



# **27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNIOR OLD BOYS' UNION**

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**MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE JUNIOR OLD BOYS'  
UNION OF THURSTAN COLLEGE HELD ON THE 17th of September 2023.**

Commencement of the event the traditional oil lamp was lit by the Guest of Owner Anuruddha Wijerathne, Chief Guest Dr. Kusala Kumara, College Principal and other Invitees.

**Calling the Meeting to order and welcome speech**

by Mr. Dhanushka Perera (Senior Vice President)

Everyone sang the school anthem together. All the members observed a one-minute silence in memory of departed past principals, teachers, old boys, and students of Thurstan College. The Senior Vice President, Mr. Dhanushka Perera, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest of owner and the chief guest. He mentioned last year's achievements, especially the over 3.5 million income from the Unity Block. Finally, he thanked every committee member from the previous year's committee and extended his best wishes to the new committee.

**Letters/Messages of excuse**

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**President's Address**

by Mr. Pramuditha Wickramasinghe (Principle)

He welcomed the meeting's Guest of Owner Anuruddha Wijerathne, Chief Guest Dr. Kusala Kumara, as well as JOBU Advisors, OBU delegates, and Junior OBU members, and thanked them for their valuable presence.

In his address, The principal highlighted the current positive situation at the college and emphasised the importance of preparing for the upcoming 75th-anniversary celebration, which is just two years away. He expressed his intention to entrust a significant responsibility to the Junior Old Boys Union (JOBU), acknowledging their exceptional performance in the previous year. The Principal, in particular, stressed the necessity of greater support from all stakeholders in the upcoming year, recognising the pivotal role they would play in making the milestone anniversary celebration a grand success.

**Speech of Gust of Owner**

by Mr. Anuruddha Wijerathne

Mr. Anuruddha Wijerathne greeted all attendees to the meeting, including the principal, advisory board, and old old boys. He was amazed by the current development of the school, and he expressed gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed to the achievement of these goals.

During his address, Mr. Anuruddha Wijerathne proudly asserted that Thurstan College stands as one of the top 5 leading schools in Sri Lanka for both Grade One and A/L admissions. He emphasised the significance of the upcoming 75th-anniversary celebration, acknowledging the substantial responsibility placed on the Junior Old Boys Union (JOBU) to ensure its success.

Mr. Wijerathne underscored Thurstan's role in shaping future generations, noting that the school is dedicated to nurturing individuals equipped to thrive in the rapidly evolving technological and societal landscape of the next 10-20 years. He stressed the importance of three key attributes:

adaptability, creative/critical thinking, and emotional intelligence, and proudly stated that Thurstan students possess these essential qualities.

Highlighting the school's rich history, he emphasised that Thurstanites have played pivotal roles in shaping Sri Lanka's history. He mentioned luminaries such as Mahinda Rajapakse, Major General Harendra Ranasinghe, Surath Wickramasinghe, and Upul Shantha Sannasgala as integral parts of this historical narrative.

Looking toward the future, Mr. Wijerathne called for the development of a strategic plan spanning the next 10-15 years, urging the formation of new teams and the exploration of fresh ideas. He cited examples such as the establishment of a climate research society, an event management team, and initiatives in tourism and agriculture.

He concluded with an inspirational message, encouraging Thurstan College to continue pioneering new endeavours. He emphasised the school's commitment to staying at the forefront of innovation and constantly seeking novel perspectives in an ever-changing world.

### **Speech of Chief Guest**

by Dr. Kusala Kumara

Dr. Kusala Kumara commenced his address by expressing heartfelt gratitude to all who had invited him as the chief guest for the occasion. He went on to reflect on how he had gathered invaluable experiences during his time at Thurstan College. Dr. Kumara elaborated on the significance of the Junior Old Boys Union (JOBU) and its responsibilities, highlighting that while they may not possess significant financial resources, they wield substantial influence through their collective efforts. Drawing from personal experience, he recounted his own role in initiating JOBU at Prince of Wales College in Moratuwa during his tenure, thanks to the support of the Old Boys Union.

Dr. Kumara also underscored the unique privilege Thurstan students enjoy - the opportunity to acquire both education and life experiences simultaneously within the college's nurturing environment. He praised the strong sense of brotherly friendship among Thurstanites and shared instances of how fellow Thurstan alumni, such as Mr. Sampath Thuyiyakontha helped him when he was in Pakistan and Gen. Chandrasiri at the John Tarpet athletic meet at Sugathadasa Stadium, had extended their support to him. These bonds, he emphasised, exemplified the strength of the Thurstan network.

In closing, Dr. Kumara expressed his deep appreciation for the service of the Principal and emphasised the importance of ensuring his well-being and continued contribution to the institution.

