

All Ex-Co Members

**NOTICE OF THE SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 2019**

Monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association will be held at **1530 hrs on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the SLESI "Danthurai Hall", No. 29, Bristol Street, Colombo 01.** Please forward relevant subjects, if required, to be discussed, in writing on or before 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to be included in the agenda.

If an Ex-Co member wishes to be excused for some reason, appreciate if you could make arrangements to keep SLESA Office informed.



Ajith Siyambalapitiya

Lt. Colonel (Rtd)

Hon Secretary General - Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

1. Notice convening the Meeting
2. Excuses
3. Vote of condolence for deceased Members/ Servicemen
4. Confirmation of minutes of the Ex-Co meeting, held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019
5. Matters arising, out of the previous minutes
6. Update on Poppy Project
7. Tabling of Accounts for January 2019
8. Tabling Reports of SLESA Committees
9. Letters Received
10. Correspondence / Matters to be taken up
11. Any other business

**Distribution:**

H E The President	- Patron
Commander of the SL Army	- Vice Patron
Commander of the SL Navy	- Vice Patron
Commander of the SL Air Force	- Vice Patron
Chairman – SLESI	
Trustees of SLESA	
Affiliated Associations / Corporate Bodies of SLESA	

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, HELD ON THURSDAY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 1530 HRS AT VIJITHAPURA HALL OF THE SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S INSTITUTE, NO. 29 1/1, BRISTOL STREET, COLOMBO 01**

**PRESENT:**

1.	Brigadier K A Gnanaweera	-	President/ Chaired the meeting
2.	Major General E M M Ambanpola	-	Vice President
3.	Wing Commander K M S Wijenayake	-	Vice President
4.	Lt. Col. Ajith Siyambalapitiya	-	Hony. Secretary General
5.	Lt. Col. D M Amarakoon	-	Hony. Treasurer
6.	Mr. P L T Perera	-	Assistant Secretary
7.	Mr. S S Gunawardena	-	Assistant Secretary
8.	Major P K C S Kankanamge	-	Assistant Treasurer
9.	Cdr. R A Somapala	10.	Lt. Cdr. M D R S Peiris
11.	Mr. R S A Nandasena	12.	Mr. A S A Perera
13.	Lt. P Wijewickrama	14.	Col. Faiz-UrRahman
15.	Mr. H A Jayalath	16.	Lt. Col E M U Ekanayake
17.	Lt. A J L Peiris	18.	Mr. A S S De Silva
19.	Mr. A Pathmasiri	20.	Mr. R K Ranawaka
21.	Mr. J S Hewagama	22.	Gp. Capt. K W Kirinde
23.	Mr. J V Jayaraj	24.	Lt. M K S Alwis
25.	Lt. Col. B K J T S Rodrigo	26.	Major D A N Gnanapala
27.	Mr. W D J Jothiyapala	28.	Brigadier V K B Weerakoon
29.	Mr. J A Speering	30.	Captain H U Jayatissa
31.	Major General W G M U R Perera	32.	Colonel P L Thisera
33.	Major M A Jayaratne	34.	Major G W Ranatunga
35.	Captain J S Bandara	36.	Mrs. N V T Indrani
37.	Major P H Chiltus	38.	Mr. K L S Fernando
39.	Mr. W G Perera	40.	Mr. R M Somapala
41.	Major A K D S P Siriwardena	42.	Mr. B A Somasiri
43.	Cdr. W M L Rohana	44.	Mr. R Nimalasena
45.	Mr. S A Ariyaratne	46.	Mr. B A A P Nandasena
47.	Gp. Capt. K G R Hemachandra		

