

Annual General Meeting

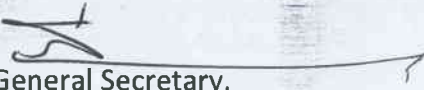
Date: 23rd March 2019

Time: 0930 hrs.

Venue: Nawaragahala, Royal College, Colombo 7.

Agenda

1. Reading the notice of convening the annual general meeting
2. Adoption of minutes of the AGM held on 12th May 2018
3. Annual report by the General Secretary.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Audit report by the Hony. treasurer.
6. Address by the president.
7. Tabling motions.
8. Election of Pro tem president.
9. Election of the office bearers & the committee members.
10. Proposals by the members.
11. Address by the newly elected president.
12. Vote of thanks by the newly elected general secretary.


General Secretary,
Police Inspectors' Mess.

Hony. Secretary
POLICE INSPECTORS' MESS

Minutes of the

Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess

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Total number of attendance – 454

Agenda Item - No.01 : The NOTICE convening the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The General Secretary Mr.S.Kasthuriarachchi , I P (MSD) read the NOTICE convening the Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess.

The President Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess Mr. M.M.J Marasinghe, IP /CID presided.

Agenda Item No 02 : Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on 12th May 2018

The copies of Minutes and the Financial Accounts Report (Audit Report) were distributed to members on their arrival to the venue for their observation.

Agenda Item No.03 : Annual report by the General Secretary.

The Hony. Secretary presented the Annual Report

Agenda Item - No.04 : Matters arising from the Minutes.

Query

Mr.Bandula Perera IP (Sri Lanka Police Sports Division) queried as to whether the accounts relating to the last 05 years were examined to determine any form of financial corruption surfaced and if so the Committee of Management was requested to table a report at today's AGM?

Reply

Mr. M.M.J Marasinghe,(President ,Mess) replied that the Committee of Management held combined meetings with the Executive Committee Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association and decided to consult 03 leading and reliable Forensic Audit Companies and sought their views.

The first Forensic Company quoted Rs.13 laks, the second quoted Rs.15 laks and the third quoted Rs.19 laks.

In that regard the first Forensic Company was contacted and its views were sought by the Committee of Management (Mess) whether it was advisable to pursue forensic auditing ?

The advice of the first Forensic Company was that the forensic auditing involves based on figures and the expenses towards forensic auditing would rather high and sometimes the Forensic Audit Company would be left without a comprehensive report to submit. Further, the Forensic Audit Officials warned us the Mess would be subject to further financial crisis.

Mr.Marasinghe added under these circumstances , the Committee of Management (Mess) and the Executive Committee (Association) decided not to pursue Forensic Audit in the future. He said that it was decided by the Committee (Mess) to conduct investigations by senior members of the Committee as well as by Officials of the SIU and to submit a comprehensive report.

Accordingly, the inquiry revealed that the Mess was subject for Rs.726000.00 In addition, the Committee sought the assistance of the Auditors and it revealed clearly there was a financial shortage of the amount quoted above and took action to lodge a complaint to that effect with the Colombo Fraud Investigation Bureau(CFIB) to conduct investigation.

Query

Mr.Bandula Perera -IP at that stage requested that the relevant Audit Companies' quotations to be submitted as early as possible.

Mr.S.Kasthuarachchi – Hony. Secretary cautioned that it should be done on a step by step process.

Mr.M.M.Marasinghe – President replied that the Committee of management had submitted details on a transparency manner to the members for their observation and comments. Further, he said That the officials from the Audit Companies were present and if any explanations needed, they would do the needfull.

Mr.Asela Pulawansa -CI /OIC Buildings queried as to whether the proposal of Mr.Pinnaduwaage - former Chairman, Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association that the Committee (Mess) should lodge a complaint with the CID relating to the financial shortage surface recently ?

Reply

Mr.Marasinghe (President Mess) replied that in the absence of a Forensic Auditing and a report, this issue could not be complained to the CID. Further. It was crystal clear that there had been a financial shortage to the amount Rs. 726000.00 and as such the Committees of the Mess and the Association decided jointly that they should lodge a complaint with the CFIB. Further in that connection, the CFIB required the following such as the Audit Report and the connected Bill Books. It meant a total of around 1500 Bill Books copies to be submitted. Mr.Marasinghe said that if the members need any clarifications, they are at liberty to do so since the Audit Officials too were present at that AGM.

Query

Mr.Asela Pulwansha -CI /OIC Buildings queried further about the outstanding credit bills.

