

## **Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> AGM of SLOBA held on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2005 at the School Premises**

President Fr. B. Thomas called the meeting to order with Fr. Charles Poulet (Rector of St. Lawrence High School and Chief Guest for the evening), Dr. Subrata Das (Vice President), Dr. Soumitra Kumar (Hon. Secretary) and himself on the dais.

Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM were confirmed and adopted. Proposed by Dr. Amlan Banerjee and seconded by Mr. Amitava Gupta.

The Secretary Dr. Soumitra Kumar submitted the Annual Report for the year 2004-05 and highlighted the major events. He also pointed out the following correction to be incorporated in the minutes:

ANNUAL REUNION & ELECTIONS is to be read as ANNUAL REUNION as no elections were held in the year. The report was unanimously adopted. Proposed by Mr. Sanjay Gupta and seconded by Mr. Kalyan Gupta.

The audited accounts for the year 2004-05 were submitted and were adopted by the house. Proposed by Mr. Sanjay Sengupta and seconded by Mr. Subhayu Sanyal.

M/S S. Rudra & Co. were commended for their meticulous work. A resolution was moved by the Secretary to appoint M/S S. Rudra & Co. as auditors for the year 2005-06 at an annual fee of RS. 1,251=00 only. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Proposed by Mr. A.K. Pandey and seconded by Mr. Pinaki Dasgupta.

The Secretary then called upon Mr. Amitava Gupta, Election Officer for 2005-06 to announce the results of the elections to the Governing Body of SLOBA for 2005-06. Mr. Gupta announced Mr. A.K. Pandey, Mr. Anand Singh and Mr. Kalpajit Basu Mallick as declared elected to the Governing Body. The Secretary thanked Mr. Gupta for conducting the elections and welcomed the new members. The new members introduced themselves.

The President, Fr. Benny Thomas remarked that one never receives a farewell from St. Lawrence but is always a Lawrencian. That SLOBA has been successfully running so many activities in the school premises has been possible owing to inculcation of Jesuit values in education. He made special mention of Mr. Darshan Singh Gill for organising film shows for the school children from which RS. 8,770=00 was donated to the Scout Fund. He also called upon all past students of the school to continue with the quest for excellence and spare a thought always for the poor and the marginalised. Through service to others, Lawrencians should renew their commitment towards justice and truth.

The Chief Guest for the evening Fr. Poulet was called upon by the Secretary to launch the SLOBA website at [www.sloba.net](http://www.sloba.net). Mr. A.K. Pandey demonstrated the functioning of the site. Fr. Poulet in his speech congratulated SLOBA on an excellent year of activities but wished more members were present at the AGM to share the accolades. He hoped that interaction and collaboration between SLOBA and the school will increase and the fraternity of old boys should look at collective development in the future.

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Fr. A. Wavreil, past President of SLOBA and Headmaster of the school remarked that he hoped to see not only old faces but also new ones. Though the turnout of members could have been better, the warmth and tenacity of members was refreshingly welcome.

Fr. Noel D'Souza, Primary Prefect and past Rector of the school spoke of fond memories and lasting values combining to contribute to society.

Fr. K. Thottam, Vice Principal of the school expressed satisfaction to see old boys coming back year after year to share nostalgic moments.

Mr. C. Rodrigues, member of SLOBA as well as a past teacher in the school recalled his association of 45 years with St. Lawrence, as student and later as a teacher. He gave credit to his Jesuit upbringing for all his successes in life.

The Vice President Dr. Subrata Das called upon the members of the governing body to take more initiative in reaching out to members of SLOBA individually for better participation in the activities of the school as well as of SLOBA.

Dr. Soumitra Kumar then announced 8<sup>th</sup> January 2006 as a probable date for the annual SLOBA picnic provided at least 40 persons register for the same. He also informed that information on the Annual SLOBA cricket match between past and present students would be sent out soon to members. He thanked the chair for being present and presiding over the meeting.

As there was no other matter, the President declared the meeting closed.