

Colombo Swimming Club

SGM Meeting held on 25th November 2023

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876 (General Secretary)

If you can all be seated so we can start proceedings relating to the special general meeting that has been convened for today.

The notice convening the special general meeting is dated 24th of October 2023. Can we as the first item on the agenda take it that the notice is read?

If there is no objection, let it be minuted that the notice is read.

The next item on the agenda is the electing of Vice President and Finance member. We received, as we have communicated to you, three nominations. One from Mr. Anna Punchihewa. One was from Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe and one was from Mr. Rohan Paulas. Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe has subsequently, withdrawn his nomination and thrown his support behind Mr. Rohan Paulas. Knowing Mr. Mohan, Wijesinghe it is uncharacteristic of him to withdraw from a fight. So let us proceed with having the election today,

There are two candidates, Mr. Ana Punchihewa and Mr. Rohan Paulas. And before I we get to the voting I think, it is only fair that we provide an opportunity, to the candidates to speak a few words in support of their candidacy. Unfortunately, Mr. Ana Punchihewa a whose nomination was proposed by the President of this club and seconded by me as the committee nominee is not present as he is overseas due to an unavoidable personal commitment.

I will explain why. When he accepted the invitation to come on board, he informed us that he had to go overseas to attend his daughter's 40th birthday and he will not be able to be here, he said. We informed him that it is OK as long as the nomination has been received on time having accepted our invitation.

Before I invite Mr. Rohan Paulas to speak a few words in support of his candidacy, I think it is important that I place in context certain matters.

There were some Members who called and asked me personally that, there are certain constitutional amendments proposed by the General Committee and is it correct that these are the resolutions or whatever that has been brought by a certain group of people.

So let me in the first instance. State our position. Since the last AGM, yes, we all accepted that there had to be stronger governance structures, stronger processes that needed to be brought in. When this committee, came in from the very inception, started that process. And while that process was going on, we had Certain Members I see the individual here who reached out and said, you know, there are some groups of Members who are concerned they like to also participate and then we invited them. They also made some valuable contributions. But to say that it was done because of them, I think is a factually incorrect statement. And the gentleman whom I spoke to who is here would be conscious of that, And I would believe that anybody who propagates good governance would not come and say or own something, which is not there's. And if they wish to, they may claim ownership to it for their personal

benefit. But having said that, whoever says otherwise would know that, it is not the truth and what we are saying is the truth. With those few words, Mr. Rohan Paulas let me invite you to speak a few words.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

I am going to object to the candidature of Mr. Anna Punchihewa on the grounds on the constitutional amendment because the Constitution, the previous Constitution. Clearly stated that - If a member absents from the island on the date of nominations and the date of elections at annual general meeting. Special general meeting shall not be eligible for nomination to serve on the committee.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

Which provisions are you referring to Mr. Wijesinghe.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

This is. Mr. De silva, this is from the rules of the Colombo Swimming Club, which was published before what was given to us. Undated copy of the new constitution, which was given to us, right.

But my question. Is now. When this new constitution, that a copy was given to us, was published. This has been omitted, as you and I very well know, to amend a rule in the Constitution there has to be house approval. So I'm asking you the question, has this been ruled been amended? Because I have been coming to many meetings, but I I would have missed some, but I'm asking you the question has this been amended and brought before the House and approval?

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

Well Mr Wijesinghe since 2016, this the Constitution that has been followed, if you cannot refer to a provision in this, I'm sorry I cannot entertain and let us proceed, .

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Please, no, I have a right. Because is Ernest and young here, Ernest and Young, who's conducting the Elections in that room, No, they have to come here because I have because they say they will be supervising the election. So I'm raising an objection about it.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

So your objection is recorded. Your objection can be recorded, and we proceed. If there is a ruling on that we will decide. We will proceed. Mr. Rohan Paulas , it's your opportunity to speak, you time is counting as we have to start the voting.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

No, Suren, I need to make two more objections. Please, the other objection are, your conducting this meeting right? You send the agenda before a proposed agenda which you set the election of the Members will be held at the last agenda item. Now you have moved it to number one. I mean that is not accepted right.

I'm giving my objections so you can recall that you can. After that, you can give your decision. Fine.

And the second one is you can't adjourn the house. To for the members to go and vote, because the House and the meeting has to be live and the Members have to go and vote and the voting has to play take place in front of everybody else, not in an isolated place.

And if it is agenda item number one, you can only go to agenda item number 2 after you finish the agenda item number one. So the voting has to take place, concluded and then go on to agenda item 2.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

Mr. Wijesinghe, this has been the Constitution of this club since 2016. This was what I have been followed and this is in terms of which elections have been called for. OK, I do not know. You can ask people who are in power in 2016 as to what happened to those I have no answers to this question. You will need to ask Mr. Huzaifa Abdulhusein who was the President in 2016 when the printed constitution was done.

As for the Election we cannot have the election in front of everyone here. If you want to have a nominee to watch that, please go there. You can have anyone there to observe proceedings. We have absolutely no problem. Then on the other issue which you read, I'm sorry you had another issue. You were you were raising the third matter that you wanted the clarification.

Yes, sorry. So then that matter, if you look at it, Mr. Wijesinghe, what was sent as you and I understand is a proposed agenda once we receive resolutions, we will decide based on that how the items have to be arranged to conduct the meeting in terms of the Constitution. It is within the powers of the General Committee to decide on the agenda as long as all the items on the agenda are covered. That is all that matters. Also primarily this election, was called because of the resignation of the Vice President. So that has to be the primary objective of this. So, Mr. Paulas, you wish to speak a few words?

[name and number of member not provided/inaudible]

I have. I have got a question. Yes Sir. If you are right and that Constitution is valid, is there a minute passing that constitution because we can you can hold a book and say this is the one that we are going by. Can you show us the proof of that minute that, that Constitution is the one that we all? Have to follow.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

Sir. I'm telling you, this is you have to ask the people who in office then how this Constitution came. All I can do is as your secretary run the election as per this Constitution. That is all I know. So please if

anybody wants any clarifications on that please ask the office bearers at that time. As I said I think this was in 2016, Mr. Huzaifa Abdul Hussain was the President of this club. Please ask him what happened to those provisions because I have no answers. I'm sorry.

[name and number of member not provided/inaudible] ???

As a as a general member, yes, Sir. Which Constitution should I go by? Because both don't seem to be legal.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

Sir, this is what has been accepted in all minutes. All meetings have been summoned and all action has been taken based on this Constitution printed in 2016 without demur by the membership, since this has come into play. So I'm sorry, Sir. This is what we will have to follow. So can we proceed?

Mr Dishari Jayamanne -10626

Excuse me, I have a question. I've been listening to both parties. I don't know either of you. My name is Dishari jayamanne. My membership number is 10626. So there's an interesting thing happening here. You are showing me one book. This gentleman is showing another book as a member. I don't know where I can find the Constitution.

I've just gone on to the website. I can't find a link where there's a constitution. If there is considerable debate over which Constitution is valid. I think it is my right as a member to have easy access to the Constitution.

so. I think there is a problem here because. Clearly there's an objection to a nominee for a very important position, and you as the Secretary, I believe you are the Secretary. You are saying that. The objection cannot be entertained because the Constitution that the objection is based on is pre 2016. As the secretary. You're also saying that you do not have access to the Minutes or the resolution that this new constitution that you are showing. Right now, so I have a question for me. This is a very questionable situation. Right.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I would like to clarify that. That is a very valid concern. So as far as this concerned, I believe the Constitution is available on the website. If it is not, you can always have a copy of the Constitution from the office. It's always available free of charge for the members of anyone who asks for it.

We have instructed and I believe it is on the website, but I must tell you honestly, I have not personally checked it. These are the instructions that I received. At the end of the day, this is the Constitution in terms of which meetings are being called and notices sent. This is the Constitution in terms of which resolutions have been received. So because of that, Sir, we have to proceed because election voting is going to start now you. Otherwise, I think Mr. Paulas will not have an opportunity to speak a few words.

Mr Rohan Abeyakoon - 8948

So I would like to have a right of reply. Rohan Abayakoon member 8948. Before Mr. Paulas has a few words to say, I think I endorse what this gentleman said. If you cannot prove that this Constitution was changed through the Minutes, then we have every right to object to that Constitution.

First of all, right as a secretary of the member, as Secretary of the club you have access to the minutes. Going back 100 years, even if they're available. So if you can't find it, you cannot hold the house responsible for the responsibilities of the secretary. That's my first point.

Secondly, I think it's important that why we have gathered here today, right we are all friends, we all know each other. I know you personally. I know Sanjeev personally. I know Rohan Paulas personally. I just want to bring the membership to on board as to why we are here. So just give me 3 or 4 minutes of your valuable time because it's very important. Only two minutes. Yeah, yeah. 2 minutes before voting. There is enough time,

Hold on. It's OK. Suren at the last AGM, the past president, shouted the membership down and didn't allow anyone to speak. So Sanjeev, with your permission, I would like to have a few words. Thank you, Sanjeev.