Reply

Mr.Marasinghe (President Mess) replied that about Rs.80 laks had been recovered recently . The following amounts were still outstanding from the former President Mess-Rs.350,000.00 and from the former Hony. Treasurer – Rs.275,000.00 In that connection, the Mess Committee had taken prompt action to recover a sum of Rs.15,000.00 monthly.

At present, both of them had to pay around Rs. 1lak to settle their full arrears.

Proposal

Mr.Asela Pulwansha -CI /OIC (Buildings) proposed the Committee of Management should eliminate waste, loss and to initiate prudent measures for required construction, purchasing articles etc. in the future.

As regards the issue of shortage, a total of 02 year PERIOD had already lapsed, and as such Mr. Pulwansha requests earnestly to expedite the question in issue without dragging on

any further. As Regards Eliminating Any form of corruption. He Made An Earnest Constructive Proposal In The Future, The Mess Should Adopt A Meaningful Procurement System While Purchasing Required Items For The Mess. He also maintained that the members should stop any form of corruption if it surfaces in the administration of the Mess

Proposal

Mr. Marasinghe (President Mess) proposed that he wants the consent of the General Assembly as to whether, the service of Forensic Audit Company to be sought or not since he had already briefed for the information of the members about the process involved in entrusting financial issues to Forensic Auditing.

Query

Mr. N. L. Rajapaksha - IP/Field Force Headquarters, Colombo queries as to why the Committee of management Mess failed to conduct Forensic Auditing despite the General assembly proposed to conduct Forensic Auditing?

Reply

Mr. Prageeth Premasiri – Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Association explained that the proposal made during the AGM, no member in the General Assembly was fully aware of the process involved when entrusting financial issues to a Forensic Auditing.

Mr. Prageeth Premasiri said that the Forensic Auditing conducts only on data provided by the Committee, but the issue in question faced by the Committee was on financial corruption and as such it should be subject to criminal investigation but that proposal was not adopted since the complaint was initiated by members who were serving in the CID. Hence, the Association proposed to the Mess Committee to appoint sub Committee to inquire into the alleged financial corruption.

At last some sort of feasible result has been arrived at but Mr. Prageeth Premasiri said during that AGM there were some facts which seemed to be decided and at the same time there were some which were undecided. Therefore, as an Association, they could not support such moves initiated. Mr. Prageeth Premasiri said further that was not necessary in view of the fact it was a costly process and at the same time it would serve the desired results.

Mr. Prageeth Premasiri emphasized the fact that even the officials of the Forensic Audit Company had cautioned that no profitable solution could be obtained through Forensic Auditing and as such he appealed to the members present at that AGM whether to pursue Forensic Auditing or not.

Interruption

At that stage, Mr. G. K. E. L. B. Alahakoon - Administration Secretary (Mess) recalled about financial frauds committed by the Office bearers of the Committee of Management namely the President and the Hony. Treasurer during their period of office for information of the members.

Interruption

Mr. Prageeth Premasiri (Member) objected strongly for casting allegations about them those members concerned were not present at that day's AGM. He appealed to Mr. Alahakoon to stop uttering the incident and requested to proceed with ideas that would make progress to the upliftment of the Mess.

Mr.Marasinghe (President) invited the General Assembly to adopt the Minutes if it was in order.

At that stage, Mr.Bandula Perera -IP /Police Sports Division expressed that he opposed to adopt the Minutes since the Minutes of the AGM held last year, the Minutes of the previous AGM too was not adopted.

Query

Mr.Chmmika Thushara -IP queried whether the allegations levelled against the members who held positions previously and the Accounts Report tabled at that day's AGM could be adopted ?

Reply

Mr. Marasinghe replied that those issues were being sorted out presently on a systematic manner.

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Asela Pulwansha -CI/ OIC Buildings proposed that the Minutes was in order.

Mr...Mathararachchi – SI/ MSD seconded.

Agenda Item No.05: Audit report by the Hony. Treasurer

Mr.Prasanna Kumara SI/SIS - Hony. Treasurer, presented the Audit Report for the Year ending December 2018.

At that stage, Mr. M.M.J. Marasinghe, President (Mess)afforded opportunity for the members inviting them to make any queries /clarifications if any for their satisfaction.

Query

Mr.Asela Pulwansha – CI /OIC (Buildings) complained that it was not feasible for any member to read the booklet which contains 72 pages concerning 08 Police Inspectors' Messes within limited time.

Proposal-(1)

Hence, he proposed that in the future accounts to be displayed on the basis of comparative figures corresponding to the Messes concerned which would make the task easy for members for their observation on an yearly wise basis.

Further, Mr. Asela Pulwansha pointed out that the financial loss relating Police Inspectors' Mess at Bambalapitiya was Rs. 4 million.

