

MINUTES OF THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THURSTAN COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2025 AT THE THURSTAN COLLEGE MAIN HALL

PREAMBLE

- The 45th Annual General Meeting of Thurstan College Old Boys' Union was held on March 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the College Main Hall.
- The Chief Guest, Principal, and Advisors of the OBU and Office Bearers participated in traditional lighting of the oil lamp, followed by the school anthem.
- One minute's silence was observed to honor departed past principals, teachers, old boys, and war heroes.
- The meeting was called to order by President Mr. Pramuditha Wickremasinghe.
- The General Secretary Mr. Daminda Cooray read the AGM notice.
- The President Mr. Pramuditha Wickremasinghe chaired the meeting.
- Excuses:
 - Mr. Priya Paranavitane – WhatsApp Message
 - Mr. Sunil Dheragoda – email.
 - Dr. Sandun Dalpatadu – WhatsApp Message.
 - Major General (Retd) Vijitha Ravipriya – WhatsApp Message
 - Mr. Navindu Dillamuni – email
 - Mr. Dilan Perera – Letter
 - Mr. Wijaya Kumara Peiris – email
 - Mr. Kushan Senanayake

1.0 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE OBU, PRINCIPAL OF THURSTAN COLLEGE MR. PRAMUDITHA WICKREMASINGHE

The principal commenced the Annual General Meeting by extending a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, distinguished old boy Deputy Inspector General of Police Mr. Chandana Sampath Liyanage, for gracing the occasion. He further extended his welcome to all the present old boys, acknowledging their presence with gratitude. Expressing his appreciation to the OBU, the Principal attributed the smooth operation of the college to their unwavering support. He proudly announced Thurstan College's recent achievements, highlighting its leading position in education, sports, and extracurricular activities. Specifically, he noted the remarkable success of Thurstan's students in securing places in Chess Boxing and Athletics at international tournaments held across the globe.

The principal announced the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination results, stating that out of 116 students who sat for the exam, 107 passed successfully. He further mentioned that 79 students scored more than 100 marks, while only 9 students scored below 70 marks. Additionally, 3 students left the school to join Royal College Colombo (2 students) and Ananda College (1 student), respectively.

Regarding the 2023 (2024) GCE O/L examination results, the principal expressed pride in Thurstan College's achievement, describing them as the best results ever attained by the school. He credited the dedicated efforts of the teachers, which significantly improved the overall performance. An impressive 127 students secured 9 A's, while 49 students obtained 8 A's and 24 students obtained 7 A's, respectively.

The pass percentage was 99.69%, marking the highest pass percentage ever achieved by Thurstan College. The principal also extended his gratitude to the OBU for their support in conducting revision programmes and specially thanked Upul Gajaweera and Education functional secretary for their commitment to enhancing educational standards.

Regarding the 2023 (2024) GCE A/L examination results, the principal expressed pride in Thurstan College's achievement

Stream	No of Student sat	No of Students Passed	No Of 3A's	Passed Percentage (%)
Commerce	141	130	18	92.2
Biological Science	28	15	1	53.57
Physical Science	156	97	7	62.18
Bio System Technology	2	1		50
Engineering Technology	57	49	1	85.96
Art	57	28	1	49.12

Concluding his address, the principal reaffirmed Thurstan's ambition to become one of the nation's premier institutions by its Diamond Jubilee in 2025, urging continued support and involvement from old boys to achieve this goal.

2.0 GENERAL SECRETARIES ANNUAL REPORT

The General Secretary's report was circulated and was adopted unanimously.

3.0 ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF GUEST.

DIG Chandana Sampath Liyanage, the esteemed Chief Guest, was formally introduced to the members by compere Mr. Janaka Botheju.

In his address, Mr. Chandana Sampath expressed gratitude to the Principal and the OBU for extending the invitation to serve as the Chief Guest at the 45th AGM of Thurstan College Old Boys' Union. He fondly recalled his school days at Thurstan College, where he actively participated in Cadeting and various college societies, which helped nurture essential leadership qualities.

He further stated that it is deeply concerning to see schoolchildren becoming addicted to drugs and getting involved in illegal activities. He urged the principal to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to guide and protect students.

