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Official Newsletter of the Silver Fawn Club Inc.

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Please attend



Notices included in this newsletter

Silver Fawn Club Inc. Cancellation Policy

1. All tickets must be booked and paid for by the closing date for bookings.
2. There will be no paying for tickets “at the door” on the day of the event.
3. Once paid, tickets are not refundable after the closing date for bookings. They will be refunded before the closing date for bookings.
4. The Club will endeavour to on-sell tickets paid for after the closing date. However, it is up to the member to dispose of tickets if they are unable to attend.
5. No meals will be provided in the event that a member is unable to attend an event.
6. The Committee reserves the right to cancel an event if there is insufficient interest. In this case, refunds will be given to those who have booked and paid.

Silver Fawn Club Inc. Bank Account Details

Please use when making direct deposits.

Silver Fawn Club Inc – BSB 064 131 A/c 00902934 Ref your surname and initials.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family	\$30	Family Pensioner	\$20
Single	\$20	Single Pensioner	\$15
Interstate/Country	\$15	Student (No Income)	\$10

President's Message

Greetings dear members,

Time truly flies, particularly when it is filled with enjoyment. I can genuinely attest to this! Our committee had the pleasure of presenting you with eight memorable events over the course of our tenure, each brimming with entertainment, delightful cuisine, dancing, and opportunities to forge friendships and strengthen community bonds. This success was made possible by the exceptional dedication of our Committee Members, who worked diligently and supported one another throughout this journey.

It is important to acknowledge that our committee comprises a small group of volunteers, made up of a dozen or so amazing helpers who have generously devoted their time, often at the expense of their personal, family, and professional commitments. Most significantly, we functioned as a cohesive unit. We did not operate with an 'I' or 'Me' mindset; instead, we collaborated towards a shared objective: to deliver the finest events for your enjoyment, in alignment with the SFC motto, "The Club for Good Times." Your enthusiastic participation in these gatherings was invaluable, and without your engagement, our achievements would not have been possible.

Since our last Newsletter, we had organised the following functions:

27th October 2024—Hoppers and Bingo Lunch at the Everton Park Bowls Club. Somehow, we took on this event, though we had never done one like this before. The Hoppers were made and served with curry, sambols, etc. Brian and Sri Perera did their very best and the food was delicious. There was a welcome return of Bingo. Gerard took on the task of Bingo Master. We had 96 members and guests attend. It was a sellout! Thank you for your support by attending this event. Please read all about it in the report in this Newsletter.

The traditional Christmas Carols and Dinner Celebration was held on the 7th December 2024 at the Everton Park Bowls Club. The singing of Christmas Carols, was led by Laurensz, accompanied by Ray. Several of our members were part of the impromptu choir. Traditional Christmas Carols were belted out and everyone participated. The hall and table décor was done by Suzie Anthonisz and her team that brought the spirit of Christmas alive. Negombo Caterers put on a delicious buffet spread of Christmas roasts, combined with Sri Lankan cuisine. Starters were served and the meal ended with dessert. The must-have music for dancing was provided by the versatile and evergreen duo of Arden Forster and Ray Anthonisz. There was a Raffle draw for some great prizes. We had 83 members and guests attend. Thanks once again for your support. Please read more details in the report that's in the Newsletter.

Then came our Annual New Years Eve Dinner Dance on the 31st December 2024. We got together to dance our way out of 2024 and into the New Year 2025. Our members responded magnificently to our New Year's Eve Dance with a sellout crowd of 105 packing into the Everton Park Bowls Club to see in the New Year. Everyone came ready to party and a real party atmosphere was in evidence all night. When you add some excellent food and great music, an unforgettable night was there for the taking, and a great time was had by all. This year, the ever-popular Cool Daddies revamped their sound, adding the versatile Inder Naru to their line-up. DJ Ty Fox picked up whenever the band boys needed a break. There was nonstop dancing. Thilani Caterers did a wonderful job with the buffet, presenting a delicious spread of Sri Lankan specialties. Traditional Sri Lankan short eats were served for starters and the meal concluded with wattalapam and other desserts. Then they served the post-midnight Kiribath and Sambol. Debbie Jansz created an ambience to suit the occasion with her table and hall décor. A detailed report on the night, appears in the Newsletter.

As our current term draws to a close, we as a committee can reflect on a very successful year. We grew to understand each other and worked amicably. My sincere thanks goes out to each and every one of you. THANK YOU!