Proposal-(2)

As the members' monthly subscription recorded was Rs.2.5 million Mr. Asela Pulwansha proposed the financial accounts to shown separately since it was not subject to financial gain.

Interruption

Mr.Prasanna Kumara -Hony. Treasurer said that in accordance with the decision of the Committee of Management , accounts were opened separately in the Banks corresponding to Messes for feasible and transparent financial operations.

Query

Mr.Asela Pulwansha queried as to whether the amount recorded as Rs.931,000.00 denotes wastage or for what purpose ?

Reply

Mr.Marasinghe , President (Mess) said that the officials from the Audit institution were present at that day's AGM and as such if there were any queries for clarifications, opportunity was made available to members .

Query

Mr.Asela Pulwansha read out the amount of money released to the under mentioned Police Inspectors' Messes for purpose of urgent repairs recently.

Fort Mess	– Rs.1.1 million
Kilinochchi Mess	– Rs.500,000.00
Ampara Mess	– Rs.100,000.00
Kataragama Mess	– Rs.636,178.00

Mr.Asela Pulwansha queried as to whether any member from the Committee of Management visited those Messes to find out the progress and also whether the process of Procurement was strictly followed ?

Mr. Marasinghe ,President replied that the Administrative Secretary, Mr.G.K.E.L.B. Alahakoon had visited three times and he (Mr.Marasinghe) had visited four times in case the non availability of the President, he had nominated members from the Committee to make on the spot inspections.

Proposal

Mr. Asela Pulwansha proposed that the Committee of Management Mess should strictly adhere to the Procurement Manual 2006 in all purchase dealings related to Mess.

Mr.Pregeeth Premasiri (Member) supported the above proposal.

Mr. Pilapitiya - IP seconded.

The Dayananda Samarawickrema Audit official said that the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess at Bambalapitiya was holding the largest asset amounts to Rs. 93 lacs

Further, the Audit representative said except the Messes at Bambalapitiya and Wellawatte, the other Messes do not have the required information relating to details to record the Assets but action had already been taken to do the needful.

Query

Mr.Asela Pulwansha queried as to whether the amount recovered on the basis of 10% from the members' monthly subscription or the Assets.?

Reply

The representative from the Audit Institution replied saying that C 10% recovery was made from the Assets.

Proposal

Mr.Asela Pulwansha proposed emphasized that a clear cut guidelines to be prepared and strictly enforced if and when repairs were effected to Messes taking into serious consideration that the money to be spent was released from the members' monthly subscriptions.

Adoption of the Audit Report

Mr.Keshava Ravindra .Chartered Accountant from the Dayananda Samarawickremaa & Company presented the Audit Report .

Mr.Asela Pulwansha -CI proposed that the Account Report presented was in order.

Mr. Herath IP/ seconded.

Agenda Item No .06 : Address by the President

At the outset, Mr.Marasinghe (President) drew the serious attention of the General Assembly that his address would be based on the Power Point presentation displayed in the Mega Screen for easy view of the valued members.

He said that the current AGM was held after 10 months since the previous AGM held in the year 2019. As proposed in that AGM that the next AGM to be held in March, the present Committee in office had held the AGM this year in March.

In the course of his address he furnished the figures relating to financial position of the Mess as the Committee took over its office from the previous Committee.

- Amount as Over Draft – Rs. 2,590,000.00 (interest paid Rs.25,000.00)
- Recovery from credit bills – Rs.80 lacs
- Loss incurred at Bambalapitiya Mess – Rs.726,725.33 (According to the reports submitted after conduct of the inquiry by the Mess Committee and the Audit Report, action had been taken to lodge a complain at the CFIB) Further, Mr.Marasinghe requested that the new Mess Committee which would be elected at that day's AGM to pursue on this to find a solution.
- Mr.Marasinghe said that in his capacity as the President (Mess) he strongly objected to the proposal made at the recent conference held at the Police Head Qrs. That the Police Messes should come under the purview of the S.P Division but proposed that as an alternative it could guided on the advice of 02 senior Committee Members. He was pleased to mention, that it was being done presently. Those 02 members were Mr. Salinda Samarakoon (now promoted as ASP) and Mr. Herath -CI
- As regards the meals supplied to the visitors, the Committee had taken necessary action to get the culinary advice from the Chefs employed in the Taj Sumudra Hotel. Further, the meals were served at the same prevailing cost and new Menus too were included.
- Break Fast served to the Inspectors on the day the 81st Police Sports Meet was commenced.
- On the commemoration of the 152nd Police Day , the Fellowship Dinner was organized for the participation of the members (inspectorate) from the Provinces of North, South, East & West . The Chief Guest was the IGP.
- On the same date of Police Day, the Committee performed meritorious acts (various donations) to the children living at the Jayanthi Infants Home at Colombo.
- As regards to the complaint made by the OIC/Police Buildings, CI Asela Pulwansha that he had assisted the Messes by getting the required plates, forks, spoons etc. but at present it

had revealed that the articles were missing and no one was able to provide valuable information regarding the missing items. At present, action had been taken to open Inventory Book.