Thank you. Sure. Right at the last AGM, many of you who were present would have noticed that lots of the questions that were raised by the House were dismissed, shouted down and they were not willing to even being listened to. Right. I have. I've been a member of this club for 24 years.

I have never. Really. Got involved in any of these issues at the club. I come here as a member, enjoy the facilities and I go home. I came on that day to raise a point about membership issue relating to my daughter, which was my fault and whether that could be addressed at the Forum and resolved. That was rejected. I accepted it. However, based on the conduct of the past President, I decided that something needs to be done about how these meetings are conducted and why the disputes are being called upon and on the back of that, I approached you, right? Based on this gathering of people who wanted resolution to all these issues. And we agreed to meet between you all and these Members.

We nominated 3 members. I was 1. Rohan Paulas was one and Mohan Wijesinghe was one. The club captain, I think the President and the House and works, which was the two new Members joined this meeting. We had a series of meetings, right and lots of things we were able to resolve right. Lot of the information that we have got came from the GC right at any point you can dispute what I'm saying.

A lot of the information including the last eight years capital expenditure came from the GCC right? not that we picked this up from the sky or from the road, the Information came from you all. Right, so I'm not challenging whether you all have been financially above board, that is not a concern to me, right? We respect you all, as honorable Members of this club, we believe that you all have acted in the best interest of the club. What we challenge was that a club with such big reserves of 506 or 700 million, whatever that has absolutely no procurement process and the Constitution is very weak in managing. Addressing these issues. Right, which you all accepted that needs to be resolved. Then we have discussed with up and down and I must thank the GC's led by Suren, because by the time we had these meetings, they had already implemented A procurement process since March this year and I commended them for. That right?

And I thank you Suren, but we also added to that procurement process, but I give credit to you and the GCC for doing that. Where I find fault with you is that you have been a member of this committee for five years. 6. Years, seven years, seven or eight years. But you only saw it is time to change it after the last AGM and when there was push back from the members and when you knew we were all coming. Then all these things are happening. But still it was done. So, we. Give you credit for that. Now during this, I'll just given up I highlight to the membership in the last eight years the club has spent Rs.556.8 million. That was a number tossed at me at the last AGM because nobody was allowed to address these issues. Of that only 370 million of that money has been approved by the GC. Not by the House that is 200% more than the House approvals over the period of eight years. These are facts.

You can dispute them right now. If I am wrong right of that in the last two years, that's 2021 and 2022, the percentage exceeded above the House approvals was 1000% in 2021 and 900 plus percent in 2022. Whether that's constitutionally acceptable or not, it's not the debate here. Maybe you had constitutional backing to do all that I will not dispute that, but I'm only asking is that morally right? And you, as a very senior member of the Bar Association, I would have expected during my 8 years as in the committee, that you would have addressed these issues and tightened and controlled the Constitution to make sure that these changes were made not having to wait where a group of us came after so long and discuss with you. Let's move on. So those resolutions that have. This procurement process was done by you, but a lot of other resolutions came between discussions with us. In fact, members. I would like to address you and say that the Constitution has only a provision for one million of Capex. Currently for new projects, right, we? Proposed to increase the caps that shows the objectivity we had, right, but we only want these expenses broken down into various segments because the line that's only one line in the Constitution, any new Capex over 1,000,000 is house approval and everything else is left. Ridiculous. And that is where the GC has had unbridled power to spend as they see as they wish. So we agreed. OK, for new projects we can increase it to, I don't know what the number was. Two or three. Million for replacements.

It can be whatever emergency repairs. We even agreed 5 million. Am I right? Am I wrong? Sorry. Right, five or what? The numbers may not be correct, but we propose those increases right to show that to ensure that the GC has the liberty to work without having to call for SGM's and AGM's all the time.

right. So we were not trying to restrict them. We were trying to help them, in running the club. Now on the back of that, there were certain other things that we also discussed. Now I'll tell you the procurement process came from you, all right. And I again commend you and your committee. But when we asked you to adopt that into the Constitution, you all refused. You didn't want to do that, right? You all said no, we will use it as a guideline now. I respect that you will follow the guideline. In three years', time, there can be a different committee here. What guarantee do we have that they will follow that guideline? We have zero guarantee.

Therefore, we did propose, but you all pushed back and said no, right? So that was an area that we. Had no resolution over right then. The next thing was, your resolutions and finally came. We counter those through Mohan, Wijesinghe. We agree on the principles and the values, but the wording that you had. Resolved. Was not in keeping with what we discussed in terms of tightening and making it less ambiguous so that I don't think there's any dispute here. We can amicably settle that tonight and resolve to move ahead with those resolutions.

But we need to ensure that what we have. What we have added into what you have submitted from the GC needs to also be discussed and let the House agree whether those additional clauses should be added in to make sure that good governance takes place and find. About the audit committee, we have absolutely no issue with the additional trustee's personal integrity. I saw some messages coming from you saying that we are challenging that. That is not the case. What we challenged is that the Audit Committee consists of three additional trustees and two other members. The additional trustee. In the event. That the audit the President or vice President of the club are unable to perform their duties.

The additional trustees take over the running of the club. Am I correct or wrong? I'm correct then if there if there is a query about the about that leads auditor in effect that if that eventually arises the audit committee then becomes the supervising body who audits themselves, see that and I think you cannot dispute this. Even in our meetings, you said yes, there is a potential conflict of interest.

You yourself said that. Correct. Suren, I will. Yes, you said that right we are not challenging personal, we are challenging the composition of the additional trust the Audit Committee.

In addition to that, it was, I know, rushed through and inadvertently the proposal came from the House that the three additional trustees and two other members are added. Added to this audit committee. There was a caveat saying that, OK, the additional trustees are three. The two additional members are nominated by the additional trustees. And they need to be approved by the committee. Am I correct or wrong? No. It's not there. It is there in the Minutes.

I will. Show it in. the minute if you. Challenge me I. Will show it the minute. No, it's not in the minutes , it's in the minutes of the last AGM that the two additional members nominated by the additional trustees need to be approved by the General Committee. That was changed. That's not bad. Look at the concept. That's wrong, then we have to resolve today to remove it and that is why we propose that that the House should appoint 5 members to the Audit Committee and that those five Members should not be consisting of the additional trustees because some of the additional trustees have been past presidents of the club in the last five or eight years.

So if that audit query on we'll say 2005 or 2006 or 2010, if one of them is additional trustee becomes a. Conflict of. Interest, right. So, we resolved today we about resolution to nominate 5 independent Members, 5 independent members to the Audit committee.

Right. Approved by the house. Right. And the GC Has no right to approve whether those Members are valid or not. So these are the simple things we are requesting and Rohan Paulas. Again, I'll admit to you at the outset, when we had these discussions, none of us wanted to be in this committee, and I told you that I almost gave you that assurance in a sense that we said no, we will not want to be in these positions. However, when there was all this pushback of not wanting to do the procurement, not wanting to, you know and dropped all these things then we decided, look, there's only so much you can do from outside. Why don't we get one member into this committee so that we can change things from inside? Right, that's it. There are, I don't know, correct me if I'm wrong. There are 9 or 10. Members in this, there are there are 10 men, How many? Nine Members, 10 members, nine members, What is the problem in having one Member who doesn't agree with you all the time? Why do you want all nine members to be aligned from who you nominate to this Council? That's all I'm asking. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your Patience, Challenge me on any of these issues that I have brought up and I thank the Members to do the right thing today. That's all I have to say.

Mr Suren De Silva -9876

So Rohan, I'm not going to debate the resolutions at this stage. All these matters you are referring to come up in the resolutions and I will deal with them one by one at the appropriate stage. So, I don't think I need to provide a reply at this stage. Whatever you may say you and you and I know the truth.

Mr Ali Jeevunjee - 8526

OK, I need to speak. my name is Ali Jeevanjee 8526. May I ask you why you on the 23rd of October had a different order of the agenda and then you changed it on the 22nd by bringing the election first. We have a the tradition has always been that we have had a meeting we have never gone to the elections immediately and then you have brought it back to say I have the election. Yeah.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I'm sorry, Sir, I believe I do not know whether you were here when I answered that question. It was raised by Mr. Wijesinghe and I have given the answer. The answer is simple. What was sent was the proposed agenda. Once we receive the resolutions, then we decide how to structure the items. Now the reason is that because the meeting has been called primarily for the election of a Vice President due to the resignation of the vice president and that is the primary objective of this meeting. The resolutions are secondary. Mr. Paulas , do you want to speak a few words?

Mr Ali Jeevunjee - 8526

Hello. There is one more question. No, I want to say one more thing. Why is it that the President and the Secretary yourself have been the proposer and the seconder for Mr. Ana Punchihewa here? It has to be I will explain that. Has to be totally unbiased, but you all have. You all want him. Right?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I will explain to you, Mr. Jeevanjee, at the appropriate time. I will tender an explanation after Mr. Paulas speaks

Mr Ali Jeevunjee - 8526

No, what? What is the appropriate time? You should inform before the election.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Yes, of course I will do it before then. Mr. Jeevanjee, there's nothing to get excited about. I am just giving Mr. Paulus an opportunity to speak. Then I will speak. Mr. Paulas let's be very brief.