With the AGM on the 8th March 2025, there will be some of us who may return and I wish you all the very best to go from strength to strength. To the potential new office bearers, I wish you all the very best too. If ever you need my support, reach out and I will be there.

On behalf of the committee, my thanks go out to Suzie Anthonisz for readily accepting our request to do this Newsletter and for coming to our aid when we needed her services to plan and decorate the hall for some of the functions. Thank you, Denis, for being part of Suzie's team and helping us out too. I would like to thank Arden Forster who has assisted us by producing the Flyers for our functions. I wish to thank my wife, Tami, who was a 'virtual committee member' for all the support and help she has given me to carry out my duties and commitments and the extended support to the committee and Club.

On behalf of the Committee and the Silver Fawn Club, I wish to extend our thanks to the management of the Everton Park Bowls Club for offering their premises for our functions, the Everton Park Library for permission to hold our monthly committee meetings there and to the Mitchelton Senior Citizens Club, where we hosted our 54th Anniversary Dance.

In conclusion, our grateful thanks go out to all of you, our members and your guests, for having fully supported our functions and events for the year, which has resulted in them being very successful. This has been very fulfilling to us as a committee. Thank You!!!

We look forward to your continued support of our Silver Fawn Club.

Take care and stay safe.

Brian

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Hopper Luch

As a committee we decided to do something different for our members. So, we took on the challenge of having a Hoppers and Bingo Lunch on the 27th October 2024 at the Everton Park Bowls Club. Not surprisingly, we were overwhelmed by the support of our members and guests which resulted in 96 attending - a full house. Obviously, large quantities of hoppers had to be made and on time for first, second and third servings. This task wasn't easy. During discussions, we were assured by our caterer, Brian and Sri Perera, that it is possible, so we decided to give this event a go. Soon our concerns were substantiated when the hungry crowd had to wait longer than hoped for their hoppers, but this was overcome by the delicious food that was served and all feedback received was positive. We were served with unlimited plain hoppers, egg hoppers and the yummy accompaniments of curries, sambols etc., followed by dessert.

We brought back the ever-popular Bingo. A few took home small parcels of winnings. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the Bingo and stayed on until the last number was called. Gerard took over the controls as Bingo Caller. As usual, Ray kept us entertained with his music.

Debbie Jansz, took over the decorations of the hall and tables, reminding us of our days growing up in Ceylon/Sri Lanka, like sitting in an 'Appa or Hopper Kade'. I am not sure and likewise will not ask her as to how she got these palms, that were part of the décor.

There are certainly lessons we can take from this experience. Speaking with others and from my memory, this is the first time that the Club took on such an event, perhaps, it won't be the last and now we realise that we could do things better. On a positive note, there were compliments for the hoppers, curries and sambols being tasty, delicious etc. Most of our members' feedback was that the afternoon was enjoyable. Thank you for always supporting us.

In conclusion, I would like to extend, my sincere thanks to the Committee for their hard work, as always, during the planning stages, the hall preparation, table and seating arrangements and completion and wrap up on the day. Well done.

Brian





Christmas Carols 2024

On the 7th December 2024, we treated our members and their guests to our 54th Anniversary Christmas Celebration. This turned out to be a wonderful evening to bring in the spirit of Christmas. The singing of Carols, led by Laurensz along with some of our members, who were ever willing to join in the impromptu choir and display their vocal skills, belting out the favourite Christmas Carols from the mellow 'Silent Night', 'Away in a Manger' to the bouncy 'Feliz Navidad' and 'Jingle Bells'. Laurensz and Ray produced the booklet of Carols which was a souvenir and keepsake of the night. We served traditional Christmas cake, made by Jerome de Silva, which was beautifully wrapped, and it was a hit. Music provided by Ray and Arden, and the decor of the venue and tables set the stage for a Christmas Party like atmosphere. Quite rightly so, many of our members described the event as a lovely, fantastic, superb party. We had 83 members and guests attend.

We reached out to Suzie Anthonisz to do the décor for the hall and the tables and as usual she stepped in immediately by contributing her time and expertise to plan, purchase the decor and physically be there to decorate the hall and tables, assisted by her sisters Wendy and Linda and to Denis for his artwork of the serviette Santas. A BIG Thank you to all of you.