- Action was taken to provide Wash Room facilities for Ladies (Inspectorate) at the Ampara Mess
- Kandy Mess was provided with new curtains valued Rs.12 laks supplied by the Police Supplies Division
- Necessary repairs were effected to the damaged Drainage System at Kataragama.
- Action had been taken to obtain the liquor permit to open a Bar at the presently functioning Kilinochchi Mess.
- A tube well was installed at the premises of the Kilinochchi Mess to overcome the water problem.
- At the Bambalapitiya Mess action had been taken for construction of a kitchen, and to fix ceilings for the entire Mess roof and to reserve 02 rooms for occupation of ladies (Inspectorate) . The Mess would hopefully function in May.
- Action had been to open a Mess at Habaraduwa in the near future in an extent of 167 acres.
- In order to function a Mess at Anuradhapura, required basic matters have been attended to by the Committee recently.
- The Wellawatte Mess was Air Conditioned recently on initiative taken by Mr.G.K.E.L.B. Alahakoon -IP / FFHQrs and he deserves a word of thanks.
- In order to minimize heavy expenses on account of issuing bills, a Computer Billing System was introduced at the Fort Mess and the process would be introduced in the other Messes too in the near future.
- CCTV camera was installed at the Fort Mess and the same would be installed in the other Messes in the near future.
- The Committee of Management strictly adopted the Health guidelines directed by the PHI Report on foods.
- Action had been taken to function Messes at Ilavali and Kutchaveli in the near future.
- In conclusion, Mr.Marasinghe said that the Committee of Management (Mess) had performed certain activities for the betterment of the functioning Mess and he was sure and certain that at the same time measures were taken safe guarding the security of the members' monthly subscription amounts Rs. 25.00 too,

Interruption

Mr.Bandula Perera -IP /Police Sports Division complained the entry as a complaint relating to broken Bidet which needed repairs or replacement at the Fort Mess,

Reply

Mr.Marasinghe (President) replied that prompt action was taken on entries made in the Complaint Information Book by the visiting members provided in the Messes but in case of entries which were illegible the Committee failed to take any action.

Agenda Item No .07 : Tabling Motions

Nil

Agenda Item No .08 Election of Pro tem President.

The name of Mr.Duminda Wijekoon -CI/ was proposed by Mr.Kasthuriarachi as Pro Tem President.

Agenda Item No .09 : Election of the Office bearers & the committee members.

Post of President

The name of Mr. M.M.J.Marasinghe -IP/CID was proposed by Mr.G.K.E.L.B.Alahakoon -IP/FFHQrs.

Seconded by Mr.Chandana Piyathunga – SI/ FCID

The second name proposed was Mr. D.P.Chammika Thushara – IP /Police Sports Division Proposed by Mr.Mahesh -SI /Police Sports Division

Seconded by Mr. Assen -IP /FFHQrs.

As there were 02 names were proposed, it was decided that election to be conducted by a show of hands.

The General Assembly consented unanimously to the above proposal.

In favour of Mr.Narasinghe, the number of hands shown seemed to be majority, the second candidate Mr. D.P.Chamika Thushara declined to contest.

Accordingly, the name of Nr.M.M.J.Marasinghe was declared as the President of the Sri Lanka Police Inspectors' Mess.

Post of Hony. Secretary

The name of Mr.S.Kasthuri Arachchi -IP.MSD was proposed by Mr. Pilapitiya - IP

Seconded by Mr. Jayasundera IP/ TID

As there were no other names were proposed, Mr.Kasthuri Arachchi was declared as the Hony. Secretary of the SLPIM

Accordingly, Mr.Kasthuri Arachchi was invited to preside the AGM and to conduct the AGM proceedings.

Post of Hony. Treasurer

The name of Mr. W.A.L. Prasanna Kumara -SI/SIS was proposed by Mr Preethi Silva -CI

Seconded by Mr. Chandana Piyathunga – SI/ FCID

As there were no other names proposed, Mr. Prasanna Kumara was declared as the Hony. Treasurer SPIM

Post of Assist. Treasurer

The name of Mr. P.M.C.J.B.Palihena – IP /Buttala was proposed by Mr.P.D.Jayathilake – IP/MSD

Seconded by Mr.G.K.E.L.B.Alahakoon -IP/FFHQrs.