Mr Rohan Paulas -10457

So for those who don't know me, my name is Rohan Paulas. And I think I've been sold the dummy by my colleagues. They want me to run for the next four months. And I have to tell you that I would never, under any circumstances, go and contest for an honorary position. So this is the first time in my life I'm doing this and I'm doing it because I felt and I could be wrong. That there were some serious financial questions that needed to be answered. OK, I'll think Suren and Sanjeev in terms of our discussions and the additional committee members have been very cordial and supportive of what we are trying to do.

And I do accept that they have good intentions, but I just don't want. I just want to raise a few issues. In 2022, at the height of all the problems that Sri Lanka was facing, no food, long queues, we spent or the committee spent over Rs.150 million. So we took out fixed deposits. Sorry, no, no, about the cash movement in the balance sheet. If you look at the balance sheet, I'm just looking at. The balance sheet there. Was a net outflow of over 150 million. Now these were in cash deposits at a time where the interest rates were very high. We then took that money and spent it on capital projects and also buying liquor premium liquor. Now I felt that this was a bit Obvious as I wasn't comfortable with that.

OK, so that's why I am. I'm here to try to make a change and firstly to understand why these decisions were made because in a normal organization, you wouldn't. Take out a deposit. You wouldn't take out a fixed deposit and then spend that on operational items. OK, I found it very, very difficult, so. that I think in the interest of time, all I say is thank you very much for coming. I think there is a very large turnout today and I hope you vote and vote for change and what is right. Thank you.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

I mean with great respect for Mr. Adamally, can I ask how Mr. Adamally is permitted to be in the House? He is not a member of the club, Mr. Adamally, is The club lawyer. No, he can't be here.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mr. Wijesinghe, you asked where the auditors were. Mr Adamally is the club lawyer, and the club can decide whom they invite to advise them on any legal issues that.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

I am sure they can, but they can't be part of this meeting. He can be outside, please ask him not to be part of this.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So your objection can be recorded. As our invitee he is most welcome to sit anywhere he wants,

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

But not here.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Please Mr. Wijesinghe . I am taking a decision, Mr. Adamally has been here at all the AGM's.

If you look at the rule, it is the general committee that decides.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

OK, . Your message says no guests.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Yes, no guests can vote. But he is an invitee of the committee. So let us let us proceed.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

And also I have another very important question for you. Can you turn to page 22 of the Constitution? Yeah. Because you believe everything in the Constitution, page 22, which says no paid member shall be entitled to vote. So we can't vote.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I think the Member they're referring to. Are the paid members in employment?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Member No Suren, I'm asking the question no paid member. Shall be entitled to vote.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mohan, it's an excellent point. And you and I go back sometimes. In the interest of time and in order to maintain dignity and calm in one of the finest Clubs in Colombo, let's get on with the agenda now. So I think there was a question raised as to why the committee has nominated Mr. Ana Punchihewa . So I think the simple answer to that is Mr. Ana Punchihewa has been a past president and senior Member of this club. He understands the culture of this club and we feel being a strong administrator that he will contribute immensely to this committee. Therefore, we are of the view that given that background and his impeccable credentials, and also as he understand the culture of this club he is suitable candidate. That doesn't mean that anyone who comes on this committee is not independent, that I think is an insult and an indictment on the entire membership. If you feel that they are voting in people who are not independent. So with that, let the voting commence. Thank you.

Mr Dilshara Jayamanna - 10626

I my name is Dilshara Jayamanna. I am 10626. This is in relation to the question I asked previously . firstly, I went to the reception. They said they didn't have the constitution. I had to ask three people before they would give me the Constitution, which I've got now. Secondly, voting has started already while we were deliberating here about one candidate. I don't think that is correct. Voting is happening already,

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

According to the agenda, voting has started. Everyone is entitled to vote. It had started. You all wanted to speak, We gave you the option to speak. So let's proceed with the voting.

Meeting Paused for Voting

Meeting recommences at 12.10 pm

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

The next items on the agenda are the resolutions that have been proposed. Firstly, by the committee, which had been sent as an annexure A to the notice. The first resolution that we are proposing is an amendment to article 6 of the Constitution. The reason is that in terms of the current Constitution A proposer and seconder is only responsible to settle any unpaid bills of any member that they have proposed for only for two years. We feel that when a person is proposing or seconding that that person is absolutely sure of the person that they are proposing to the club. As much as we are bringing in good governance into the management of the club, there's also has to be fiscal discipline on the part of the membership, so this will be prospective. It is not retrospective.

So from first January onwards any new members . So I know a lot of us get calls from various people saying, you know, could you propose this person? Could you second this person? So we feel that it is important that there is some accountability by the proposer and seconder. So we have proposed to bring that amendment so that the proposer and seconder will be responsible to settle any unpaid bills of that the new member, so anybody has anything to say in that regard.

It will be prospective. It for any new applications that we receive. Tere is no time period because there is no process to collect unpaid bills. So therefore, we want to ensure that somebody is responsible. If the member doesn't pay, we can call the proposer or seconder and they can put pressure on that person. And I'm sure, Sir, you also know people call and ask you, you know, can you propose? Can you second now you know it gives you a reason to say no if you are unsure of the applicant.

Mr Tilak Conrad - 9487

So you have a deposit from all the members, right? I mean, why aren't you much more rigorous about claiming on that deposit?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Well, the deposit is there, Sir, but the fact is we are a credit giving club. We give credit for 30 days. So sometimes the deposit which we have claimed is not enough to cover that amount.

Mr Tilak Conrad - 9487

So then should you not be increasing?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Because then with that, the surcharges, all of them start climbing when you don't pay because there's a 10% per month surcharge in terms of the Constitution. So as a result that 100,000 doesn't really sometimes is not adequate to cover it. That's the reason, Sir.

Mr Yogi Yogendran - 10873

Yeah. So my name is Yogendran. my membership number 10873. I have a question. The members dues to the club is more than 94 million to be exact and of which I think 17,000,000 million has been taken as reserves against these. So you said we don't have a process to collect the money but having 90 million of receivables. Some Members is a pretty large number, so what's the action that. That is in is in plan to get that resolved because there's a large chunk of cash. thank you.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Thank you, Sir, for raising that. I think that is one of the very reasons the process is that we are pursuing because as I said, the surcharge itself is 10% a month. So that is a deterrent. That is not something we have brought. That has been brought by the membership in terms of the Constitution. So as a result of that. We are calling the defaulters. We are pursuing so now because the proposer and Seconder is only responsible for two years. So we feel that it is inadequate and therefore we want to ensure that there is more responsibility that are proposer and seconder will take when they are proposing a Member. We are trying to collect so that is exactly why Sir one of the measures that we are introduce to collect.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Sorry, I'm 100% in agreement with you, but because you said there is no process in the Constitution, if you read 27 C, It says should a member fail to pay his account by the end of the month following that in which it is rendered, notice may be sent to the member by registered post informing him that his. The account is not paid within seven days. His name may be posted as a defaulter on the club notice board. If the account remains unpaid for seven days after his name has been posted, he shall he is to be a member of the club. I am not saying that should be the case, but it is in the Constitution.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

No, I didn't say that. What I told Mr. Wijesinghe. Is about the collection process. I'm not saying that there isn't a consequence if you don't pay bills. Yes, you're right. Then their membership is suspended. So all I said was the process we have relating to collections.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

No, I agree with you. No. But I agree with you. But this gentleman also said then there is a deposit as well. So why don't, I mean I'm 100% with what you're saying, but I'm also saying.

That's all. You should invoke this right, and then because I don't see any names on the name board anymore, but if you're not invoking that, please delete this section. That's what I'm saying .

Mr Sheriff Rahaman - 7073

I'm Sheriff Rahman 7073. I would say that to keep an unlimited period on the burden such a burden on the proposer is unfair. I would propose an amendment to this resolution saying that five years.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Unfortunately, Mr. Rahman, in terms of the Constitution, any amendment to a proposed resolutions has to be given seven days notice. So either the resolution has to pass in its entirety or it has to be defeated. So there is no provision to amend because otherwise members who are not present would come and object and say we did not know that there was going to be such a change and if so I would have objected. So, such power is not with us. So we can't arrogate to ourselves the power which is not there. This committee doesn't wish to do anything which is contrary to the Constitution. OK. Thank you. So if you think necessary later on it can be brought in with the amendment

Mr Dinesh Gunarathne - 9546

I'm Dinesh 9546. You have collected like a deposit and it's there, I believe, you have a IT system. Just stop credit and then the member can't use it. I mean why are we going to this thing? I mean we have IT system, why are we kind of you know hassling everybody if you want to you when you come in you can pay the cashier that is there. You just pay advance, regularize your bill and come and patronize. I don't know why we have to go to this credit and then talk about these things. I am sorry, I don't think it warrants a discussion like this. It's a very simple system. You are saying that there's no process.