As always, we had a number of Raffle Prizes on offer. We sold over 150 Raffle tickets. Thanks to the members and guests on the night for supporting us by generously buying the Raffle Tickets. Thanks to Tami for preparing the raffle tickets, as well as buying and wrapping the prizes, which were beautifully presented. Many thanks to Debbie Jansz for donating the Scented Candle Gift pack and Suzette Davanzo, a loyal member, who surprised us by arriving on the night and donating 2 Breudhers, which formed part of our Raffle Prizes. I would also like to thank Tami for preparing and donating the sandwiches to add to the Entree.

Ruwan and his team from Negombo Caterers served us with yummy food, which was a combination of typical Christmas roasts and Sri Lankan cuisine. I would also like to thank Arden Foster and Ray Anthonisz for donating their time and musical expertise to entertain us. This was so enjoyable and had all of us on the dance floor.

The combined efforts of everyone involved including the committee, made this Silver Fawn Christmas Dinner and Carols celebration a wonderful night. Our heartfelt thanks to all our Members and Guests who attended the night and for bringing their enthusiasm and joy to the party.

Brian





New Years Eve Dance

Our members responded magnificently to our New Year's Eve Dance with a sellout crowd of 105 packing into the Everton Park Bowls Club to see in the New Year. Everyone came ready to party and a real party atmosphere was in evidence all night. When you add some excellent food and great music, an unforgettable night was there for the taking, and a great time was had by all attendees.

This year, the ever-popular Cool Daddies revamped their sound, adding the versatile Inder Naru to their line-up. Together they played an expanded repertoire for us, including a special 'midnight' bracket which turned into a massive sing-along as everyone welcomed in the New Year. Not to be outdone, DJ Ty Fox picked up whenever the band boys needed a break with his inimitable selection of songs, exactly what the crowd wanted, and it kept the music and dancing going all night. There were even some bailas which drove some usually mild-mannered members (led by Namal and Ranjan Wijeratne) to come alive with their characteristic baila moves which some guests watched and enjoyed, while others tried to copy with varying degrees of success. All great fun and well done to all our entertainers.

On the culinary front, Thilani and her family did a wonderful job with the buffet, presenting a delicious spread of Sri Lankan specialties alongside Western favourites. The beautifully presented meal table drew many for second helpings, while desserts and the post-midnight Kiribath and Sambol were a perfect way to round off the feast. The exquisite flavours and meticulous attention to detail had everyone snapping photos and savouring every bite.

Our erstwhile Secretary Debbie Jansz created an ambience to suit the occasion with her décor. I think she must've used just about everything we had in the Club's shed plus many more decorations which she personally made, including the little party packs for welcoming in the New Year. The room looked just beautiful and really set the platform for a great evening. Thank you Debbie. And the raffle was a great success with some great prizes on offer, including a donation of 10 movie tickets courtesy of Event Cinemas, which Ranjan was able to get for the Club. Our thanks go out to the well-wisher (who chose to remain anonymous) for donating a Hamper full of goodies.

The combined efforts of everyone involved made this Silver Fawn New Year's Eve celebration a night to remember. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to such a wonderful event and to the attendees who brought their enthusiasm and joy to the party.

With the best of wishes for a great 2025.

Brian





Obituary

The Rev' Edward Geoffrey Misso sadly passed away 29th September 2024.

Deacon 21st December 1952 Sri Lanka.

Priest 20th December 1953 Sri Lanka.

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of our dearly loved brother Geoff Misso.

Rev'd Geoff Misso served as a minister of God in the parish of Redcliffe Qld and later he served in many parishes in Perth. Geoff was the eldest son of George and Bianca Misso, brother of Joyce, Clifford, Karol, Hortense and Ralston.

Hortense Duce



SILVER FAWN CLUB INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club Inc. will be held on Saturday 8th March, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside Street, Everton Park.

Nominations for the following positions are called for:

PRESIDENT

HONORARY SECRETARY

HONORARY TREASURER

CLUB CAPTAIN

VICE PRESIDENTS (2)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

ASSISTANT TREASURER

GENERAL COMMITTEE (4)

Formal Nominations using the attached Nomination Form close at 4.00pm on Friday 28th February, 2025.

However, Nominations can be called for from the floor at the meeting for positions unfilled.