### **Adoption of the minutes of the 27th AGM**

Proposed – Mr. Vimarshana Jayawickrama

Seconded – Mr. Pubudu Yasas

### **Adoption of the Secretaries Report**

Proposed – Mr. Thiwanka Perera

Seconded – Mr. Chirath Madawa

### **Adoption of the Audit Report**

Proposed – Mr. Kasun Delpechithra

Seconded – Mr. Ishara Madhusanka

Achala Ramanayeka read to the house the proposed committee list and finally following members were elected as office bearers for the period of 2023-2024.

Title	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
SVP	Chatura Lanthana Perera	Dhanushka Perera	Gayana Amarasinghe
Jt Secretary	Achala Ramanayake	Pubudu Yasas	B Indrachapa
Jt Secretary	Navidu Thisara Dulimuni	B Indrachapa	Pubudu Yasas
Treasurer	Namal Fernando	Yashoda Srimal	Udara Disanayake
Assit Treasurer	Thiwanka Perera	Vimarsha Jayawickrama	Gayana Amarasinghe
Social VP	Senura Keheliya	Tharindu Gunarathne	Dhanushka Perera
IT VP	Vimarsha Jayawickrama	Daham Alwis	Chirath Madawa
Academic VP	Daham Alwis	Udara Disanayake	Pubudu Yasas
Marketing VP	Udara Disanayake	Yashoda Srimal	Waruna Jayakody
Media VP	Kasun Delpechithra	Vimarsha Jayawickrama	Chirath Madawa
Sports VP	Chirath Madawa	Anura Indika	Daham Alwis
Committee Member	Manjitha Deenath Mahagama	Udara Disanayake	Tharindu Gunarathne
Committee Member	Anushka Eranga Kannangara	Achala Ramanayake	Chandika Lasiru
Committee Member	Gayana Amarasinghe	Dhanushka Perera	Ravin Karunananda
Committee Member	N.M.G Tharindu Danushka Gunarathne	Mohamad Munna	Nipuna Madhuranga
Committee Member	Mohamad Zaharan Munna	Tharindu Gunarathne	Ravin Karunananda
Committee Member	M. A. Nipuna Madhuranga Ariyaratna	Yashoda Srimal	Chirath Madawa
Committee Member	Waruna Jayakody	Udara Disanayake	Senura Keheliya
Committee Member	Mohamed Yakub Hafeel	Mohamed Akeel	Anupa Manjitha
Committee Member	B L Pubudu Yasas	Ishara Madhusanka	Yashoda Srimal
Committee Member	Kodithuwakkuge Chandika Lasiru Shamika	Tharindu Gunarathne	Udara Disanayake
Committee Member	Mapatage Ishara Madhusanka weerasiri	Pubudu Yasas	Dhanushka Perera
Committee Member	Weerasinghe Arachchige Aritha Nisalawa Weerasinghe	Mohamed Akeel	Anupa Manjitha
Committee Member	Dandeni Arachchige Ridmal Chathuranga	Nipuna Madhuranga	Tharindu Gunarathne
Committee Member	Mohamed Akeel Fairoze	Anupa Manjitha	Yashoda Srimal
Committee Member	Alahakoon Arachchige Yashoda Srimal	Udara Disanayake	Mohamad Munna
Committee Member	Buddhi Dalugama	Udara Disanayake	Tharindu Nawarathne
Committee Member	Dhanushka Perera	Udara Disanayake	Gayana Amarasinghe
Committee Member	Nadeera Cooray	Buddhi Dalugama	Udara Disanayake
Committee Member	Lakshan Wijesooriya	Anupa Manjitha	Yashoda Srimal
Committee Member	Tharindu Nawarathne	Udara Disanayake	Yashoda Srimal

## **New SVP Speech**

by Mr. Chatura Lantana Perera

Mr. Chatura Lantana Perera extended his gratitude to all participants, with special recognition for the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor, as well as the Principal and Advisory Board members. He proceeded to highlight the committee's achievements over the past year, emphasizing the improvements that had been made. Mr. Perera expressed his commitment to building upon these successes and continuing to enhance the college during his tenure as well. In conclusion, he conveyed his thanks to all those present for their support and collaboration.

## **Auditor**

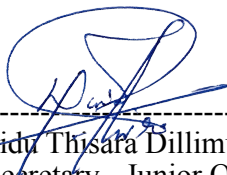
The newly appointed Senior Vice President (SVP) suggested that the same auditors who served last year, RKLS Associates (Chartered Accountants), be appointed as the auditors for the current year. There were no objections raised from the members present in the house.

## **New Suggestions**

Nil

## **Vote of Thanks**

The meeting adjourned with the vote of thanks delivered by the Joint Secretary Mr. Achala Ramanayeka.



Navidu Thisara Dillimuni  
Jt. Secretary - Junior Old Boy's Union 2023-2026  
Thurstan College