In conclusion, DIG Liyanage reiterated his gratitude to the Principal and the OBU for the opportunity to grace the 45th AGM as Chief Guest. He assured his continued support and availability for the college and the OBU whenever needed, signing off with a message of commitment and goodwill.

4.0 ADOPTING OF MIUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM/SGM/GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT / ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

- a. The minutes of the 44th AGM were adopted upon a proposal made by Mr. L.K.S. Wickremasinghe and seconded by Mr. Upul Gajaweera.
- b. The Secretary's Annual Report was adopted upon a proposal made by Mr. Nimmitha Hettiarachchi and seconded by Mr. Shantha Silva.
- c. The Audited Accounts for 2024 were not passed due to the following reasons:
 - i. Capital expenditure incurred for the upkeep of the college building was stated under fixed assets.
 - ii. The total value of the fixed assets was incorrect. The outsourced book keeper, Mr. Saliya, who was present at the meeting, stated that the error occurred because some lines were hidden at the time of printing, resulting in the total value being reflected incorrectly.

As a result, it was decided to hold a Special General Meeting to pass the accounts. This was proposed by Mr. Daminda Cooray and seconded by Mr. Sirosha Gunathilake.

5.0 RESOLUTIOS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

. Proposed Constitutional Amendments:

New Clause:

17. 8) Finance Committee:

The Council shall elect a Finance Committee first council meeting. This committee shall be responsible for reviewing and approving:

- Urgent Payments
- Opening of bank accounts
- Requests for urgent loan facilities
- Financial decisions required to ensure the uninterrupted operation of the OBU or to address urgent financial needs of the school, including in cases of force majeure, where liquidity adjustments or asset reallocations may be necessary, subject to Council ratification where required

All decisions of the Finance Committee shall require majority consent of its members. No urgent financial decisions shall be approved by the Finance Committee without prior approval of the Council.

All approvals granted by the Finance Committee shall be submitted in the Treasurer's report to the Council at the immediate next Council meeting.

Composition of the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee shall comprise:

- Senior Vice President
- Two Vice Presidents
- General Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Functional Secretary – Fundraising
- Two nominees from the Council:
 - One shall be a Functional Secretary
 - One shall be a Council Member who has served the OBU Council for a period of one year or more at the time of nomination to the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Daminda Cooray

Seconded by Mr. Palitha Dalpadatu

This amendment was Proposed by Mr. Sirosha Gunathilake and, seconded by Mr. Noel Joseph, after which it was duly adopted.

19 4) All resolutions duly passed at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special General Meeting (SGM) shall take immediate effect upon adoption, unless otherwise specified in the resolution itself.

a) Any amendments to the Constitution, policies, or operational procedures approved at an AGM or SGM shall be deemed effective immediately upon their adoption, and the General Secretary shall ensure that the necessary updates and communications are carried out without delay.

b) The Council and all relevant bodies of the Union shall be bound to implement and enforce the resolutions passed at the AGM or SGM from the moment of their adoption, subject to any transitional provisions explicitly stated within the resolution.

c) This clause shall supersede any previous provisions or interpretations that might cause a delay in the implementation of validly passed resolutions, except where a resolution explicitly states an alternative effective date.

Proposed by Mr. Daminda Cooray

Seconded by Mr. Palitha Dalpadatu

This amendment was Proposed by Mr. Shantha Sri Wadimuna and, seconded by Captain Awanthika Jayasekera, after which it was duly adopted.

6.0 REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATION BOARD

- a. Deputy Principal Mrs. Himali Samanthani, chaired the Nomination Board,
- b. All received nominations were publicly displayed on the notice board, providing an opportunity for objections to be lodged within the specified timeframe.

c. Please refer to the Annexure I for the Nomination Board Report

- d. Objections

- No objection was received in writing to the Chairman of the Nomination Board.