We have taken a deposit. I have been a Member, I don't know, 10-15 years the money has been lying there. I'm sure the club would, which will must be earning money on it. Great. But then utilize that deposit. You set off the bill, and if not, just stop credit and when the Member walks in, you can pay and regularize the account very easy.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Yes, Sir, just to explain, that is exactly the process that is going what the issue is, is that unpaid bills have surcharge that keeps getting charged and that doesn't stop. So that is what we need to collect the entire outstanding from the Member. It's not about where you are in default where the credit stops. The credit does stop. The member can't come and use the facilities. The question of collection of the outstanding, that is the issue. The deposit is insufficient at times.

Mr Tony De Livera - 8155

Membership number 8155 Tony De Livera. I'm sure I agree with most of the people who are talking here with regard this resolution. I think it's through experience and the way this club has been run over the last few years, we have found that obviously the 100,000. Credit the deposit has not never been sufficient to cover anyone's bills, so that has been there. Of course, if the membership are keen to increase those deposits to 500,000 or 1 million, whatever you may be, that's their choice. But what I like to say is that there is a process in place that once you have 30 days to pay your bill. If you don't pay it in 30 days, you have a surcharge coming onto it and then after a particular time of in three months, I believe you are sent a letter and then the process starts and then you lose your membership. It's deactivated and until you settle your bills the. It it will not be activated and you cannot come and use the club, you can come to the club but you can't use your account. So I think the process is there.

I think the contention here is whether we are going to have it for an unlimited period of time or whether you want to bring it down to three years or five years or whatever you want to do,. So that's the only contention here. The contention is only to. See that? Thank you. Thank you very much .So can we put this resolution to vote? Because it's a constitutional amendment, there has to be two thirds.

Mr Seewarathnam Jegatheeswaran -8210

I am Jegatheeswaran 8210. I want to say that when you say 100 million from, we have to collect. That will show in your balance sheet to say as your. You are making a profit.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I'm not an accountant, so probably I am not the best person to answer your question.

So anyway, that is anyway the resolution has been presented, so let us decide as a House whether the House is in agreement or not. So can we put it to vote, please? Those in favor of this resolution?

The resolution read. So can we put it to vote please.

It is not applicable retrospective only prospective from first January . so those in favor of the resolution.

Mr Suren De Silva -- 9876

Those against the resolution. Please keep your hands up. So there's 41 against, so we do not have a 2/3 majority. So the resolution stands defeated.

The next resolution that has been proposed is with regard to the capital expenditure to be incurred by the club.

We have circulated all these resolutions so I do not want to waste the time of the membership reading it. But if you want to read it, I'll read it because so capital expenditure to be incurred by the committee

shall be subject to the following any new project in excess of rupees 3 million to be approved by the members at a general meeting.

The new project means the introduction of an entirely new facility to the membership, in addition to the existing facilities made available for the use and enjoyment of the membership.

All maintenance and replacement expenses of existing items in excess of rupees 3 million to be approved by the members at a general meeting. All maintenance and replacement expenses of existing items carried out on an emergency basis to ensure the continuity of service or facility integral to the operations of the club in excess of rupees 3 million. Up to rupees 5 million, to be approved by the committee and notified to the membership within 30 days of incurring such expense. Any such expense in excess of rupees 5 million to be approved by the members at a general meeting.

Then refurbishments, upgrades, extensions and additions to the existing items or facilities in excess of rupees 3 million to be approved by the members at the general meeting.

Any urgent repairs or replacements required to preserve or protect the property of the club from unforeseen events such as natural disasters, floods, fire incurred in excess of rupees 3 million to be notified to the membership. Within 30 days of incurring such expense,

So this is what has been proposed is what we started from the outset in order to bring about change and limits on spending. I'll come to you, Mr. Wijesinghe. I know that you have sent a resolution as well. I will come to that. This is what was started from the inception. This although is still not passed as a constitutional amendment, we are following it as a good practice. This is already in the procurement Guidelines which we have already formulated, and which is being followed. Now we want to bring it into the Constitution. So this is the constitutional amendment that the committee has proposed. Yes, Mr. Wijesinghe , you wanted to say something, Sir

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

As you are aware, I Have sent an amendment in writing. So do you want me to read them?

Yes, yes. Now, as the House would know, the amounts as to the limits has been agreed. We have no issues. I mean you were there. We are the ones who actually suggested at that discussion to raise the amount. Thank you very much for agreeing to that. But there is one issue. The entire issue we had was as to what is a "New Project" right, So what was a new project and your wording is ambiguous, and it may give various interpretations. So the First Amendment that was suggested was a very simple amendment to the House which reads a new project in excess of 300 million to be approved by the members at the general meeting. Means any project other than a project to maintain and replace existing items because it has irrespective whether it is linked to an ongoing project. Now, for example, that is what we want to make clear is say we have 10 or 15 rooms here, and if there is a new room to be built, it may be linked to an ongoing project and it may be not categorize as the new project. So what

we clearly want to state is a new project is any project other than a project to maintain and replace existing items. So that is what we want to say.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mr. Wijesinghe I think we are in principle in agreement but only thing if you look at our proposal that is already covered because refurbishments, upgrades, extensions and additions to existing items or facilities in excess of rupees 3 million to be approved by the members at a general committee. So already that is there. Already that is there. Then conceptually, if you say a new project, it's a new project. So if there is any additions to existing things cannot be a new project. Therefore I believe we are saying the same. Your concern is already covered in the resolution that is there.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

So what are you saying you agree with my amendment, no. I.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I am In agreement in principle on the limits but not with the amendment, because your amendment I'm quite sorry, I can't agree, because the definition is wrong. But I say that your concern is already addressed in our proposal because that concern, if it is something to an existing item, you cannot consider it a new project, so that will come under and is subject to the same limitations that you are discussing.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Yeah. So my then amendment stands, which we want to clearly state a new project is any project other than replacing or or repair. I mean if you I if you are saying that it's already said. Under then why are you bringing in this new definition? Saying a new project means the introduction of an entirely and you are using the word entirely right? New project facility to the membership in addition to the existing facilities. So I don't, I don't seriously see what you're meaning by. Addition to existing facilities. Made available for the use of enjoyment of the membership, why are we going through all this? Simply, we say what? What a new project is and period.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

The issue is I think your concern is already covered. The definition of a new project because existing items cannot be conceptually considered as a new project, right? So unfortunately. On your definition, I cannot. We cannot agree, right. But in principle I say that your concerns are already covered in this. Does anybody else have any views?

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

On this, no, sorry now I have because again now I have asked. Sorry. No, wait, wait. No, no, no, no. let me talk. OK. I have brought in a resolution and it continues right now. What I'm saying is the next one we've also brought in a procurement who should be a procurement.

Mr. Suren de Silva - 9876

It's OK, Mr Wijesinghe . You're entitled to speak. You can say what you like Mr. Wijesinghe , shall we go one by one because we are taking each resolution separately. Otherwise, it's going to be confusing.

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

What we are saying is we are going to agree to your resolution if you agree to our amendment. By amendment plus the resolution, if not, we will take a vote on that. That's why.

Mr. Suren de Silva - 9876

We will take a vote because unfortunately the committee is not in agreement because conceptually your definition is wrong. But the consequence is the same. So it's just a matter of language. Anybody else?

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

OK, fine. So what you're saying is you're not agreeing to a definition that a new project is anything but a replacement. For repair, right? I mean, that's very funny. Thanks.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Can we put it to vote, please? So those in favor of the amendment that has been proposed by the committee 54, and those against the resolution, 63. So clearly the resolution is not passed. Those limitations will not come into the Constitution as proposed by the committee in order to improve good governance. Therefore, that means no new limits on spending as per the constitution. The Committee will follow the Procurement Guidelines in place.

Another amendment. Which is that we feel that there is certain information which should be allowed to be perused by the membership, and we have proposed a new Rule 12 to be included in the Constitution, the resolution reads upon a written request made by any member the Committee shall make available for perusal under the supervision of an authorized office of the club, a register of new members granted membership, monthly capital expenditure and management accounts, purchase and procurement procedures approved and followed by the committee, and may also make available any other financial information relating to the club as determined by the committee or by the Audit Committee. No copies of such information are to be made available to any member of such information. It Shall not include membership and staff information and other information relating to the day-to-day operations of the club. Where a member considers that any item of such information should be examined or inquired into

the Member shall refer such request directly to the chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall deal with such requests in the manner considered appropriate at its discretion, so this again is to provide access to the membership. Certain information.

Yes, Sir. Please state your name and number

Mr Yogi Yogendran - 10873

So again, my question is on capital expenditure. I believe the period was from March of this year. You know, why not go back couple of years? Why would you start the capital expenditure reviews from only March of this year because majority of the capital spend has been in the last two years.