There will be dinner following the AGM which must be pre-ordered. Cost to Members will be \$10.00 (balance subsidised by the Club)

**To order a meal please contact Laurensz 0408 414 973, Brian 0421 210 421 or Debbie 0466 976 087
no later than 28th February.**

Payment of \$10.00 needs to be made by 28th February, 2025 to Silver Fawn Club Inc.

BSB 064 131 A/c 00902934 Please include your surname + meal as a reference.

Debbie Jansz

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 8th MARCH, 2025
AGENDA

1. Welcome by President
2. Apologies
3. One Minute Silence for Members who have departed this life during the last 12 months
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2024
5. Presentation of the Management Committee Report for the year 2024/25
6. Presentation of the Accounting Statements for the year 2024/25
7. Appointment Pro tem Chairperson
8. Election of Office Bearers
9. Appointment of Auditors
10. Appointment of Solicitors

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND

SPECIAL NOTES

This edition of the Newsletter includes all the formal notices relating to the AGM. Please read the following carefully. To ensure the smooth running of the meeting please observe the following notes –

Registration	Registrations will commence at 5.30pm so that the formal part of the meeting can commence promptly at 6:00pm. Members are urged to arrive early to register.
Subscriptions	In order to avoid queues at the door we urge members to pay their renewal fees prior to the meeting. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid prior to the start of the meeting will be unable to pay their subscriptions until after the meeting and will not be entitled to vote at the meeting.
Minutes	The Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting and the Management Committee Report for 2024/25 are included in this edition. To save time at the meeting, please read these carefully and direct any questions you may have to the Secretary prior to the meeting.
Financials	Copies of the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st January 2025 will be available at the meeting.
Catering	Dinner will follow the formalities of the Annual General Meeting. A meal at the cost of \$10.00 will be available to those wishing to have one. Please book and pay by 28th February. See “Notice of Annual General Meeting“ for booking details.
Drinks	No BYO. Drinks are available at the bar at reasonable Bowls Club Rates.



**SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 8TH MARCH, 2025**

NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned members, hereby nominate

MR/MRS/MISS/MS.....

To the Office of *.....

Proposer:
NAME

.....
SIGNATURE

Seconder:
NAME

.....
SIGNATURE

* President, Vice President (2 positions), Hon. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Club Captain, General Committee (4 positions.)

Declaration by Nominee

I,, hereby accept the nomination for the office stated above and agree to serve in that capacity if elected.

.....
Signature of Nominee

.....
Date

PLEASE NOTE

Completed Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary via mail or email, on or before 4:00pm, Friday 28th February, 2025.

Mark top left hand corner of your envelope or email subject "NOMINATION - AGM".

Address to: The Secretary, Silver Fawn Club Inc., 18 Daydream Place, Eight Mile Plains, QLD 4113

Email to: secretaryofsilverfawnclub@gmail.com

NOTE: Nominee, Proposer and Seconder must be financial members at the time of the AGM.

(Please photocopy this form if you require additional copies)



SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP - APPLICATION FORM

I hereby wish to become a Member of the Silver Fawn Club Inc., and I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Club.

SURNAME: GIVEN NAMES:

SPOUSE/PARTNER SURNAME: GIVEN NAMES:

DEPENDENT CHILDREN (If not receiving a grant or income or is a full time student U25) NAMES & BIRTHDATES

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3) DOB: 4) DOB:

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE:

PROPOSED BY: SIGNATURE: _____
(Financial Member)
SECONDED BY: SIGNATURE: _____
(Financial Member)

MEMBERSHIP RATES - tick relevant box

Family:	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pensioner - Family	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pensioner - Single	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interstate / Country	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student (no income)	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

PAYMENT METHOD USED: DIRECT DEPOSIT ☐ CASH ☐

- ◆ Direct Deposit: A/C Name: Silver Fawn Club Inc. Commonwealth Bank. BSB: 064 131 A/C: 00902934 (Ref: Your initials and Surname)
- ◆ Membership fees are from 1st February to 31st January and NOT for 12 months from the date of payment.
- ◆ This form should be completed and sent to the Membership Officer, Silver Fawn Club Inc., 8 Shuttle Place, Bridgeman Downs, QLD 4053

Silver Fawn Club Inc.

Management Committee Report 2024/25

The AGM for 2023/24 was held on 9th March 2024 at The Everton Park Bowls Club. There were 54 members in attendance and 1 apology as recorded in the Attendance Register. The following members constituted the Management Committee as per prior nominations and nominations from the floor.