**EXCUSED :**

1.	Captain Patrick Jayasinghe	-	President Honoris Causa
2.	Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando	-	Vice President
3.	Lt. (Dr.) Priyangani Jayasundara	-	Assistant Secretary
4.	Captain W J Siriwardena	5.	Maj Gen M R U Bandarattillake
6.	Mr. S S Ratnayake	7.	Mr. H K S Sooriyaarachchi
8.	Mr. T A Ruberu	9.	Major K S Jayaratne
10.	Major W G G Premaratne	11.	Mr. V Nayoor
12.	Mr. B D Samson	13.	Mr. U G D S Premalal
14.	Captain A V Munasinghe	15.	Captain P B Wickramasinghe

**NOT PRESENT:**

1.	Lt. W L Abayasiri	2.	Mr. Lucas Fernando
3.	Captain J R Mendis	4.	Mr. R Gamini
5.	Major H P Weerakkody	6.	Major H M S S K Godamunne
7.	Captain N S Jayawardena	8.	Mr. R A Camaran
9.	Mr. Kumara Boteju	10.	Major General K S Fernando
11.	Mr. W A L Gunapala	12.	Lt. Col. Manthre Coswatte
13.	Mrs. Geetha Chandani	14.	Col. P R S Jayasekera
15.	Mr. W D Elmo Frank	16.	Lt. Col. A D Subasinghe
17.	Mrs. R M S S K Ratnayake	18.	Mr. W B Dabarera
19.	Mr. Thilak Ranjan	20.	Cdr. M A N Chandrasiri
21.	Mr. A Dharmapala	22.	Mr. P D H C A Gunawardena

**ON INVITATION:**

1. Major General (Dr.) K D P Perera

1. **Opening remark.** This being the 1<sup>st</sup> Ex-Co meeting for the year 2019, Meeting commenced with best wishes for the year 2019 and a warm welcome from President, Brigadier K A Gnanaweera, USP. As all members had received copies of the minutes prior to the meeting, notice of the meeting was taken as read.

2. **Excuses.** Pl refer page 2.

3. **Vote of Condolence.** Two minutes silence was observed in memory of the following members, who had passed away during the period under review and all Service Personnel, who sacrificed their lives in the defence of the motherland.

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| a. Lt. Col. G.L.F.Marshal - Rifle Corps, | b. Mr. Y L S K Perera - Air Force |
| c. Mr. W M Wickramasinghe - Air Force    | d. Mr. S C B Fernando - Air Force |
| e. Mr. N H T Srilal - Air Force          | f. Mr. G A D D Perera - Air Force |
| g. Mr. T M S Amath - Air Force           | h. Mr. Paris SLAMC Assn           |
| i. Mr. A A M Misadeen – SLN              | j. Mr. H V R Ariyadasa - SLN      |
| k. Mr. A G Dayananda - SLN               | l. Mr. B W Wickramanayaka - SLN   |
| m. Mr. H M W Herath - SLN                | n. Mr. R S T S Seneviratna - SLN  |
| o. Mr. S R S Ranjith - SLN               | p. Mr. M B D Anthony - SLN        |
| q. Mr. K A Fernando - SLN                | r. Mr. Sarath Bandara -           |
| s. Mr. De Mel -                          |                                   |

4. **Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were adopted proposed by captain J Sisira Bandara and seconded by Major P H Chiltus, subject to the following correction in 13,b, pointed out by Mr. A Pathmasiri. His submission was only the translation of the Rules Book in to Sinhalese by a Member of the State Languages Dept.

5. **Land at Narahenpita.** Rear Admiral Shemal Fernando who was assigned to negotiate on this subject was not present for comments.

6. **Amendments to the proposed Constitution on Death Donation Fund.** Reference item 13a of minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the Chairman of this Committee, Major General Upul Perera had met Mr. T A Ruberu & A Pathmasiri and the proposed constitution is amended incorporating the observations pointed out by these two members. President invited Major General Upul Perera to brief the Ex-Co regarding the amendments. Thanking the two members for their enthusiasm and the corporation extended, Major General Upul Perera said that few additions were made as pointed out by the two members which are basically on legality and the Constitution is now re-done and ready for adoption and regretted the non-availability of Mr. Ruberu at this meeting. President called for the adoption of the Constitution governing the SLESA Death Donation Fund and this was adopted proposed by Mr. A Pathmasiri and seconded by Captain J Sisira Bandara.