Mr Suren De Silva -- 9876

Because we can't decide for the previous committees, we can only do what is agreed to by the current committee onwards. Already the Capex registers can be seen by any member if they want. We have already notified that to the membership. So anybody who wants to see, whatever the Capex expenses that have been incurred by this committee is available at any time for scrutiny, and that is before this amendment has been proposed. So it's already there. We just want to bring it into the constitution because we are talking about good governance, so that later on, whichever committee can build on that and not subtract from that.

So can we put it to vote, then those in favor of the resolution? All in favor

Resolution is passed.

So we can take it as a unanimous decision.

The next resolution is. Just both the setting up a finance subcommittee just give you some background since this new committee came in, we have set up a finance subcommittee, all financial matters relating to the club is not the individual decision of one or two people. There's a committee and everything has to go through the committee and until that approval is given, it doesn't go through. So these kind of structures, were never there in this club. The very first time that they are being introduced. We feel that this is something that is important when we speak of good governance and in introducing strong governance structures. So the, Resolution that is proposed reads as a finance subcommittee shall be formed by the general committee chaired by the

Finance Member, to manage and advise on the finances of the club and such other related tasks assigned to that committee. And with that, we have also proposed the setting up of a procurement subcommittee.

A procurement subcommittee shall be formed by the general committee, chaired by a committee member, to monitor and ensure that procurements are carried out as per a transparent and competitive procurement process.

So those are the two resolutions we have proposed. Does anybody, have any views on it or can we put it to vote. All in favour, no one against. Resolution is passed.

Next, we will take up some low hanging fruits, from the resolutions that we have received, Mr. Wijesinghe you have proposed some resolutions. So may I invite you to support your resolution which is dated 3rd November 2023. Regarding this membership category, first and foremost, can we just take that up please?

Those of you have come and not voted. The voting is till 1:15. So if you have not voted, please make your way to the voting booths.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Actually, this is nothing personal or this is just cleaning up the Constitution. I will just go through quickly. The membership category does not include as to who full member is, but the Constitution keeps referring to who a full member is. So I'm proposing that we bring in an amendment.

Sorry, a definition to who a full member is, so I'm. I'm suggesting that it is said a full member as includes the following a full member shall be a person whose life member or overseas member, and a senior member of the club.

So, because otherwise there are the various membership categories which have a definition. Other than for full member. But you know, even to propose. A candidate, it says a full member has to propose, and there is no. Definition for full.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mr. Wijesinghe, may I seek a clarification on this. Now you refer to Articles 2(D), 3(B), 5(D), 7(A) where as in the Constitution there is no reference in this Constitution to any such full member. Article 2 deals with the colors of the club and 3D refers to something else objects. So Which constitution is your proposed resolution referring to? I want to clarify because otherwise it's misleading.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Let's not, I mean, this is just if you don't want. I'm fine with this, OK? I'm just suggesting the fact that it is referred as a full member. Now, if you take nominations, go to nominations.

Who could nominate it is a full member who can nominate another person. Am I? Correct or wrong? Right. So is there a definition for full member, right?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

No, there's no restriction,

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

No, not a restriction Suren. I'm not trying to challenge you. You seem to be taking everything I say as a challenge. I'm just. Trying to no, no, no, no, no. I'm asking you, is there any mention in the Constitution to full member?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

No, I am not challenging you. I didn't come across one Mr. Wijesinghe so that is what I'm trying to understand.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Can you check the Constitution . Check the full member on nomination, who can nominate a person. Can you just check that clause?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Let us now get to your resolution, you are seeking an amendment by introducing a 5(H). OK, so look at the 4H, you are saying take out senior Members now 4H of the current Constitution is senior members and then your definition in 5H refers to life member ordinary members, senior members you taking out senior Member from there and then there is no recognition.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

But my contention is there is no difference. Now you're trying to play with words. Right. That is fine. I accept defeat. No problem. Thank you very much. But listen to my contention. What are you saying? There's no reference to a full member in the Constitution. In the Constitution, don't we mean now I can you say where nominations are right? Who can nominate the person?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mohan, can I just talk for a minute?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

Suren, let's not argue about this. Listen, listen to me. All the resolutions that you brought in peace we supported unanimously.

Rohan Abaykoon - 8948

Everything we are bringing in, you're trying to go for a vote and defeat also the two third thing, let's be reasonable. He's only asking to define what a full member is. Why are you opposing it? I'm not. Please adopt it, that's all.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Rohan But I can't agree to something wrong. Your definition cannot be accepted that is all. But we will look at the Constitution and we will bring in that definition. Mr. Wijesinghe, because this will defeat what you're saying. That is what I am saying. We are not resisting anything which is correct and is of interest to the club. But I think if we accept it, will only cause a more Constitution anomaly because you are deleting one person there, but bringing that person into a definition after deleting that category . That's why.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

I want this minuted that you have said as the Secretary, there is no reference to a full member in the Constitution and as against my contention, that there is a reference to a full member without an interpretation. Thank you.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I will only place for the record what I said is there is no reference to a full member in the articles that you have referred to. Let's close it there. We must respect the time of everybody. OK. Right. So then the next proposal that had been brought by Mr. Wijesinghe . So can we put this resolution? So, OK Thank you. Thank you very much

For this you are withdrawing, right. OK. So that resolution is withdrawn. Then article 5D.

There is an amendment proposed. Temporary members shall consist of adult and juvenile persons temporarily residing in Sri Lanka for a period not exceeding 3 months, and who shall be admitted at the discretion of the general committee.

So this is the existing one. So what is proposed is to delete the words whereby the committee has the discretion to extend the period of a temporary member more than beyond three months. So, Mr. Wijesinghe , you want to say why you are proposing it, please.

Do you have any? Do you have any comments on that?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Do you have any objection?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Yes. So, in this the issue is Mr Wijesinghe, from a practical point of view, right, we have people who come and stay in the club on various assignments. Sometimes they come and stay for three months, and the assignments are extended. Then we have people who are renovating houses who come and stay in. The club you know. Then we take temporary foreigners who are coming in so they get temporary membership now, after three months we will have to ask them to pack up and go till we come to the membership to get approval so that I think is the impracticality in that. So I can't see any prejudice cause to the club by the discretion. To allow someone to stay if there's. A good reason I will tell you why we are bringing in this because.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

The General Committee with your committee and the committee after and the committee after that, then we'll have various interpretations as to what the extension is right now. If you look at, if we are talking about temporary, we are talking about foreign people who are employees, right? And then we have a full membership. If they have a resident visa, which I've also amended, they can get membership.

So why should the General committee have a discretion to extend it without a time period? You can actually extend it up to five years if you want to, because that is. The power you. Have you know you have unfettered powers given to the general committee we are trying to curtail? We are trying to bring in good governance.

We believe the GC, shall not have unfettered powers in doing whatever they want to do with the membership. What we are saying is if it is 3 months, hold it for three months, then we can't extend that because then they have to become a full. I mean, if you are saying they are building houses, foreigners come for construction, then let them put another application new application and then you give a then a new term but no extension.

That is what we are saying. And yes I don't know why you are always trying to say I mean people are building houses they may be for. I mean, what is the reason we are trying to bring in good governance to the club

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

May I respond? I think I have explained our position. If the concern is that you are giving an unfettered power to any committee, we can look at coming back with a resolution whereby if, where extensions are given, we notify the Members. Because I don't think it is fair when people come, because this is revenue for the club, OK. And if the membership can decide whether that discretion is abused and they can take it up at an AGM.

So the only issue, as I said mohan for the simple reason it's impractical, that is all. I'm not trying to be difficult. We are not trying to be obstructionist in this, but we cannot as a responsible Committee accept resolutions which will cause not good governance, which will cause problems in the Club. So can we put this to vote? Sorry. Yes, Sir.

Mr Chula Ariyaratne - 8544

Suren, I'm Chula Ariyaratne, at 8544, I do agree it's not practical to come to the membership. You, the GC should note, have a note on your monthly meetings or whatever it is, and have a record of it that it has been extended for the next coming to see to it under that temporary membership. You should have those.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

That's what I proposed. We will notify the membership that these are the temporary members whose period has been extended. So that is there that is available to the membership. So then the Members themselves can decide. That is a fair request.

So we are more than willing to accept that in that spirit, which is a very good suggestion and we will definitely endorse it. So Mr. Wijesinghe, do you want us to? Put this to vote. OK so. As I said, in principle we have no objection to bring in this, but unfortunately the committee cannot agree to it, in its current form. So let's put it to vote. Those against this resolution. Sorry, those for this resolution 44. Those against 51.

So clearly there is no 2/3, so that resolution stands defeated.

Then the other one is regarding the category of an overseas member. I think that has been proposed. I think this, I don't know whether the membership has gone through this, this resolution we can agree to because it has a valid basis for it. So regarding taking out and deleting the word Sri Lanka. Visa to a residence visa is something we are in support of. So anybody else has anything to say? Anyone else has a different view to that resolution. If not, we can put it. To vote those for. Carried Unanimously.