President:	Brian Dissanayake
Vice-Presidents:	Ray Anthonisz & Isidore Storey
Honorary Secretary:	David Grugeon
Honorary Treasurer:	Laurensz Manricks
Assistant Secretary:	Elizabeth Grugeon
Assistant Treasurer:	Gerard Fernando
Club Captain :	Maithri Jayawardhana
General Committee Members:	Tyrone Allon Ruth Storey Debbie Jansz Yvonne Omar

Unfortunately, there were some resignations a few months into the year due to health and other personal reasons from Isidore & Ruth Storey, Yvonne & Basheer Omar, David and Elizabeth Grugeon and the new committee was formed to fulfill the obligations to the year's end by the following members:

President:	Brian Dissanayake
Vice-Presidents:	Ray Anthonisz & Gerard Fernando
Honorary Secretary:	Deborrah Jansz-Cox
Honorary Treasurer:	Laurensz Manricks
Assistant Treasurer:	Tyrone Allon
General Committee:	Namal Wijeratne, Ranjan Wijeratne
Club Captain:	Maithri Jayawardhana

Management Committee Meetings

There were 10 meetings held since last year's AGM predominantly at the Everton Park Library.

Financials

The Club's Financial Statements and Audit Reports will be presented at the AGM detailing our financial performance throughout the year and its financial position as at 31st January 2025.

Newsletter

A total of 4 issues of SilverScene were published since the 2024 AGM meeting, and distributed via post and email, and they are accessible on <https://www.silverfawn.com> website.

Functions

We held 8 functions in total this year and it is with great pride that we can say that the majority of our events this year were a success for the club due to the tireless efforts of our current committee & the support from our loyal members and friends who made it all possible. It is rewarding to say the least, that more often than not, each event was a sell out before the cut off date!

Lake Perseverance Camp

Our first event for the year, the ever-popular long weekend Camp was held from 4th - 6th of May 2024 with 92 happy campers at the lovely location of Lake Perseverance. It was a huge success. The hard work of the Camp coordinator Isidore Storey, and his team took this camp success to new levels. His dedicated team of volunteers, Ruth Storey, Lorraine & Herby Tucker, Preethi & Andy Weerasinghe, Yvonne & Basheer Omar, Niranjali Silva and myself, knew with the limited time frame, that we had a huge task ahead of us. We got through it all with some extra help at the camp from members & guests who proved that anything is possible when you have the help of the whole village. We hope our next camp will attract many new families as there is so much laughter, delicious food, many sports activities, acting, fancy dress and dancing to keep everyone busy throughout the entire weekend.

Have a Chat

Under the theme of 'Have A Flutter' on the 26th of May 2024 at Everton Park Bowls Club, we had a full house of 90 members and guests who enjoyed a fun filled day with a delicious buffet, dessert and afternoon tea provided by Rena and Jeremy Henderling. Our thanks go out to Isidore and Ruth Storey and the sub-committee for organising this function. It was a colourful and memorable afternoon enjoyed by all.

Christmas In July

This was another successful event on the 27th July 2024 at the Everton Park Bowls Club and it too, was another sell out. Ray Anthonisz & Tyrone Allon, our joint coordinators, together with their subcommittee of Deborah and Ruth saw the hall decorated to bring Christmas alive in July for our members. Thilani catered and the food was delicious. The delicious Christmas cake was made by Ruth and Tami made and served yummy treats. We had a full house of 98 members and guests who attended.

54th Anniversary Dinner Dance

We had this function at the Mitchelton Senior Citizens Centre on 31st of August 2024. Gerard Fernando coordinated the event along with a sub-committee of Laurensz Manricks, Brian Dissanayake, Maithri Jayawardena and Tyrone Allon. For the first time, we engaged the Baby Boomers Party Band who provided music for the night. They kept the dance floor full all night. Negombo Caterers provided delicious Sri Lankan cuisine on the night. This was a well-attended event and was a sell out with 125 members and guests attending.

FSOQ Sri Lanka Day

Held on the 15th September 2024, this was our least successful event as we had very limited support. Most of our committee were away or unavailable, however we had a subcommittee of Gerard Fernando, Ray Anthonisz, Laurensz Manricks and Maithri Jayawardhana. They set up a Stall and sold a few Sri Lankan goodies. It was agreed that our presence at the event is an important part of continuing with community engagement.

