombo OBA;
- Undertook the Nevindu Project to facilitate his attendance at the World Championships;
- Build a new website and automated the member registration and the collection of an annual subscription, which will create long-term financial sustainability;
- Achieved the unique distinction of holding two dinner dances (Oct 2023 and May 2024) in the same financial year;
- Organised an almsgiving to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of our beloved founding principal, RIT Alles Sir;
- The CAV lodgement process was brought up to date;
- Transferred \$10,000 or LKR 2,000,000 to the Colombo OBA to benefit the education and sporting activities of current students of our alma mater and
- Performed a high-level review of the Constitution.

I take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, members of Black and Gold of Victoria who engaged with us, suppliers to our events, our Principal Sampath Weragoda Sir, Colombo OBA President Mayura Amerasinghe and other well-wishers who assisted us during this challenging year.

I greatly appreciate and express my heartfelt thanks to my committee members, Kosala, Roshan, Sajith, Janake, Callum and Ruchika, for their fantastic support throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the 2023 Interim Committee led by Chaminda Galagedera and the members of Black and Gold of Victoria for trusting me and the 2023/24 Committee. I hope you will extend that support to the proposed 2024/25 Committee to be led by Kosala Kularatne.

I wish Kosala and the 2024/25 Committee all the very best.

Yours sincerely,

*CD Wijesinghe*

Channa D Wijesinghe  
President  
Black and Gold of Victoria  
2023/24





**D S Senanayake College Old Boys' Association**  
 62, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka. Telephone: 5840310 Fax: 2688010

**Receipt**

Received with thanks from

Black and Gold of Victoria  
 Australia Branch

Date :	19/05/2024
Receipt No :	100014
Ref. :	

A Sum of Rupees \_\_\_\_\_

In Cash / Cheque No \_\_\_\_\_

for which the details are given below.



Type	Description of Receipt	Amount
5013	Cricket Dev Foundation - Donation	1,400,000.00
Total		LKR1,400,000.00

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Authorised Officer



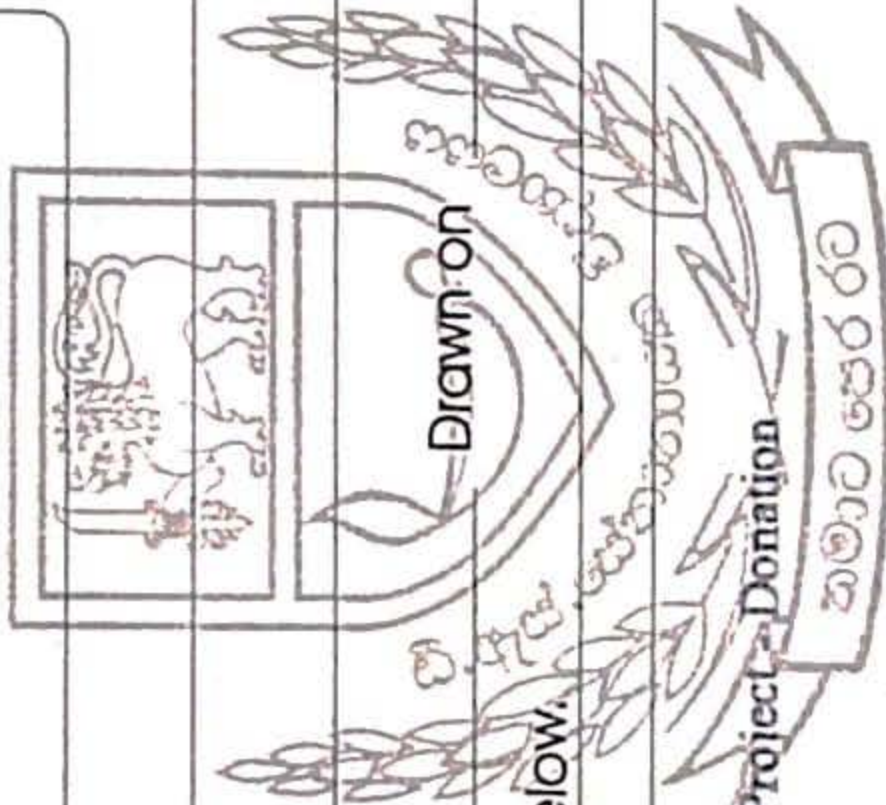
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Type	Description of Receipt	Amount
2898	School Development Project - Donation	600,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>LKR600,000.00</b>

Date : 20/06/2024

Receipt No : 100016

Ref. :

0075506

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**7 July 2024 at 4.00 PM**

### **Proposed Team 2024/25**

- Kosala Kularatne - President
- Sahan Fernando - Vice President
- Prasanna DeSilva - Secretary
- Damitha Mapa - Assistant Secretary
- Amila Gunaratne - Treasurer
- Rajitha Gunatilake - Assistant Treasurer
- Saldhan Jameen - Event Coordinator
- Ashhaab Fazeel - Assistant Event Coordinator
- Uveen Nissanka - Committee Member