So we will take that. Then there is a resolution. Which has been brought. It's a very long resolution. If I read, it's going to take time. This is on salaried officers and staff, so I don't know whether I need to go through all of this, whether you've read everything because it will expedite the process. So in order to cut short the time so that we don't inconvenience all the Members, can Mr. Wijesinghe, would you like to support this proposition?

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

This is very brief. Actually, presently there is no employment card in the club so which means that we don't know how many managers or how many many people can be employed, and we don't know their salary skills and we don't know who they report to. So very briefly what I am suggesting is. By the next Annual general meeting, a card about the requirements of the club, how many people are required

from the general manager to somebody at the lower end, like in any of our offices cards to be established and for each position, minimum and maximum salaries be established because otherwise at the moment it is open.

The General Committee has complete powers. The members will be able to match salaries. Yes. Management structure. No, no, I can, I am saying the salary now. For example, general manager, the salary can be from 100 rupees 2000 you give a salary scale which the House will approve. After that it is up to the General committee in implementing that to set to put that person otherwise suddenly you will decide this guy is very good we want to give him a promotion, give him Rs. 100,000 as an increment. What we are saying is we need a structure. To give them salary scales. And then also the employees should not be reporting to the General committee. The employees should be reporting to the general manager and the general manager should be reporting to the General committee. So we are saying because the general Committee should not get involved in managing the administration of the employees. So that is basically what I have said. If. You don't want fine.

Mr. Hadi Jamaldeen -10278

I think there is a serious difference here. Management should be allowed to run. You can't pay the same. Price for a truck driver to a Rolls Royce driver and it depends on the person that you hire. I personally believe that will really hold people down in running the management. I've been coming here since six years old. I must say the committee is doing a fantastic job. It's a thankless task and I've never seen the club in better form. The events are well planned, and the F&B is excellent, the service is amazing, so we are very grateful to the job. You're doing. Thank you.

Thank you, Sir. Yes, Mr. Labrooy.

Mr Stephen Labrooy - 9754

My name is. Stephen Labrooy - 9754. I just want to say that it absolutely no point in electing a general committee if you're going to set salary structures etc. by SGM's? Hey, come on, you don't govern by referendum.

Mr Suren de silva - 9876

Anyone else? So I think we completely understand and are of the same view Mr. Labrooy.

Mr Shamir Zavahir -10752

I'm Shamir 10752. I think this has been one of the most responsive committees I've seen at the club in a long time. Whenever there has been something that's been brought up, I think at one point the food prices were going out of control and I think. It was brought to the notice of the committee by a few people and there's been a drastic change in the approach to that. I think when we come here as Members, I think there's been a marked change in how easy it is for the members and the food options

and everything. I don't think we need to put anything additional on top of the committee given what a good job they have been doing, I really don't think we should be interfering with it unless there's a serious issue and I really don't think there's a serious issue. Thank you, .

Mr Hari Venkatesen -7903

I am venkatesan. Member Number 7903. I must thank the Committee for holding SGM. I would recommend we hold SGM every quarter because we get to see Members who have never seen before in the club and number two Number the bar sales goes up by 400% because that is the only time the members come to the bar. Then three, we have just found out that members of the Transparency International who are operating in this club are present here, so it's a new revelation for me. I thought Transparency International was functioning from London, but now I know that is functioning from Sri Lanka, also

Mr Naresh Butani - 10861

I wish to say that having listened to all the resolutions and the way one or two gentlemen. Hold the floor. That it would be a good idea if the General Committee resigns. We all come once a week. Here, have a meeting. Increased bar sales and we keep passing resolution to even pay a salary to a 500. Thank you.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Thank you Sir. So as you said sir, it's either the committee must run the club or the membership has run the club because when you put the stricture it is not only about us, we can't run an establishment with shackles. I mean, it's a club if you want, you will know from the accounts the total salary cost at the AGM as each annual year accounts are made available to the members and if there is a sudden increase you can question the Committee on it. So the committee is opposed not because we want to, but if allow these to come in, you may not be able to have people who come into work or run this club. The members will have to decide what is actually important.

Mr Tony De Livera -8155

8155 Tony de Livera I totally agree with that and I agree with what the words of some of the Members brought up. I think, in this current context we have to be very careful about our staff because I think on an average we are losing about five to six staff every month in this club and not only in this club, in every club and every restaurant and every wherever you want to call it. So I think we have to be a little more proactive when it comes to deciding on whether we should be giving someone an increment or raise or designation change or anything like that. So at the end of the day I am sure, the committee has the proper discretion to be able to do something like that properly and not have to worry about going to the Members to get somebody to approve a salary increase to senior staff Member of the club. The staff

right now is doing a fabulous job right now and the staff are people that we need to look after more than anyone else. Otherwise, we won't have a Colombo Swimming Club. Thank you, Sir. Thank you, Sir.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So I think the respective positions have been articulated. So let's put it to vote. Those for in support of this resolution 15. Those against, I think clearly there is a out vote on that so. So let's take it that it's defeated.

Then may I proceed to the next resolution that we have received from Mr. Wijesinghe, that is regarding this bylaw. This deletion of the by rule that you are talking about Mr. Wijesinghe, would you like to articulate your position on this.

Mr Mohn Wijesinghe - 9383

Yes, because specially presently there is a bylaw where if you give a tip to any of the employees, the Member can get remanded, and the employee can get sacked. So I'm suggesting that you delete it.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mr. Wijesinghe, I don't think any committee has ever punished or taken anyone to task for giving a tip. Let me let me speak. OK, I heard you. I will speak. I know the problem is you and I love the sound of our own voice. That's a problem. (laughter). So that's our constant battle. You know, it's not only here, but outside as well. So Mr. Wijesinghe, the issue is that these are, actually interpreted by the by the committee. A gratuity is where, some kind of bribe, or some other gratification to receive something which the member is not entitled to. That's the way it has been applied. So a gratuity is where a bribe or some undue benefit has been given, and we are not reprimanded or you know, so let's not waste time on something else.

Mr Mohn Wijesinghe - 9383

Don't waste time if you say. OK, giving a tip is accepted. I'm fine with that. Fine, fine, no problem. OK, fine. so not necessary.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So, you withdraw that? Yes, so its withdrawn lets move to the next

The deletion of bylaw 28, you have proposed this. Just a quick reminder, the voting will stop or be closed in another 10 minutes. Right. So yes, Mr. Wijesinghe. The Floor is yours Sir.

I Can't see you, Mr. Wijesinghe? It's much better when I can see you.

Mr Mohn Wijesinghe - 9383

Too old to stand. Thank. Thank you very. Much I prefer to sit.

Right. Yeah. Now coming back to bylaw deleted, there was a bylaw which says in order to provide complete transparency on the running of the club master file system has to be initiated. Any member is allowed to review the master file without removing any papers.

And the presence of the manager or any unauthorized member of the staff. Then it says the rule was found in the old rule but not in the new rule book. When we ran, you said you could not find any resolution that had been brought before the house. Now, as some of the Members said, no, this is a very old club. This is a very old rule, but what? I am suggesting if there is. This is not. If they if you can't provide a resolution that has been brought before the House, this should be brought. Back into the. Rule book.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

So that's your suggestion. Before I respond. Does anybody have any point of view on this? So Mohan, there are 2 problems with this, not because again, we are not trying to be obstructionist, but as we said, we have already implemented a measure by which certain information is accessible to the membership. The problem here Mohan is that if you look at Article 12, it is the committee, it is the General Committee has the power to make Rules. And if any rules have been taken out then that there's objection period of one month. So after that there is nothing else that can be done.

So this bylaw is not in there in 2016. If there was any objection it should have been raised then. So legally there's an issue and I'm sure I mean advocating good governance, you would not expect this, house to act contrary to the Constitution, right.

So this is the issue, because the bylaw has to be introduced by the committee. Because there is a specific provision that has to be followed. You know the principle generalia specialibus non derogant . General cannot derogate from special. So there is a special procedure and that must follow. Sorry, I didn't mean to be too legalistic

Mr Mohn Wijesinghe - 9383

Suren. Yes, Sir. Right I accept defeat.

Mr. Hadi Jamaldeen 10278

As a general Member, I must say, why don't we look at the Constitution? Let experts see where we stand, what improvements we need to make to make our Constitution current and propose amendments holistically to the general membership at the next AGM. So this way we don't need to pass singular resolutions and you know, go through this where we have to deal with such situations. All the time. So I think proposed to look holistically at the constitutions, wherever amendments are required to be made current. Let's do it and put it at a AGM and have a look at it.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

That's exactly what this committee intends to do. We want to set up a Committee comprising of senior members and various people so that they can look at it and advise because we understand this is a document where there are a lot of ambiguities. So what is suggested sir we agree absolutely. Its very practical and a robust suggestion, we fully support that.

Naresh Bhutani -10861

This set of resolutions and everything has been done by a small group of persons and we are aware of whom they are and what their agenda is. I suggest. That if we are to bring in amendments or we are to look at a constitution, let all the Members have the ability to express their views or let the experts group, do a constitution keeping in line with today's practices and let's put it at a AGM and finish it. Because otherwise this is the majority being bullied by the minority. And this is a recurring occurrence at the swimming club. It's not done once it has been done always, but the committee has to be responsible, but at the same time we as Members should be spared this kind of agony by a small quarter of people living here and. Abroad, thank you.