Hoppers and Bingo Lunch

With the intention of presenting our members with something different, on 27th October 2024 we organised a Hoppers and Bingo Lunch at the Everton Park Bowls Club. We were overwhelmed by the support of our members and guests which resulted in large quantities of hopper making! However, we were assured by our caterers, Brian and Sri Pereira, that it would be possible so we decided to give this event a go. Soon our concerns were substantiated when the hungry crowd had to wait longer than it was hoped for their hoppers but this was overcome by the delicious food that was served and all the feedback received was positive. We had 96 members and guests for this event and it also was a full house. In reviewing, we learnt things we could do differently for our next hopper event.

Christmas Dinner and Carols

This traditional event was held on the 7th December 2024 at the Everton Park Bowls Club. What a beautiful function this turned out to be. The hall was decorated to bring Christmas cheer by Suzie Anthonisz and her team. The evening started off with the singing of Christmas Carols, led by Laurensz and backed by Ray Anthonisz and Arden Forster. Some of our members joined in the Choir and sang the traditional Christmas Carols. This was followed by music for dancing. Negombo Caterers provided us with a combination of western food and Sri Lankan cuisine, which was amazing and was enjoyed by all who attended. Once again, we had 83 members and guests support us.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

This Annual function on the 31st December was held at the Everton Park Bowls Club. What a high note to finish the year's functions! Another sellout crowd of 105 members and guests were eager to celebrate and say goodbye to 2024 and bring in the New Year in grand style. The revamped Cool Daddies along with Inder Naru belted out some great dance music and saw in the New Year with the old traditional sing along songs and the dance floor full of people wishing each other the best for the Year ahead. DJ Ty Fox filled in during the band breaks and kept us dancing the night away. Thilani Catering once again served us with delicious Sri Lankan cuisine. Once we saw the New Year dawn, Thilani served the traditional Kiribath and sambol to celebrate our culture.

In conclusion, it must be said that the hard work and commitment of the members of the Management Committee made this rather busy year a huge success which was enjoyed by many. It was an honour to be a part of such a team.

Deborrah Jansz-Cox

Hon. Secretary



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SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 9 March 2024 at the Everton Park Bowls Club

Attendance: 54 members as recorded in the Attendance Register

Apologies: 1 member as recorded in the Attendance Register

President's Welcome: Laurensz Manricks welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:20pm.

One Minute's Silence: Laurensz asked for a minute's silence for our members who had passed away in the last twelve months.

- Marie Kronenberg
- Daphne Ephraims
- Eva Salopak
- Nanette Sebel
- Sheila De Zilva

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on March 11, 2023

It was proposed by Gerard Fernando and seconded by Ray Anthonisz that the Minutes as published in the January/February Newsletter be accepted.

Management Committee Report for the year 2022/23

Laurensz thanked Denis Anthonisz for his Management Committee Report as published in the January/ February Newsletter. He commented on a number of matters:

- We had about 8 functions including something new, a BBQ and Bowls afternoon.
- Suzie Anthonisz published 6 newsletters during the year.
- We have continued our association with the Everton Park Bowls Club and have a very good relationship with them
- It was disappointing that we suffered a financial loss this year, mainly due to cancelled functions and the fact that we ran functions below our break-even point.
- We have been advised by the Office of Fair Trading that there have been some changes to the policy, namely that we do not have to have our accounts audited and that we need a conflict resolution process included in our Constitution

Presentation of the Accounting Statements for the year 2023/24

Laurensz Manricks spoke about the problems encountered by not having a Treasurer for the duration of the year. Laurensz spoke about the fact that he needed to take this role on because of his accounting background and the fact that he was unable to make any contact with the nominated Treasurer during the year. He advised that there was a note in the Financial Statements to this effect. Brian Dissanayake asked why the Assistant Treasurer wasn't able to take over. Laurensz answered that Thomazine Fernando was membership secretary and was unable to take on both roles. He made the following points -

- We have an annual running cost of \$7,500 not able to be covered by our membership subscription income.
- Gerard Fernando commented that banks have phased out cheques in answering Davenal Flanderka's question about the difficulty of working with the Commonwealth Bank and CommBiz. Laurensz recommended that we change banks this year.

