

The Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association held on 23rd March 2019.

The Chairman, Mr. S.Sanjaya Perera, Inspector of Police, Sri Lanka Police College, Kalutara presided.

Attendance

The proceedings began with the attendance of 477 Members.

Announcement

The Hony. Secretary, Mr.P.M.C.J.B. Palihena – IP /Buttala, made an announcement expressing apologies for the delay caused to commence the AGM at the scheduled time owing to the members late arrival.

Mr. Palihena at that stage, drew the serious attention of the General Assembly about the SLPIA ARTICLE (09) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (4) which reads “ the quorum for the Annual General Meetings or any special General Meetings shall be on hundred members present”.

The AGM began at 10.00 AM.

Agenda Item No.01 : Reading the NOTICE commencing the 68th AGM by the Hony. Secretary.

The Hony, Secretary, Mr.P.M.C.J.B. Palihena –Inspector of Police, Officer-in-Charge ,Buthala commenced the proceedings by reading the NOTICE of the 68th AGM.

Agenda Item No. 02 .Singing the National Anthem followed by the Police Anthem

Agenda Item No.03 : Observance of two minutes silence

The General Assembly observed two minutes silence in memory of colleagues who had sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

Agenda Item 04: Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp

The members of the two Executive Committees namely the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association (SLPIA) and the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess (SLPIM) along with some senior members holding the ranks of Sub Inspectors of Police, Inspectors of Police and Chief Inspectors of Police including female Officers were invited to participate.

Agenda Item No.05: Welcome address by the Hony. Secretary

The Hony. Secretary, P.M.C.J.B.Palihenwa thanked the members for their valuable participation even in the midst of their busy official commitments. He made an earnest request to the members to conduct themselves with dignity and decorum right throughout the proceedings of the General Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 06: Adoption of the Minutes of the 68th AGM held on 12th May 2018.

(The copies of the Minutes and the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association were distributed to the members on their arrival to the venue for their observation

Interruption

At that stage many members expressed dissatisfaction and disappointment that it was humanly impossible to study the Minutes and the financial statement within a short space of limited time.

Mr. Asela Pulwansha -CI (Buildings Division) vehemently criticized for the lethargic attitude the Executive Committees who held office annually for not sending the Minutes and the Financial Statement well ahead of time affording the members to study carefully in order to make appropriate remarks if necessary.

The adverse remarks made by Mr. Asela Pulwansha was supported by Mr.D.C.Dinumpura – IP (Police Medical Services Division) Police Hospital, Naranepita . He made a strong emphasis stating it was a requirement as per the ARTICLE 09 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (2) of the SLPIA Constitution which reads “ The Executive Committee shall submit adoption at the Annual General Meeting a report of the work of the Association for the preceding year together with the audited statements of accounts of the Association during the same period. A copy of the reports and statement of Accounts shall be furnished to every member of the Association fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting”

At that stage many members made a forceful proposal that the Executive Committee to be elected at that day's AGM to take note of it to circulate the same to the membership ahead of time.

Mr. Asela Pulwansha said that in the present scenario, there were many opportunities available to inform the membership such as Police Web Site /e mail /VPN.

Decision

Mr. Sanjaya Perera (Chairman) tendered apologies for the serious lapse surfaced, but assured it would not be repeated in the future.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Omission

Mr. Alahakoon – IP (FFHQ) proposed that at the last 67th AGM, his name was proposed for the Post of Vice Chairman but he declined in favor of Mr.D.C.Dinumpura , That proposal was not recorded.

Mr. Alahakoon proposed that the 67th Minutes of the 67th AGM was in order except the above omission.

Mr.W,K.C.Piyathunga –SI/FCID seconded.

Agenda Item No. 07: Annual Report by the Chairman

Summary of the Chairman's report is reproduced below.

At the outset, the Chairman Mr. Sanjaya Perera drew the attention of the General Assembly that his Annual Report for the year 2017 relating to the activities for the period under review 2017/2018 was displayed in the Mega Screen for the view of members.

He stated that he would like to recall the turn of events that led to his elevation to the post of Chairman. It was applicable even to other two office bearers who held the Post of Hony. Secretary and the Post of Hony. Treasurer.

The following changes effected owing to the recent promotions to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police granted to the following.

Mr.P.M.C.J.B.Palihena succeeded as the Hony Secretary, which was held by Mr. Asitha De Siliwa with effect from October 2018

Mr.P.D.Jayathillake succeeded as the Hony. Treasurer which was held by Mr. M.H.Prasanna Silva with effect from October 2018.

At the same time, there were 03 other seniors' members who had served in the 67th Executive Committee as they were promoted to the ASP rank. They were Messers (1) Anura Premaratne, J.P.Salinda Samarakoon, Ramidu Silva, J.B.Hapuhinna.