7. **Implementation of SLESA Death Donation Scheme.** With the adoption of the Rules governing the implementation of the Death Donation Scheme, President called for the approval of the Ex-Co for its implementation with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. Proposed by Mr. A Pathmasiri and seconded by Mr. B A Somasiri, the House unanimously agreed to implement the SLESA Death Donation Scheme effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. President called for the approval of the House for the transfer of Rupees Two Million to the Death Donation Fund and this was unanimously approved by the House. President also called for any objections and there were none. At this stage Mr. J A Speering said that he has paid Rs. 4,000/- to this Fund at the time if joining the fund and wanted to know the fate of this payment. President said that once all funds are remitted to this fund it will be sorted out.

8. **Affiliation of Sri Lanka Ex-Air Force EOD Association.** - Referring to item No.20 of the minutes of meeting held on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2018, President said that the Ex-Air Force EOD Association applied for Affiliation have completed the payment of Financial commitments and welcomed the participation of its President Gp. Capt. Ranjith Hemachandra at this meeting. President said that Gp. Capt Hemachandra would be an asset to SLESA and requested him to participate actively in all SLESA activities.

9. **Grants from RCEL.**

President informed the Ex-Co that the arrival of Capt. Lance Gill and Brigadier David Innes has been of immense value to SLESA and to the W W Veteran in particular. He further stated this year too, RCEL, on the recommendations of Captain Lance Gill and Brigadier Innes, has promised to provide a considerably increased grant to every W W veteran and each of them would receive £ 50 (approx.) per month and this payment will continue for next 5 years. Although Mr. Jayantha Silva President of Matale Association tried to stop this contribution from RCEL by making false complaints about mishandling of RCEL and SLESA funds by President SLESA. However his scandalous effort failed as the inquiry conducted by Captain Lance Gill who visited all the way from London for the inquiry revealed that it was totally a false allegation by Mr. Jayantha Silva. Captain Lance Gill RCEL cleared President SLESA from all the charges by Mr. Silva and commented that all A/cs were correctly maintained and audited monthly & annually by the respective audit boards.

Referring to the grant received for the last year, President informed the members that after paying their monthly grants to the veterans, there is a balance available and it will be disbursed among the veterans as indicated below:

- a. For Christmas & New Year 2018/2019 - @ Rs.8,000/- each (Already disbursed)
- b. For April Hindu/Sinhala New Year 2019 - @ Rs. 8,000/- each
- c. For SLESA Day celebrations (29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019) - @ Rs. 8,000/- each

10. At this stage, Brigadier Weerakoon President of the Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association requested a list of War Veterans with their addresses as they are unable to locate some of them who are in Kandy area. President agreed to attend to this.

President called for the approval of the Ex-Co for the implementation of the proposed Salary Revision report with effect from January 2019, which had been already run through Finance, Budgeting & Planning Committee. The House unanimously accepted the report & approved. Once again, President called for any objections reminding the members that SLESA is a charity and a non profitable organization. There was no objection raised.

11. **Settlement of Poppy Sales.**

Vice President and Chairman, Poppy Committee, Major General E M M Ambanpola requested all Affiliated Associations to settle their Poppy Accounts before 15<sup>th</sup> February as SLESA is in need of money for other Welfare matters. President requested the Affiliated Associations to submit the number of unsold Car Wreaths available with them as we are required to order the number of poppies required for this year 2019 to RCEL.