- Laurensz addressed each function and made comment on the reasons for the profit or loss on each. Davenal Flanderka asked why we had only 45 people at the New Year's Eve Dance while the Sri Lanka Society had 150. Brian Dissanayake replied that we as members should be ashamed of ourselves for not supporting this function. Anton Swan stated that the Silver Fawn membership is an ageing population whilst the Sri Lanka Society has a younger membership. Patrick Drieberg supported Anton's comments. Gerard Fernando stated that we are basically a Burgher Club whereas the dances and functions organised by other groups get big numbers because they are attended by a large number of young Sinhalese people.
- Isadore Storey stated that the accuracy of our current assets listed in the Financial Statement didn't accurately depict the current value of our assets.
- Spencer Herft commented that the attendance of 54 people tonight was testament to the number of ageing people who wanted to support the Club. He urged 'members of age' in attendance to come to events this year.

2023/24 Committee

Laurensz thanked the outgoing Committee for their hard work throughout the year. He stated that while we didn't always agree as Committee members, we always worked together and got on well.

Queensland Gaming Fund

Laurensz stated that our third application to this fund was successful to the tune of \$23,500. This news was greeted with applause by the attending members. He also stated that these funds were to be used only for the items for which we had applied, as there were strict guidelines by which the funds can be utilised. Davenal Flanderka and Anton Swan mentioned that all levels of Government offer grants in the multi-cultural area and recommend that we use this focus for future grant applications. Laurensz answered that the old Constitution needs to be re-written and we need to include a paragraph on our multi-cultural and ethnic roots.

Vote of thanks

Laurensz thanked all the former and current Committee Members and asked for them to be upstanding to acknowledge their commitment to the Club. This was greeted by applause. Laurensz named and thanked the Life Members present at the AGM.

Presentation

Gerard and Thomazine Fernando presented gifts to the outgoing President and his wife, Laurensz and Shameem Manricks, on behalf of the Committee in appreciation of their hospitality whilst Fallon Cottage was being refurbished.

Election of Office Bearers

Laurensz Manricks vacated the Chair and asked Davenal Flanderka to officiate as Pro-tem chairman.

President - Isadore Storey was nominated by Denis Anthonisz and Seconded by Ruth Storey. Isadore declined the nomination. Gerard Fernando, Anton Swan, Laurensz Manricks and Brian Dissanayake were nominated from the floor and all declined their nomination. Brian Dissanayake was again nominated by Cherry Schokman. This was seconded by Laurensz Manricks and Brian accepted his nomination.

Vice President - Ray Anthonisz was nominated by Denis Anthonisz and Seconded by Tyrone Allon. Ray accepted his nomination.

Vice President – Isadore Storey was nominated by Laurensz Manricks and Seconded by Anton Swan. Isadore accepted the nomination.

Treasurer – Laurensz Manricks was nominated by Ranjan Wijeratne and Seconded by Namal Wijeratne. Laurensz accepted his nomination.

Assistant Treasurer – Gerard Fernando was nominated by Suzie Anthonisz and Seconded by Ray Anthonisz. Gerard accepted his nomination.

Hon. Secretary – Debbie Jansz, David Grugeon and Susan Fahir were all nominated. All declined. David Grugeon was again nominated by Laurensz Manricks and seconded by Suzie Anthonisz. David accepted this nomination.

Asst. Secretary – Elizabeth Grugeon was nominated by Suzie Anthonisz and seconded by Laurensz Manricks. Elizabeth accepted this nomination.

Club Captain – Maithri Jayawardhana was nominated by Suzie Anthonisz and Seconded by Tyrone Allon. Maithri is overseas and Laurensz recommended that his nomination be accepted in his absence.

General Committee -

Tyrone Allon was nominated by Denis Anthonisz and Seconded by Ray Anthonisz. Tyrone accepted this nomination.

Ruth Storey was nominated by Denis Anthonisz and seconded by Isadore Storey. Ruth accepted this nomination.

Debbie Jansz was nominated by Ruth Storey and seconded by Bashir Omar. Debbie accepted this nomination.

Yvonne Omar was nominated by Neela Matthews and seconded by Debbie Jansz. Yvonne accepted this nomination.

The new Committee was invited by Laurensz to come forward and they were greeted by applause. Brian Dissanayake made a gracious acceptance speech and stated that he looked forward to a future where increasing our members attendance at functions and club's membership were the focus.

Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

Auditor, Shiran Seneviratne, and Solicitor, Paul Pattison, have both indicated their willingness to continue in these roles.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm and Laurensz thanked members for their support, inviting everyone to enjoy the dinner and dessert provided.

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