Before proceeding further, Mr. Sanjaya Perera expressed sincere thanks for the valuable services rendered by his predecessor, Mr.Pinnaduwage.

During his spell of 03 months in office, Mr.Sanjaya Perera said that he had made every possible effort to continue the activities where his predecessor left.

Interruption

At that moment Mr. Dinumpura raised a query relating to the progress of the FR SC Case 61 /2018 which was filed by the Executive Committee and the legal fees was paid to the Attorney-at-Law released from the SLPIA funds .He sought the approval from the General Assembly to recover legal fees from those members who were listed as Petitioners related to Fundamental Rights Application since it was strongly felt that they had manipulated the funds to gain their personal benefits.

Mr. Sanjaya Perera – IP in replying to the queries made by Mr. Dinumpura, explained the forum that the FR petition filed in the Supreme Court in good faith for the benefit of all membership. There were heated arguments exchanged between Mr. Sanjaya Perera and Mr. Dinumpura in this regard.

Interruption

Mr. Prageeth Premasiri (Hony. Secretary) made an earnest attempt to rectify the misinterpretation made by Mr. D.C.Dinumpura related to the filing of FRSC61/18 he said that he had met the Attorney at Law concerned and clarified the correct facts of the case filed. As a matter of fact he cited the exact version of the lawyer's responsibility cast on him by the petitioner's (members of the EXCO/SLPIA) who had prayed for is reproduced below.

"Drafting of papers and filing of action in the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka under Article 126 of the constitution with regard to anomalies in promotions affecting the Inspectors.

Before concluding the explanation expressed by Mr. Prageeth Premasiri, that in his candid opinion it was crystal clear that there was no iota of doubt surfaced to allege that some had attempted to gain their promotions.

Mr. Sanjaya Perera before concluding his report referred to the following for the information of the General Assembly.

Issue of Leather Bags

During the period under review the officers of the Supplies Division Police HQ sent samples of leather bags for use of the Inspectorate. The same were displayed in the monthly meetings of the EXCO held and the offer was rejected as it failed to meet the requirements relating to expectations of the Inspectorate. Further Mr. Perera pointed out that requested the authorities concerned to issue pairs of shoes recalling the standard quality which were issues during his time he joined the service as a PSI.

Mr. Sanjaya Perera earnestly requested the General Assembly to elect the office bearers and the committee members who could discharge their duties and functions without fear and favor for the betterment of the prestigious association.

Agenda Item No. 08: Tabling the Financial Statements for the year 2018 by the Hony. Treasurer.

The Hony, Treasurer, P.D.jayathilake – IP/ MSD tabled the same,

At the outset, Mr.Jayathilake (Treasurer) drew the attention of the General Assembly to refer to page 8 of the Annual Report where they will find the details under caption the SLPIA – Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2018.

He proceeded to explain the details of expenditure recorded in the financial Statement, item by item. Also, at the same time, he offered the opportunity to members, to make queries if any for clarifications. Further he revealed that while going through the Financial Statement, the members would observe that the amount related to expenditure for the year under review 2017/2018 exceeds more than the amount related to income. He said it was owing to the new proposals related to benefits of members such as Donations to Grade V Scholarship Child / Entrance gained to Local State Universities (Sri Lanka)

In the course of his financial statement presentation, he wished to propose that members' monthly subscription towards membership to be increased by at least Rs.600.00 in the future.

Interruption

Mr.Prageeth Premasiri (Assistant Secretary) objected strongly that there is no ethical right for the Treasurer to make proposals during the tabling of Financial Statement. He said that the appropriate time was during tabling of Motions, the treasurer could make proposals or suggestions.

Query

At that juncture Mr.Asela Pulwansha –CI/OIC (Building) raised a query from the Hony. Treasurer whether he could mention the income derived from the total membership for a particular month or the total number of members serving in the Sri Lanka Police. Such facts and figures should be displayed on a day when the AGM was held for information of the General assembly

Agenda Item No. 10: Adoption of the Financial Statement

In the absence of any queries for clarification, the General Assembly was requested to propose for adoption of the financial statement.

Mr. T.N.A Suduwella –IP, SLPC. Kalutara proposed that the financial statement tabled was correct.

Mr. Dharmakeerthi –CI. Narahenpita Seconded.

68th AGM PROPOSALS

Mr. Sanath Ubayasena – CI of Police Medical Services proposed those Minutes & the Financial Statements to be log on to Membership before 02 weeks ahead of the date of AGM as per SLPIA Constitution which was not materialized in last few AGMM.