12. **Matters arising from the minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

a. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SLESA Commemoration. - President said that in addition to the suggestion came in from Major General Upul Perera to arrange for a Stamp and a Commemorative Coin, Lt. P Wijewickrama has proposed to arrange a "Bana Desana" at one of the recognized temples or Buddhist Institutions. President requested the Chairman of this Committee to select a suitable place and requested other proposals on "HOW WE SHOULD COMMEMORATE THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SLESA".

b. SLESA Members Welfare Loan Fund. - President explained the present Financial Stability of this Loan Fund and the present position stands as follows.

Shares received to the value of	Rs. 1,422,000.00
Investments by SLESA funds,	Rs. 3,350,000.00
Loans granted to the value of	Rs. 13,830,000.00
Loans recovered as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Rs. 7,426,453.16
Interest receivable as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Rs. 1,503,268.82

c. President said that a Share Holder of Gemunu Watch has requested the return of his investment by purchasing shares as he is deprived of the requested loan due to age barrier. Although the constitution of this Fund is very clear on refunds, President called for the approval of the Ex-Co to refund his investment on Shares and the Ex-Co unanimously disagreed & wanted to follow the constitution. If the Affiliated Association wants, they are allowed to purchase the shares as an option.

d. Labor Tribunal on Captain N S Jayawardene - The complaint by Captain N S Jayawardene in Labor Department seeking redress for terminating his Services has been taken up for hearing. Considering the submissions of Complainant and the Respondents, Labor Commissioner has advised both parties to come to an amicable settlement and submit their decision at the next hearing date fixed for 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

President SLESA stated that this problem has been arisen because of the fact that the Department of Labour has declined to accept the letter of Agreement between Captain Jayawardena and SLESA and signed by both parties at the time of Captain Jayawardena joining SLESA. The commissioner who was inquiring into the case had informed that the agreement could not be accepted or considered as a letter extending his service by another one year had been issued, signed by Rear Admiral S R Samaratunga, Hony. Secretary General.

Elaborating further President said that as per the agreement signed by both parties, SLESA can terminate Captain Jayawardena by giving him one month notice in advance. Captain Jayawardena too could resign by giving one month notice as per the agreement. However without the knowledge of any body Captain Jayawardena had been issued with a letter extending the service by one year and the letter was signed by Rear Admiral S R Samaratunga then Hony. Secretary General and date of signing as per the letter was 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, ie just 2 days prior to the meeting of the General Convention on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The normal procedure accepted and practiced by SLESA from the very inception was:

- a. The employee submits an application requesting for an extension to the Hony. Secretary General.
- b. Hony. Secretary General put it up to the Office Bearers meeting and then to the Ex-Co.

NB: Ex-Co approval must be obtained to grant the extension.

It is very clearly evident that, because of the wrongful act of issuing a letter extending the service illegally without the Ex-Co approval has caused SLESA to go before the Labour Commission/Labour Tribunal.

The subject on amicable settlement was discussed at the Ex-Co and there were arguments for and against. Major, M A Jayaratna proposed that we must settle this matter amicably and the majority of Ex-Co members agreed to this proposal. Accepting the decision of the Ex-Co. President suggested to appoint a Committee to discuss this subject with Captain Jayawardene and make recommendations before the next Court hearing date, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and appointed the following members to the Committee. Group Captain Kumar Kirinde, Group Captain Ranjith Hemachandra and Commander R A Somapala. Due to employment commitments, Commander R A Somapala declined and he was replaced by Major M A Jayaratna. President requested their submissions before the 6<sup>th</sup> of February to be presented in Courts.

d. 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the general Council. Referring to his previous submissions explaining the cramped up position at the last 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the General Council held at “Admiral Somathilleke Dissanayake“ Auditorium at Naval Head Quarters, Mr. K L S Fernando exposed his concerns on his proposal to look for a spacious Auditorium for the forthcoming Annual Convention of the General Council. He was anxious to know the present developments to his proposal to reserve, the “Eagle Lake Side Banquet and Convention Hall’ of Sri Lanka Air Force at Attidiya, Dehiwala, which can accommodate more than 1,000 participants. Hony. Secretary General said that they are in contact with Air Force Authorities to reserve the Convention Hall for the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

and awaiting response from the Commander of the Air Force and President has requested Wing Commander, Wijenayaka to follow this up.

