



Old Josephians' Club of Australia Inc

Incorporation Number A13791E
ABN 65 669 641 659

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of OLD JOSEPHIANS' CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC Held on Sunday 10th November 2024 at 6:30pm Venue – Via Zoom

- 1. Annual General Meeting called to order** by Amindha De Mel, with a prayer, A minute of silence was maintained in memory of all Josephian's called for higher services.
- 2. Present:** Darryl De Silva, Amindha De Mel, Roshan De Silva, Nirmal De Silva, Jerome Fernando, Avishka Godakandage, Emarson Victoria, Ryan Senn, Hareen Silva, Keith Ockersz, Dilshan De Silva, Shaminka Jayasuriya, Chris Fernandopulle, Marlon Anthony Santiago Uditha Vithanage.
- 3. Apologies:** - Chamil Fernando, Rudi Perera, Mohan Perera
- 4. Adoption of the minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting** held on 5th November 2023 via Zoom. Minutes shared with those present were confirmed by Chris Fernandopulle and seconded by Godakandage.
- 5. Address by the outgoing President – Amindha De Mel**
 - Appreciated the support from the committee and membership to have a successful year with all events attended well.
 - Building relationships with other Josephian groups across Australia.
 - Maintaining a healthy bank balance in excess of \$35,000.
 - In regular contact with Fr. Rector to identify meaningful projects to support and the request by the rector for "SJC Colombo Student Scholarship" appeal was discussed.
 - Good turnout at events this year including the Joe Pete Big Match and the Annual Dinner Dance.
- 6. Receive and Adoption of the Audited Financial Statement in accordance with section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act.** Em & Chris..
 - Avishka Godakandage, Hon Treasurer presented the Audited Statement of Accounts.
 - Ending bank balance of \$35,238.00 for the financial year.
 - \$3,611.38 balance at NAB and \$31,638.15 at Bendigo Bank.
 - A surplus of \$619.53 was generated during the financial year
 - The Annual Dinner Dance generated a surplus of approximately \$10,000. The amount was less than the previous years dance mainly due to the extra costs associated with the change of venue from Cathies Lane to Melbourne Pavillion.
 - Provision for "donations to SJC Colombo", is now at \$4,770.00.
 - Financials were proposed by Emarson Victoria and Seconded by Chris Fernandopulle.

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7. Elect Officers of Club and Members of Committee for the year 2023-24: - Amindha De Mel handed over the Chairperson's role to Darrell de Silva who presented the nomination of Amindha de Mel to the post of President as collated by the Hon. Secretary to the meeting. As there were no other nominations, Amindha de Mel was appointed as President for the year 2024-25.

8. Nominations for the committee for 2024-25 was then presented by Amindha as follows. There were no positions that were being contested, hence those nominated were duly elected/ratified by the member's present.

| Old Joes AGM – 05 November 2024/25 - Nominations | | | |
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| Position | Name | First Proposer | Second Proposer |
| President | Amindha De Mel | Chamil Fernando | Jerome Fernando |
| Vice President – Events | Roshan De Silva | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Vice President – Community | Nirmal De Silva | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Secretary | Jerome Fernando | Amindha De Mel | Chamil Fernando |
| Treasurer | Avishka Godakandage | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Digital Secretary | Emarson Victoria | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Social Secretary | Ryan Senn | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Sports Secretary | Hareen Silva | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| Immediate Past President | Chamil Fernando | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Keith Ockersz | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Dilshan De Silva | Jerome Fernando | Chamil Fernando |
| General Committee | Shaminka Jayasuriya | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Chris Fernandopulle | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Uditha Vithanage | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Marlon Anthony Santiago | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |
| General Committee | Rudi Perera | Amindha De Mel | Jerome Fernando |

9. Appointment/Election of Honorary Auditor for 2024-25

Amindha de Mel proposed that the appointment of the auditor be Sherad Sebastian and this was seconded by Avishka Godakandage. Sherard has been auditor for 5 years now. New one to be appointed next year.

10. Signatories of club bank accounts will remain unchanged as below,

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- NAB Account – Signatories Avishka Godakandage (Treasurer) together with either Amindha de Mel (President) or Jerome Fernando (Secretary).
- Bendigo Account – Signatories Avishka Godakandage (Treasurer) together with either Amindha de Mel (President) or Jerome Fernando (Secretary).

11. General Business:

- Amindha thanked the outgoing committee for all the time and efforts made in betterment of Old Josephians' Club of Australia.
- There were many successful events as well as lot of other sports coming through the ranks (basket ball & rugby). Committee was happy to keep supporting sports and grow membership engaging everyone.
- The Annual Christmas function was planned on 1st December 2024 at the Lincoln at Toorak.
- Tentative date for Annual Dinner Dance was given as 09th of August 2025. Costs have increased significantly. Looking at getting a band in from Sri Lanka to provide value to guests.
- Emarson thanked Amindha for his outstanding leadership over the past year.
- Increase membership fee to \$25.00 as discussed in the previous committee meeting was discussed and to be proposed as an amendment to the constitution.
- A project to digitize management of members and memberships subs and all communications is being headed by Emarson and Ryan.
- Avishka Godakandage thanked sponsors of the club during the financial year gone by.

The meeting adjourned at 7.10 PM.

Jerome Fernando

Hon. Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 10th November 2023

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