7.0 ELECTION OF THE PATRON, OFFICE BEARERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Below are the lists of appointments following withdrawals and filled positions:

For the vacant General Secretary position, two names were proposed. Mr. Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe's name was proposed by Mr. L.K.S. Wickremasinghe and seconded by Mr. Nimmitha Hettiarachchi. Mr. Harsha Ubeysekera's name was proposed by Mr. Noel Joseph and seconded by Mr. Bhatiya Seebert. Since Mr. Harsha Ubeysekera stepped down, Mr. Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe was elected as the General Secretary of the OBU.

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- a. Patron: Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksha

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S/ No	Position	Name
1	President / Principal	Mr Pamuditha Wickramasinghe
2	Senior Vice President	Mr Daminda Cooray
3	Vice President	Mr Upul Gajaweera
4	Vice President	Mr L. K. S. Wickramasinghe
5	General Secretary	Mr Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe
6	Assistant Secretary	Mr Harsha Ubeysekera
7	Treasurer	Mr Nimmitha Hettiarachchi
8	Assistant Treasurer	Mr Sisira Vithanage
Functional Secretaries		
9	Secretary - Athletics	Mr Surendra Ranawaka
10	Secretary - Basketball	Mr Maduka Galgamuwa
11	Secretary - Cadetting	Cdr Prasad Chamara
12	Secretary - Chess	Mr Hashan Lokuge

13	Secretary - Cricket	Mr Kulasiri Jayathilaka
14	Secretary - Education	Mr Shantha Wadimuna
15	Secretary - Fund Raising	-
16	Secretary - IT	Mr Navindu Dillimuni
17	Secretary - Media & PR	-
18	Secretary - Physical Resources	Mr Shantha silva
19	Secretary - Rugby	Mr Wijaya Kumara Peiris
20	Secretary - Soccer	Mr Kushan Senanayake
21	Secretary - Social Activities	Mr Suren Peters
22	Secretary - Swimming	Mr Praneeth Peters
23	Act Secretary - Tennis	Mr Radika Dalpatadu
24	Secretary -Other sports	Mr Upul Kulasekara
Council Members		
25	Council Member	Mr L.C.P sudusinghe
26	Council Member	Mr Dilan Perera
27	Council Member	Mr Lanka De Silva
28	Council Member	Mr Waruna Jayakody
29	Council Member	Mr Ujith Gamage
30	Council Member	Mr Rakitha Bandara
31	Council Member	Mr Mohomed Akeel
32	Council Member	Mr Buddhika Dayarathna
33	Council Member	Mr Gayan Mendis
34	Council Member	Mr Rajitha Kasun
35	Council Member	Mr Lakmal Danushka
36	Council Member	Mr pubudu Hettiarachchi
37	Council Member	Mr Ramindu Kumarasinghe
38	Council Member	Mr Jayalak Lawransu Hewage
39	Council Member	Mr Vimarsha Jayawickrama
40	Council Member	Mr Achala Ramanayake
41	Council Member	Mr Yashoda Alahakoon
42	Council Member	Mr Akhila Nagasinghe
43	Council Member	Mr Wasantha Warnasooriya
44	Council Member	Dr Sudath Peiris
45	Council Member	Capt J A T Awanthika
46	Council Member	Mr Uppala Hapuarachchi

8.0 APPOINTED OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

No proposal was made by the outgoing committee.

9.0 APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

T.R Associates, was proposed by Mr. Uppala Hapuarachchi and seconded by Mr. Maduka Galgamuwa.

10.0 OPEN FORUM FOR NEW POINTS

Nothing was discussed

11.0 VOTE OF THANKS

Newly elected General Secretary, Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe, conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to several key stakeholders during his address. Firstly, he expressed appreciation to the principal and the

outgoing committee for their dedicated service to the Alma Mater. He also thanked the general membership for placing their trust in the newly elected OBU Council and for entrusting them with their responsibilities.

Furthermore, Mr. Amarasinghe extended sincere gratitude to Mr. Chandana Sampath Liyanage for gracing the 45th AGM of the Thurstan College Old Boys' Union as Chief Guest, despite his demanding work schedule. Additionally, he thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the 45th Annual General Meeting, acknowledging the collective effort that made the event possible.

12.0 NATIONAL ANTHEM AND MEETING ADJOURNMENT

As there were no further matters to address, the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting ended with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe
Honorary General Secretary
2025-2026