f. Poppy sales collection from Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association. - A team led by Major M A Jayaratna had visited Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association and collected their collections from Poppy tills totaling to Rs. 47,962/-.

g. Re Furbishing of Veteran's Home at Katugastota. - Team led by Major M A Jayaratna who had travelled to Matale to collect the Poppy Collection from Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association had visited the site at Katugastota on their return journey. On visiting the site, they had noted that the Naval Civil Engineering Constructors working at this site were repairing the roof by replacing the perished timber and they were satisfied on the present developments. President said that President of the Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association, Brigadier Weerakoon with Brigadier Jayasinghe is attending to the requirements and the building materials are supplied by them through a reputed dealer, Ms. M M Wijetunga & Sons and their expenditure have to be re-imbursed.

h. Expenditure incurred by the Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association. - Explaining the origination of the Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association, Brigadier Weerakoon said that the Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association is a combination of the Ex-Servicemen of all three Services and Police and their main fund raising project was the sale of Poppies. He said that with the formation of other Associations by Units in Kandy District, their membership has dropped, and this has caused a drop on their income. Explaining this situation, he expected early settlement of their expenditure.

i. Re-Imbursements to Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association. - President said that Kandy Ex-Servicemen's Association has financed the visits of RCEL Representative Captain Lance Gill and Brigadier David Innes. On their visits to Kandy, Poppy Walk 2018 and the supplying building materials to work site at Katugastota and their expenditure must be settled without delay. He called for the approval of the Ex-Co to pay Rs. 29,350/- being the re-imburement of their expenditure for above events. This payment was approved by the Ex-Co un opposed.

13. **Tabling of Accounts for the month of December 2018.** Hony. Treasurer said that Audited statements of monthly accounts of all eight (08) Accounts for the month of December 2018 were circulated along with the monthly minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and called for the adoption of each Account independently. He also said that they were audited by the Audit Committee and said that any comments and observations are welcome.

a. SLESA Management Fund Current Account Number 350961. - Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. - Proposed by Capt. J Sisira Bandara and seconded by Mr. R A Nimalasena, they were adopted.

b. SLESA Benevolent Trust Fund Current Account Number 350030, - 75412966. - Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018 - Proposed by Mr. B A Somasiri and seconded by Mr. H A Jayalath, they were adopted.

c. SLESA Families Welfare Fund Current Account Number 78411514, - Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. - Proposed by Mr. S A Ariyaratna seconded by Major P H Chiltus they were adopted.

d. SLESA Welfare Facilities Development Fund Current Account Number 9410822. - Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. Proposed by Major. M A Jayaratna and seconded by Mr. H A Jayalath they were adopted.

e. RCEL Current Account Number 350996, Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. Proposed by Mr. D R N S Nandasena and seconded by Capt. Sisira Bandara they were adopted.

f. AFRD Current Account Number 0071943349 - 75413054, Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. Proposed by Mr. J A Speaing and seconded by Mr. H A Jayalath, they were adopted.

g. SLESA Veteran's Home Current Account Number 76014229, - Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. Proposed by Mr. B A Somasiri and seconded by Mr. W D J Jothiyapala, they were adopted.

h. SLESA Members Welfare Loan Fund Current Number 0079164566, Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2018. Proposed by Mr. B A Somasiri and seconded by Major. M A Jayaratna. they were adopted.

