

**MEETING MINUTES**

**JAMAICA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** August 13, 2006

**Venue:** Miramar Sunset Lakes Community Center  
2801 SW 186<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miramar, Florida 33029

**Attendees:**

Xavier Murphy – President	Paul McClure
Edward Alexander – Vice-President	Richard Bryce
Donald Dixon – Vice-President	Paul Ramdial
Steven Epstein – Treasurer	Rick McCalla
Tony Budall – Secretary	Philip Ragbeer
Don Brown – Director	Damion Simon
Ray Stephenson – Director	Jason Samough
Herman Vernon – Director	Charitha Fernando
Keith Buchanan – Director	Dave Chin-Sang
Wraylando Salmon – Director	Dwane Crutchley
Charitha Fernando	Donovan McKenzie
Andrew Ranglin	

**The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the membership of the association of the status of the organization, report the achievements of the last year, discuss the future role of the association, ratify amendments to the By-Laws, elect a new board, and elect a nominating committee for the association. A total of 20 members attended the meeting. A package containing the agenda, school prayer and the treasurer's report for the year ended June 30, 2006 was made available to the attendees.

**AGENDA**

- Call to Order
- School Prayer
- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Reading of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Vote of Amendments to By-laws
- Elections
  - ◆ New Board
  - ◆ Nominating Committee
- Questions and Answers
- Adjournment

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Following the school prayer, a tally of members present indicated the lack of a quorum to conduct business. A motion was however made to continue with the meeting despite the lack of a quorum and hold the elections once a quorum was present. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 09/25/05**

The minutes of the previous AGM was read by the Secretary and adopted by the membership.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The un-audited Treasurer's Report was presented and included:

- Statement of Net Asset
- Statement of Activities
- 2005-2006 Actual Expenditure
- Balance Sheet thru June 30 2006
- Projected Budget for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007
- The accounting period for the reports ended June 30, 2006

The proposed budget was unanimously adopted by the membership.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President in his report noted that the hurricanes last year and the lack of available venues the region prevented the association from holding events and fundraising activities planned for 2005. Despite these setbacks there were accomplishments during the year which included

- Assistance with providing soccer equipment for the school's Manning Cup (Varsity) team
- Assistance with travel expenses for the school Choir
- Donation of gym equipment to the school
- Donation of books from Miami-Dade College to the school

The President reported on the board's meeting with the Chairman of the Jamaica College Board, Danny Williams, and the commitment of this association to assist with the school's Fence Project. The immediate requirement is to donate \$4,000.00 to this project and an appeal will be made to the membership for help.

Mr. Ruel Reid from Cornwall College will be the new headmaster for the school. His tenure begins in September.

The New York Chapter has a new president, however, this Chapter is reorganizing and not much is happening at the current time. The Canadian Chapter is organizing a cruise out of Miami in the near future and would extend an invitation to Florida members to participate.

Edward Alexander, Vice-President of the Florida chapter attended the annual dinner by the Old Boys' Association in Jamaica. The annual dinner of the JCOBAFL was cancelled because of the hurricanes and a lack of available venues. Parks remained closed after the hurricanes and this prevented the Family Fun Day activities from being held.

The President praised the existing board for their efforts and thanked them for a job well done.

The President allowed a brief question and answer period prior to voting. The main item for improvement was that the membership would like to be more informed about the undertakings and projects. A quarterly update was recommended. The president also confirmed that a quorum was now present at the meeting so the elections could proceed.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

Five amendments previously adopted by the Board were read and ratified by the membership.

#### **ELECTIONS FOR NEW BOARD**

The By-Laws of the association requires the nomination and election of its board at the AGM. Notices were mailed to the voting membership requesting nominations. The secretary did not receive any nominations by mail, so nominations were requested from the floor.

The openings on the board consisted of President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer as officers of the association, and 3 Directors. The results of the nominations and elections were as follows:

##### **President**

Nominated: Edward Alexander, Xavier Murphy (declined)

Elected: Edward Alexander

##### **Vice-Presidents (2)**

Nominated: Donald Dixon, Don Brown

Elected: Donald Dixon, Don Brown

##### **Secretary**

Nominated: Tony Budall

Elected: Tony Budall

##### **Treasurer**

Nominated: Tony McPherson, Steven Epstein (declined)

Elected: Tony McPherson

##### **Directors (3)**

Nominated: Steven Epstein, Herman Vernon, Ray Stevenson, Damion Simon, Paul McClure, Richard Bryce

Elected: Steven Epstein, Herman Vernon, Ray Stevenson

#### **ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominations for the Nominating Committee (4 persons) were taken from the floor. The results of the nominations and elections were as follows:

Nominated: Damion Simon, Xavier Murphy, Paul Ramdial, Wraylando Salmon, Richard Bryce

Elected: Damion Simon, Xavier Murphy, Paul Ramdial, Richard Bryce

### **NEW PRESIDENT REMARKS**

On completion of the elections the new President, Edward Alexander, thanked the outgoing board and the President (Xavier Murphy) in particular, for an outstanding job in establishing the framework for the organization. The new President also requested that he, Xavier, maintain a close relationship with the new board as valued resource. The new President then outlined his vision for the association and encouraged everyone to participate in a tangible manner within the organization, and the need to treat fund raising as a separate activity from our social events. It was also agreed that the board will communicate with the membership on a quarterly basis with the first one occurring at the end of September.

Pledge cards were handed out to solicit funds for the Fence Project and a total of \$1,870.00 was pledged. Those present also indicated on the pledge forms areas in which they were willing to assist the association.

The President thanked outgoing director Keith Buchanan for providing the refreshments for the meeting, Herman Vernon for securing the venue for the meeting, guiding the meeting through the election process, and providing the flowers.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.**