Mr. Suren de Silva - 9876

Thank you, Mr. Bhutani, I fully subscribe to that. My hands are tied. The protocol is that If the proposer wants it taken up, we have to follow that process, but I will definitely give you an assurance that it is already in process. We will look at and get people in who have the expertise, who understand this club to update this Constitution. No, I'm not just saying it. It is a desperate need in this club.

Mr Juzar Adamali - 8681 -

I am Juzar Damali, 8681. I think the problem here has been where the Constitutions have changed. As you said, you are following a constitution after 2016. Am I right? OK, there was a constitution before that. We cannot find in the Minutes any change to those constitutions or deletions from the 2016

Constitution by the membership. Now what I am proposing is whatever constitutional changes are made at any meeting SGM or a AGM or whatever, soon after the meeting, when the Constitution is updated with the accepted changes, it has to be emailed to the membership to be current. Otherwise, we don't know six years ago, we don't know what has been done by the by anybody in just deleting a particular item.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Absolutely, that's exactly are view

Mr Juzar Adamali - 8681 -

Even today, even today we have accepted some resolutions. So update the constitution with whatever has been passed today, and please send it to the membership so they have a current constitution with them.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Absolutely, It will be done. Yes, Mr Wijesinghe you want to say something.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

As proposer I am 100% in agreement with what Hardi said. And the other gentleman who repeated the same thing, and I think you know the committee should appoint. Why we have done this because of the ambiguities, because there is nothing personal here. So if the committee can undertake. To have a committee and then give a time line and then present that at the next AGM with all the new constitution, then that would be fine and that is what we are striving for.

Mr Udaya Nayakkara - 6966

I am member 6966 . There were very good proposals by two people. And you, as the secretary, just said you all are going into it. I would like it to be minuted that, if that is the case, it will be brought up at the next AGM and the Constitution will be revisited before that by a committee getting all the Members to give their opinions and put it on the website etc. and get it passed. Get it passed at the next AGM and that would be the Constitution. I don't believe because I have come from many meetings during my long membership period in this. I come only when I see there is little bit of turmoil going on. Otherwise, I don't come for these meetings, but I can see that there is a little bit of turmoil going on at the moment. We have to correct it as a senior member of this club. I definitely want to get it all sorted out for the common benefit of all Members of this club.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Absolutely, Sir. We fully support that and thank you very much. We fully support that. That has always been the disposition of this committee. We don't want to fractionalize this club, we want unity in this club that has been the success of this club and nothing else.

Mr Udaya Nanakkara - 6966

And Mr. Secretary, the statement that somebody made from the membership that the minority is running this club that should never been a statement that should have come from any Member of this club.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Your position on that is recorded in the minutes

Mr Udaya Nanakkara - 6966

Yes, please, as a very senior Member of this club I just do not want to hear that ever again at any meeting or speech club.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So as I said, we will definitely look at setting up a committee. The only issue is as to whether how soon they can complete is not within the control of the committee, we can only give them timelines. So all what we can do is try to set up and set those timelines to achieve that times.

Mr Udaya Nanayakkara - 6966

Mr. Secretary, Mr. Secretary, stop making excuses.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

I'm sorry. Sir, with all due respect, I respect you as a senior Member, but I have to state the position which I know is practical. So I'm sorry if that you took it that as an excuse, but that is not an excuse. I think it is important that I state the practicalities that we might face because I do not want there to be a situation when we come back and say you promised to do this, that is all.

Mr Udaya Nanakkara - 6966

Mr. Secretary, Mr. Secretary, if you are unable to take that responsibility, then you should resign.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Well Sir, if that is what you want., I Will resign. I have no issues with that. You can take over.

Mr Naresh Butani -10861

I have the right to reply. Yes, Sir. I did not make the comment that the minority was running this club. I did not make that comment. I just said that there is a minority who tries to bully the majority. I want that reclassified. I did not make a comment saying that the minority runs this.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Thank you, Mr. Bhutani, your position is well noted. Mr. Wijesinghe. Do you wish to proceed with this resolution, or shall we take all of this and come up with a new constitution?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

On the premise that you give an undertaking that within agreed time frames, the constitution will be looked into and the proposed amendments will be tabled at the next AGM and I am agreeable to withdraw .

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

So we can do that then. So on that basis, can we take it that the other resolutions we will not proceed with?

Mr Udaya Nanayakkara - 6966

Mr. General Secretary, Mr. General Secretary, Mr. General Secretary, if the if. Sorry if the AGM, if, if....

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

I can't hear you, Sir. I'm just asking because they said that they wanted to come up with a holistic constitution so whether we need to take up the other. We can take up if required.

Mr. Hadi Jamaldeen -10278

Mr. Mr. Secretary. If the AGM is coming up too soon and we can't fulfill the constitutional changes by then, let's have a SGM when we are ready and then put it to the membership.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

Thank you, Sir. That is exactly what I wish to propose. Mr. Wijesinghe shall we put your balance resolutions to the house? So Mr. Wijesinghe resolution for the introduction of this bylaw. Those in favor of it.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

I have withdrawn it

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

Sorry. Did you? I'm sorry you cannot be heard.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

Suren, I don't think your listening

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mohan you are not clear. I don't think you did. OK, fine. Have you withdrawn? I'm sorry, Sir. OK. if you have then the next one is spending limits. I think that is your resolution that we discussed earlier. You have already set out that, there was an error in our interpretation, so our one was defeated. Do you want to say anything more? Or Shall we put this to vote. This is about the spending limits, up to Rs. 3,000,000 and above. You have a different definition of new projects. We are still following the spending limits. We have imposed on ourselves the Committee these limitations on the membership Capex expenses. So let's put that to vote.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Yeah, the amendment is only not on the limits. My amendment is basically giving what the New Project is.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Yes. We said, we can't accept that as the definition is wrong. So let's put it to vote. Those in favor of. Amendment proposed by Mr. Wijesinghe . Those in favor. you clearly don't have a 2/3 so that is defeated. So that constitutional amendment is not carried then. Let's go to. The procurement of goods you have proposed something, Mr Wijesinghe. You like to articulate your position.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

There is nothing for me to say. Put it to a Vote.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

OK, so we put it to a vote. So Mr. Wijesinghe has suggested certain amendments. We have problems with the definitions. We can't accept its totality. But as I said, there is a procurement process in place and that is followed and once we know that it's working well. We will bring it to the House. So those for?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Hold on if you are saying at the next SGM you are going to bring the procurement process to the House, I'm withdrawing.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

No, I can't give you that assurance until we know that it works properly. OK, so I can't take that responsibility. That's a collective decision.

So Mr. Wijesinghe, you are withdrawing that. OK, thank you.

So then we are left with a resolution that has been proposed by Mr. Rohan Paulas and Mr. Rohan Abeykoon dated 4th November 2023. That is regarding this audit committee. So Mr. Paulas, would you like to state your position on that or if Mr. Paulas is not here, Mr. Abaykoon, Sorry, sorry, sorry. I didn't see you Mr. Paulas you're shifting around, playing musical chairs.

Mr Rohan Paulas, -10457

I think this we have already, it's been articulated by Rohan Abaykoon, and I think the issue here is the whether the trustees, the additional trustees should be part of the. Audit Committee for obvious reasons, i.e. the fact that they could have been serving in the committee during the time of review.

And So what we are proposing is that the three additional trustees are not part of the Audit committee. In short, I mean there's a whole several paragraphs here so. That's in a sense what we're trying.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

So as we have already articulated, I think this was one of the disagreements we had during our meeting. We have an audit committee which has just started. It's doing their job. Let them come, let them prove it to the membership, and then let's take it because I think the working is well. The proposed amendment also includes provisions for the committee to appoint replacements. For the committee, which the committee will never want to do so, I'm sorry. So we are not in agreement with this amendment, so if

anybody else has nothing to say, we can put it to the House. Those for this resolution. Clearly not even a majority. The resolution is defeated.

Then the next item. Is the resolution that has been proposed. By Mr. Rohan Pallas and Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe, which talks about the resolutions and so on and so forth. So one of you gentlemen can articulate your position on that.

Mr Rohan Paulas

The principle here is to prepare a draft. Audited accounts and a budget by the outgoing committee because.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

No, I'm sorry, I am referring to the one of the 4th, which is regarding the opening of resolutions and the nomination of office bearers .Is that is that yours Mohan?

That was being proposed by Mr. Rohan Paulas and Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe. This is about the one where you cite in verbatim my e-mail to you and. You're quoted in verbatim. What we have exchanged.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

This is because there is ambiguity about the opening of the resolutions and the nominations. So we are trying to bring in new concerns, but I think I wouldn't go into this now because it will be a waste of time because now we've all agreed that the entire Constitution. Going to be gone into so. That new Constitutional committee, who is appointed take cognizance of what we have said right and then we will withdraw based on that

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

On that note, what about your other about the where there is any criminal action against member you wanted to pursue that as well?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

There is no I I don't think we have anything about criminal action.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

No, Resolution two is where a member is nominated, whether they should be a CV and that Member should state where there's criminal action pending against that person so that the House should know.