14. Payments

a. Approval of Grant Payments. - Hony. Treasurer then called for the adoption of the Medical, Spectacles, Hearing Aids, RCEL and Scholarship Grants. They were approved proposed by Mr. B A Somasiri and seconded by Major P H Chiltus.

b. Approval for payments. - Proposed by Capt. J Sisira Bandara and seconded by Mr. H A Jayalath, house unanimously approved the following payments:

- i. MS Office Package - 5 User Rs. 18500.00
- ii. SLESA Van Service - 13850.00
- iii. Refill Fire Extinguisher - Alpex Lanka - Rs. 3450.00
- iv. Kandy Assn - Request Poppy Ceremony Expenses

c. Approval for proposed expenses. - Proposed by Mr. B A Somasiri and seconded by Mr. J A Spearing, House unanimously approved the following proposed payments.

- i. Repairs to Deep Well water pump at Veteran's Home Bolagala. Rs. 23,000.00
- ii. Tyres for Three Wheeler. (Rs 10,800/- approved on 21.06 2018 has increased Rs. 11,700.00
- ii. Bush Cutter & Garden Hose for Cenotaph development. (Rs. 14,500/- + 2.020/-) Rs. 16,520.00
- iv. Float Switch for Veteran's Home water tank Rs. 16,165.00
- v. Translate SLESA Rules by State Languages Dept. Rs. 20,000.00

15. Reports of Sub-Committees. Hony. Secretary General said that the Sub Committees of Veteran's Home, Uva Province and Audit have sent their reports and no adverse comments. He thanked the Associations for sending their reports in time.

16. Donations to Veterans Home Tanking all Donors for their generosity, Hony. Secretary General thanked the Chairman and members of the Veteran's Home Committee for their efforts to raise funds with income exceeding expenditure. He thanked the following Donors for their generous gesture.

Donation:

SLN 3 <sup>rd</sup> Intake Assn	Rs.	10,225.00
Gajaba Ex-Service Assn	Rs.	33,200.00
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Total	Rs.	43,425.00
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**Donation of Provision**

SL Army	Rs.	90,384.96 (Approximate)
SLNS Gemunu	Rs.	5,971.40
SLNS Thakshila	Rs.	9,094.50
SLNS Mahasen	Rs.	19,204.51
SLNS Rangala	Rs.	8,880.00
SLNS Lanka	Rs.	8,075.47
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Total	Rs.	141,610.84
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17. **Obscene Language by Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association.**

Addressing to Hony Secretary General SLESA, the Secretary of the Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association, Mr. Gunatilleke has sent a letter in Sinhalese worded unscrupulously using obscene language, creating misdemeanor to the level of high discipline obtained during his tenure in his respective Service Unit. In view of this Secretary, Sinha Regiment Association, Major D A N Gnanapala has sent an apologizing letter as this Secretary of Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association is a member of their Association. Major D A N Gnanapala who was present at the meeting said that Mr. Gunatilleke of Matale has signed this letter without reading it and he is prepared to render his apology for his negligence. He also said that Mr. Gunatilleke has been a Fireman in the Fire Brigade. President agreed to accept apologies if he call over at SLESA personally.

18. **Tenure of Service of Office Bearers of Affiliated Associations.** Vice President Major General E M M Ambanpola proposed to amend SLESA Rules preventing Non Pensioners seeking election for Office Bearers of Affiliated Associations and SLESA and to confine these positions to Retired Ex-Servicemen only. This proposal was opposed by several members with reasons and Mr. K L S Fernando vehemently opposed this proposal quoting one of the SLESA Assistant Secretaries as an example. He pointed out that the Assistant Secretary whom he referred to is not a Pensioner, but on election, he held all prominent positions of Principal Office Bearers in his own Association while serving as the Treasurer of SLESA for Six (06) years elected consecutively and also he has been elected by this Ex-Co to function as the Acting Secretary General when the Hony. Secretary General is out of the Island on Official and Personnel reasons. He also said that if Pensioners wants to be identified separately, they should join Armed Forces Pensioner's Association. He further said that to the best of his knowledge, the Assistant Secretary referred is continuing these duties for the last fifteen (15) years at SLESA and in acceptance of his yeomen service to SLESA he was awarded with the GAVRAWANWITH SEVA PADAKKAMA at the 1<sup>st</sup> ceremony Consequent to several protests the proposal was not passed through.