Mr. Asela Pulwansa CI – Officer in Charge, Buildings Division proposed that the membership monthly subscription to be increased to Rs. 600.00 and it was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. This proposed increased payment will come into effect from May 2019. And as a matter of fact that there were lack of communication among the members due to insufficient mechanism of disseminating the communiqués from top to bottom. To overcome the prevailing issue, he too suggested that ‘a coordinating secretary’ to represent each division shall be appointed enabling the SLPIA to discharge its core objectives without an undue delay or any hindrance.

The proposal was appreciated by all the members present and approved unanimously.

He then cautioned Hony. Treasurer that he should furnish the exact total number of the serving members on the date of AGM and the exact amount that could be derived from the total membership for information of the members.

Mr. Alahakoon – IP / PIM proposed to invite the HE President of Sri Lanka /Minister of Law & Order for the AGM to present the burning issues such as stagnated promotions/Transfers /Housing etc.

House did not comment on the matter as it seems to be an impractical matter to be realized.

Mr. Dinumpura – IP of PMS and Mr. Bandula – IP of FFHQ proposed to recover the legal fees paid to the Attorney-at- law in connection with FR SC 61/2018

In replying to that proposal Mr. Prageeth Premasiri – IP (Assistant Secretary) explain the membership though the counsel promised to pay half of the fee back to SLPIA if the case is failed, it seems an impossible and strange fact as no counsel in the profession would do so and there is no such provision of Supreme Court Rules which govern the profession. Therefore, it is advised to liaise with the counsel and try to get fruitful results from the case.

Mr. Chanaka De Silva – CI / CID proposed that SLPIA shall pursue the State to initiate Risk Allowance to Police Officers considering the nature of duties performed by them which include rank and file as well.

The proposal was approved by the members.

Mr. Chanaka De Silva further proposed that the SLPIA should make initiatives to convince relevant authorities to exonerate or grant pardon the Inspectorate who fell victimized in the face of performing duties.

Agenda Item No.12: Election of Pro Tem Chairman

The name of CI Asela Pulwansa –CI Buildings was unanimously nominated by the General Assembly

Agenda Item No.13: Election of the Office bearers and the Committee Members for period 2019/2020.

Before commencement of this item, the pro Tem Chairman Mr.Asela Pulwansha made an important announcement relating to the mode of conducting the Election for information of members.

He said that the election would be conducted in accordance with SLPIA ARTICLE 06(11) Management by a Show of hands.

The members of the General Assembly were requested to conduct themselves in an orderly manner, when counting of votes take place in accordance with the Amended ARTICLE of the SLPIA Constitution.

Post of Chairman

Mr. Asela Pulwansha (Pro Tem Chairman) announced that members might propose name or names for the election of Office bearers.

Election for Post of Chairman

Mr Bandula IP Sports Division proposed the name of Mr.D.C.Dinumpura IP/Police Hospital, Police Medical Services Division, Narahenpita.

Mr. C.W.M.Semasinghe S.I.Police Hospital seconded

Mr.Pradeep – SI of Police College, Kaluthara proposed the name of Mr. Sanjaya Perera – IP of Police College, Kaluthara.

Mr. Nuwan Suduwella – IP of Police College, Kaluthara seconded.

As two names were proposed, it necessitated that the election to be conducted by a “show of hands’

At that juncture, the total number of members present as per the 04 Attendance Sheets were checked and found to be 477 and the Attendance Sheets were taken into custody by the Pro Tem Chairman.

Before the election, the Pro Tem Chairman nominated the ranks and names of members who were present in the venue for purpose of counting. Before doing so, he posed the question as

to whether the General Assembly needed the introduction of those two candidates who were contesting for the Post of Chairman.

In the absence of any response, it was ruled out that introduction was not necessary.

Interruption

The candidate, Mr. D.C. Dinumpura requested that he wished to nominate the names of members who were present in the venue to help in the counting of votes on his behalf during the election.

The above proposal was approved unanimously by the General assembly.

The counting of hands indicated the number of votes received by each candidate in the following manner.

| Rank & Name | Number of Votes |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr.Sanjaya S.Perera,IP | 298 |
| Mr.D.C.Dinumpura ,IP | 112 |

The name of Mr.S.Sanjaya Perera was declared as the Chairman since he received more votes than of Mr.D.C.Dinumpura.

Election for Post of Hony. Secretary

The name of Mr. Pregeeth Premasiri – IP/PHQ was proposed by Mr. Nuwan Suduwella – IP of Police College, Kaluthara.

Mr. Sagara Karasingheachchi – IP of CID seconded.

In the absence of any other names the name of, Mr.Pregeeth Premasiri declared as the Hony. Secretary.

Election for Post of Hony. Treasurer.

The name of Mr. T.D.D. Jayasundara –IP/TID was proposed by Mr. L.A.T. Bandara – IP of CID.

Mr. Dulsi – SI of FFHQ seconded.