We believe in the concept that you know you are innocent until you are proven guilty. But what we are saying is that it should be stated in the CV. Whether there is an impending criminal act.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

But I think there is a contradiction in what you say and the resolution because in a resolution you say a confirmation in the nomination form from the nominated Member stating that there are no criminal proceedings pending in any court. So if there's a he, if he can't give this confirmation, then he can't submit a nomination. So that is wrong then. Your resolution is wrong.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

Sure. And you can interpret we are wasting time again. Please interpret it any way you like to. We told you what was our intention is right.

Because if you we have brought all this resolution for the good of the club and if you reckon there are so many mistakes, you're the king we are subordinate.

Thank you very much. We'll withdraw that and you'll be happy. OK, so we'll withdraw.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

I think it is contrary to what you are talking about good governance. Every citizen of this country is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe - 9383

Now I object to that. I started by saying that because I am a lawyer by profession and I value the concept of your innocence and I started with that. So I am not, it is not my proposal. [inaudible]

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So, we will look at whether we should introduce a fit and proper criterion, but what I will say is that whatever criteria will apply across the board, even for new Members, people who propose second everything because and that will also cover where there are disciplinary action taken by the club against Members. So we will look at that. So now that you want this to put to vote, those for?

Mr Mohan Wijesinghe -9383

Will withdraw.

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

So that again, is also withdrawn, right. There is only another final one, so let's finish it up, Mr. Wijesinghe It's getting late. There's one more last one, I believe. Hopefully, yes. Audited accounts and proposed budget. Mr. Paulas.

Mr Rohan Paulas -10457

Yes, this is in line with good governance. And the idea is that the outgoing committee towards the end of the year would have a pretty good idea of what that year has been and then would prepare a draft budget identifying in particular the Capex requirements so that the new committee starting in I believe around March will have like a base like a first draft of what is required in terms of Capex in particular. So that is that is the basis of the resolution.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

So anyway, I think these are part of the responsibilities audit committee. I think what is proposed in its current form is not viable because that requires the audit, the draft accounts and the audit accounts to be approved by the membership. There is no such provision.

So unfortunately, we cannot agree to this in its current form. We'll take your consideration and as I said, there's already audit committee. They have to look at it, they have to finally approve. And finally, it is the format in which the auditors represent that the accounts have to be prepared. It has to be prepared in terms of the law.

But we will be presenting a budget. We will be presenting a budget at the next AGM. But there are two parts to your resolution. You have the audited accounts and the Budget.

Mr Rohan Paulas -10457

The most important thing is to have a budget. A plan? Yeah. OK, so that there is so that everybody who comes for the AGM will know that this is roughly the plan and the new committee will then have a month or two to review that and then propose changes.

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

That is already in the pipeline, we will be presenting it, but unfortunately the wording that in the resolution we cannot adopt.

Mr Rohan Paulas -10457

I think in the context, if I was not Privy to the to the initiative that has been taken to appoint a committee to look at the whole Constitution. So I think that is the best, best way. Of doing it.

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

Thank you. So can we take it that you're withdrawing this.

Thank you, Sir. So that brings to an end the resolutions.

Mr Chula Ariyaratne - 8544

With permission from the table, yes. Can I comment on something that affects all of us? This something to do with the refundable deposit? That we spoke some time ago. Yes, as far as this refundable deposit is concerned, I find with evidence that some of the members are dead and gone or have resigned. They have not got that refundable deposit set off against their bills. So I like to suggest we reconcile that refundable deposit and in everybody's statement against them, the refundable deposit that the club holds should be there so that the kith and kin could set that off against the bill and settle it. It affects every one of us . think I'm nearly 30 years at the club. I don't know what my refundable deposit is, so I think we have to be very clear, and the balance sheet also should show the refundable deposits.

That is not the club money, that is the members. You need to reconcile it because I have found some people who have resigned they have not got that benefit of that refundable deposit. So I like you all to make a note of reconcile it and it needs to be done.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

I can tell you that it's wherever there is a request, it is done. I have. I have approved so many of those so, but we will definitely take your suggestion into consideration. Thank you. We have to now only await the election results.

Mr Ali Jeevunjee -8526

May I know if there is any member in the committee who has any criminal charge pending or there is any criminal case and or a judgement made against any of the people, at least in the general?

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Mr. Jeevanjee, as a habit, we don't ask for personal things of anybody else, because end of the day, please, Sir, please let me let me. I heard you out, Sir. So please hear me out. I do not know. Unless there is a legal requirement for us to know, we will not ask people about their personal matters. So I will not allow. But you can ask each one individually personally

Mr Ali Jeevunjee -8526

Members and I want this minuted that they should ask each of these committee members whether there is any such case. Any pending case? I mean, I don't know why you're refusing to do that, because it's a moral thing. This club is a reputable club. We don't need having people who have criminal cases heading or having anything involved or making decisions. We need a declaration from each one of those committee members.

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

There is no such resolution or item on the agenda and therefore we will not put it. Mr. Wigneswaran you have something to say?

Mr Nirmalan Wigneswaran -10373

I think asking people to make declarations about pending cases is an invasion of their privacy. What you can ask is if they if they have been convicted In a court of law, because any criminal proceeding would include traffic offences. It could include many, many matters, and I think every person is entitled to his privacy. I don't think it's proper for a club of this nature to ask people to make statements about things which might have been instituted at the behest of a person. Who might have something against that person, so I think it is very unfair to ask people to make these kind of declarations.

Mr Suren De Silva - 9876

Absolutely, Sir. It will be a very insensitive power or a sensitive power in the hands of potential insensitive people who could abuse it. We need to protect the rights of the Members. We are strongly opposed to it. As you correctly said Sir, if there is a conviction, we can definitely look at that. I think we are in on a process to bring about as much transparency and then membership can decide.

Mr Wigneswaran -10373

I think it's important to under score the fact that you can have private complaints in this country, so I can institute proceedings against somebody and that will be hanging over that persons head like the sword of Damocles. That would then have to be disclosed to everybody. I strongly oppose that.

Mr Tony De Livera - 8155 -

I think whatever we try to achieve here is fair enough and I agree with what he's saying. That it should also apply to people who have had disciplinary action taken against them by the club. Those people also have to declare that fact and must be able to not be able to take any office. If they have had any disciplinary action taken against them. By the committees in the past. Thank you.

Mr Suren De Silva- 9876

Yes, we will assure you it will be one yardstick for everybody. Everybody will be treated equally if we have to consider this. So the only item that is now pending is the results. Mr. Warnakulasuriya you want to say something.

Mr Jit Warnakulasooriya -8540

I am also a member of the General Committee in charge of entertainment. You know, we all run our own businesses and we've been invited to serve. We've not been elected after a contest. We have never been

contested. I'll never come in for any contest. But I am sad the way the campaigning went. The amount of WhatsApp which went around insulting all of us on the Committee. We all are decent human beings with no record of any such, you know, court cases or frauds. We all run our own businesses and I'm sure everybody else runs their own businesses. If not you know it perhaps not affect you. But I think it's very ugly for a club like Colombo Swimming Club. I'm sad that there's only a few members here. The amount of campaigning which went on for a member, the amount of WhatsApp's which went on. These WhatsApp came to us also. Right. One minute, please, and in addition to that, the WhatsApp went to non CSC members and those members most friends of mine are saying what's happening at CSC. Don't politicize this. This is not Parliament. This is not the cricket board. This is Colombo Swimming Club that we all come as families. We all come as families to enjoy. Get rid of this. The people who are talking about this, we hardly see them at the club. What is this? You want Power go get power at the AGM.

I'll step out. I have no problem. But as long as I am there uncontested, I would like to do my job and stop slandering the committee. You have personal agendas go after that, but do not do this. We all respectable people. We all come from respectable families. We have children not to be treated in this manner that this committee is a bunch of rogues. So please understand, no matter what happens in the election result after this, that will remain. So, please ensure that you do not slander us unnecessarily for the sake of a small minority. Thank you.

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

If I may weigh in I fully agree with you sir. It's very sad day for the CSC due to the behavior of some of the members. Anyways, we will pause the meeting until the election results are available. All I am telling the house is don't

fractionalize club to settle personal scores. We all lose as members then. Like what Jit said that members canvassing saying we are all rogues to get persona advantages is very sad.

[Meeting paused for 15 minutes]

Mr. Suren de Silva 9876

Thank you, we have received the results in a sealed envelope. So I will announce the results, in the order of seniority. Mr. Ana Punchihewa 221 Votes. Mr. Rohan Paulas 235 Votes. So, Mr. Rohan Paulas is the new Vice President, Finance Member of the club. Congratulations, Mr. Rohan Paulas.

Meeting is concluded.

25th November 2023



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