19. **Courtesy Visit to an ailing member.** President has visited Mr. Mervyn Perera at Balangoda with Major Gnanapala who is ailing due to Age & Health Conditions and he has been adorned with "GAVURAVANVITHA SEVA PADAKKAMA" which he has greatly contended and appreciated.

20. **Restoration of Funeral Orders.** Chief of Defence Staff has sent a letter restoring the Funeral Orders by providing a Bearer Party with Two Buglars to offer final Service Respect to a deceased Ex-Servicemen. It was proposed by the House to request a Drummer for the Ex Servicemen participating in the funeral procession to keep space.

21. **Extension of Service.**

The following Employees at SLESA Secretariat and Veteran's Home have requested extension of service in writing individually from 01.01.2019 to 31.12. 2019.

- i. Lt. Col. Y R M Chandrathilleke , Resident Manager, Veterans Home
- ii. Mr. M K Senaratna, Admin Assistant, SLESA Secretariat
- iii. Mr. M Jayantha Silva, Admin Assistant, SLESA Secretariat
- iv. Mrs. W M Kusumsiri, Cook House Staff, Veteran's Home



Advising them to refrain from delaying such requests, House unanimously approved the extension of service of all four named employees till 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2019.

22. **Letters received.**

- i. From Naval Head Quarters on Annual Contribution of Rs. 300,000/-
- ii. Proposal from Lt. P Wijewickrama for SLESA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, - Actioned 11.1
- iii. From Secretary Matale Ex-Servicemen's Association - Actioned 15
- iv. From Secretary Sinha Association. - Actioned 15
- v. From Chief of Defence Staff restoring Funeral Orders. - Actioned 18
- vi. From Gemunu Watch Association requesting the refund of shares Actioned 11.2
- vii. From Staff Member, Mr. Nishantha regarding the retirement age - Not discussed.

23. **Salary Revision to Security Personnel**

President said that the three Security Personnel employed by the SLESA Welfare Services (Pvt) Ltd are paid Rs. 1,250/- by the SLESI and we pay them Rs. 800/- per person. President proposed to increase the payment by Rs. 100/- making a total of Rs. 900/- and the House unanimously approved this enhanced payment.

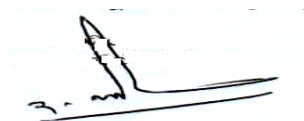
24. **Scholarship Grants.**

Submitting a report on Scholarship Grants, President of the Committee, Brigadier Hiran Halangode send a email that Scholarships are granted to unseen candidates and the total amount paid to 93 applicants for the last three years is Rs. 46,500/-. He has pointed out the future problems. He has also said that 93 applications are approved to receive the grant and payments are pending. President said that Scholarship Grants will not be cancelled and called for the approval of the Ex-Co to pay Rs. 46,500/- to 93 applicants at Rs. 500/- per month to each applicant. House unanimously approved this payment.

25. **Appreciations on Financial Assistance at Asiri Hospital.** - Thanking Col. P L Thisera for providing these facilities through Asiri Hospitals, the Assistant Treasurer, SLESA, Major P K C S Kankanamge said that he was offered an appreciable discount when he visited Asiri Hospital for medical examination. President requested Col. Thisera to explore this facility through other similar Hospitals and Medical Institutions.

26. **Any Other Business** When Mr. A Padmasiri visited the Commissioner of Pensions with Mr. Hemachandra to discuss the arrears of pension of Rs. 1 to 2 lakhs, they have been treated hilariously with unpleasant words.

27. There being no other business, meeting terminated at approximately 1730 hrs. Next meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.



Ajith Siyambalapitiya  
Lt. Colonel (Retd)

Honorary Secretary General - Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association