As there were no other names proposed, Mr. Palihena was declared as the Asst. Treasurer, SLPIM

Post of Vice President

The name of Mr. P.A.N. T. Silva- CI/STF was proposed by Mr. P.K.D.N. Chaminda-SI/CID

Seconded by Mr. G.K.W. Nandana Wimalasiri-IP/Embilipitiya

Post of Administrative Secretary

The name of Mr.G.K.E.L.B. Alahakoon – IP /FFHQrs. Was proposed by Mr.W.K. Chandana Piyathunga

Seconded by Mr. R.L. Upul Ranjith

Agenda Item No 10 : Proposals by the members.

Nomination of Committee Members

The following list of ranks/ names of members volunteered to serve in the Committee of Management for the period 2019/2020

Committee Members				
1.	CI	T. Dhuminda De Silva	Member	CRD
2.	CI	Y.A Yapa Bandara	do-	MSD
3.	CI	M.L. Rafeek	-do-	Ampara
4.	CI	M.M.N.K Marasinghe	-do-	STF
5.	CI	D.M.R.D.S. Rajakaruna	-do-	PSD
6.	CI	E.T.G. Dharmakeerthi	-do-	Narahenpita
7.	IP	H.H.S. Sujewa Kumara	-do-	MSD
8.	IP	R.M.L Sarath Kumara	-do-	MSD
9.	IP	P.D. Jayathilaka	-do-	MSD
10.	IP	K.S.T Saman perera	-do-	Kotawehera
11.	IP	A.P. Peduruarachchi	-do-	Modara
12.	IP	T.D.D. Jayasundara	-do-	TID
13.	IP	G.K.W. Nandana Wimalasiri	-do-	Embilipitiya
14.	IP	P.C.J. De Silva	-do-	Kuliyapitiya
15.	IP	T.N.A. Suduwella	-do-	SLPC
16.	IP	T.H. Wickramarathne	-do-	Kahatuduwa
17.	IP	K.W Welangiriya	-do-	Kennels
18.	IP	T.R.K.R. Pathirana	-do-	CTID
19.	IP	S.N.K.S. Karasingarachchi	-do-	CID
20.	IP	K.G.R. Kahatapitiya	-do-	MSD
21.	IP	Gayan Buddika Kalyana	-do-	Rathnapura
22.	IP	D.P.N Dehimaduge	-do-	Kegalle
23.	IP	H.D.N.De Alvis	-do-	Sport
24.	WIP	E.G.D. Sriyani	-do-	VWPD
25.	SI	V. Ravendran	-do-	MSD

26.	SI	L.W. Rajapaksha	-do-	CFIB
27.	SI	W.K. Chandana Piyathunga	-do-	FCID
28.	SI	S.P.R.L. Dulsiri	-do-	FFHQ
29.	SI	R.L. Upul Ranjith	-do-	CID
30.	SI	L.K.M.M.B. Alawala	-do-	Transport
31.	SI	N.A. Dharmasiri	-do-	CID
32.	SI	R.D.A.K. Wijerathna	-do-	SCIU
33.	SI	M.H.S. Mohomed	-do-	CID
34.	SI	P.K.D.N. Chaminda	-do-	CID
35.	SI	M.R.P.N Bandara	-do-	CID
36.	SI	D.M.A. Gunawardana	-do-	CID
37.	WSI	P.M.A.C.K. Palihena	-do-	CRD


Agenda Item No 11 : Address by the newly elected President

The newly elected President Mr.Marasinghe thanked the General Assembly for electing him to serve as the President for the second term in succession. He vouched that he would serve in his office with commitment and loyalty. He said he would act to discharge his duties and functions without fear or favor. At the same time, he requested all the members to extend their utmost cooperation to him sail the varied affairs of the Messes smoothly and efficiently and wished every member a bright career prospects in the future. Before, conclusion, he invited the members present to take part in the FELLOWSHIP LUNCH organized by the Committee at the Fort Mess.

Agenda Item No 12 : Vote of Thanks

Mr.Kasthuri Arachchi proceeded to propose the Vote of Thanks on behalf of the newly elected Executive Committee.

At the outset, he thanked the members for electing him as the Hony. Secretary, for the second term in succession. He expressed his sincere thanks for the support and co-operation extended during his previous term of office. He appealed to each and every member to contribute his/her utmost support in the future too in order to serve the valued members for their satisfaction and inspiration of the prestigious oldest establishment .


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