In the absence of any other names , Mr.T.D.D.jayasundara was declared as the Hony. Treasurer.

Election for Post of Vice Chairman

The name of Mr.L.D.M.De Silva-IP/CID was proposed by Mr Upali – SI / CID

Mr Chamika Thushara ,IP Sports Division seconded.

In the absence of any other names, the name of Mr.L.D.M.De Silva was declared as the Vice Chairman.

Election for Post of Asst. Secretary

The name of Mr.P.M.C.J.B.Palihena – IP ,Buthala was proposed by Mr D.M.L.K.B.Silogama –IP.

Mr.Gamini Bandara ,IP seconded.

In the absence of any other names, the name of Mr.P.M.C.J.B.Palihena was declared as the Asst.Secretary.

Election for Post of Asst. Treasurer.

The name of Mr.P.D.Jayathilake –IP/MSD was proposed by Mr Pathirana ,IP.

Mr Marasinghe ,IP.seconded.

In the absence of any other names, the name of Mr.P.D.Jayathilake was declared as the Asst. Treasurer.

Executive Committee Members

Thereafter the members were afforded an opportunity to serve in the Exco for the period 2019/2020 on a voluntary basis resolved at the 58th AGM held on 24th March 2007. Accordingly, the following members volunteered to serve in the Exco.

| Con. No | Rank | Name | Station / Division |
|------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | CI | H.P. Kulasekara | Kennels |
| 2. | CI | D.S.B. Wijekoon | Nikaweratiya /PTS |
| 3. | CI | Nadika Silva | S T F |
| 4. | CI | U.S.Liyana Pathirana | MSD |
| 5. | CI | P.M. Nalinda Kumara | STF / Udaarawa |

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| 6. | CI | R.A.D.S.P. Ranasinghe | MSD |
| 7. | CI | R.S.R.Kulathunga | Medical Division/Hospital |
| 8. | IP | D.M.L.K.B. Silogama | Dam Street / Colombo Ctrl |
| 9. | IP | T.N.A. Suduwella | SLPC |
| 10. | IP | M.A.R. Ranasinghe | Bribery |
| 11. | IP | G.K.W. Nandana Wimalasiri | Rathnapura - SOCO |
| 12. | IP | R.M.R.S. Rajapaksha | Hambegamuwa/Monaragala |
| 13. | IP | P.A.A.P. Jayarathna | FCID |
| 14. | IP | S.H.C. Satarasinghe | Ampara |
| 15. | IP | K. Saman Perera | Kotawehera |
| 16. | IP | G.D. Kumarasinghe | CID |
| 17. | IP | Gamini Bandara | CRD |
| 18. | IP | A.P. Peduruarachchi | Colombo North / Modara |
| 19. | IP | U.M.A.P. Bandara | Kilinochchiya |
| 20. | IP | P.C.J. De Silva | Kuliyapitiya |
| 21. | IP | Mahinda Galagedara | Sports Division |
| 22. | IP | M.S.N Fernando | SOCO – Mt. Lavinia |
| 23. | IP | Y.M.J. Bandara Yapa | Environment Protection Divi. |
| 24. | WIP | D.N.I. Manathunga | CRD |
| 25. | SI | J.A.D. Pradeep | SLPC |
| 26. | SI | S.P.R.L. Dulsiri | FFHQ |
| 27. | SI | S.U.K. Liyanaarachchi | Mt.Lavinia |
| 28. | SI | H.M.D.B. Herath | Building Division |
| 29. | SI | H.D.G.D. Rathnayaka | TID |
| 30. | WSI | W.M.N.M.K. Wijekoon | Jaffna |

Agenda Item No.14 Address by the newly elected Chairman.

Mr. Sanjaya Perera IP SLPC/Kalutara, the newly elected Chairman, for the next term of office thanked the members who had voted in favor of him with a large majority of votes to hold the prestigious post.

He assured he would render the utmost service towards the betterment of the SLPIA for the next period in office 2019/2020. He appealed to the relevant authorities of the Sri Lanka Police to take note of todays meeting and to invite the EXCO SLPIA for a healthy dialog in order to satisfy the expectations of the inspectorate in their Police carrier. He wished the good luck and better prospects in the years to come.

Agenda Item No.15 Vote of Thanks by the Hony. Secretary

The newly elected Hony. Secretary Mr. Pregeeth Premasiri thanked the members for electing him unanimously for the post of Hony. Secretary for the second year in succession. He vouched he would discharge his duties and functions with commitment and shall uphold the cherished traditions of the Inspectorate at all times during his term of office. Before concluding his address, he appealed to the members to extend their corporation and support towards the varied affairs of the Inspectors Association.

The 68th Annual General Meeting, adjourned 13.30 hrs.



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