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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

The annual general meeting 2010 was held on 23 September 2010. The AGM in the usual pattern has the committee meeting and a hopper dinner where the meeting takes place prior to the hopper dinner. This year it was on a reverse order.

It was 7 pm past and it was 8'o clock, yet the number around was one or two short of the quorum. But as a few more people came in, it was just the quorum. There again the number fell short when one or two members disappeared on their own mission to do some work outside the hall. There was intermittent quorum and short of quorum which made the committee and the members worried.

Committee suddenly went in for a closed circle meeting and decided to have the hopper dinner first and the committee meeting next believing some more would turn up later on. However, after the dinner, the number was just enough for a quorum and the committee had to swiftly moved into hold the AGM. The AGM was held at around 9pm and the new committee was voted in.

It was a great concern for the members present and the committee as to what could be the future of our association if the members' attitude does not change that Hartley AGM is as important as it is any other activity. However, the com-



mittee owes a big gratitude to all those present in the AGM as the AGM could have been postponed if not these members were present.

The notable event was that the members had to carry away the remaining food and raw materials home while the committee paid approximately three times the members present.

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HARTLEY'S PERFORMANCE

The principal informs that the school had extremely well done in studies and sports as well. The A/L results are as follows:

Maths

6—3A's— District 2 Island 9

Bio

1—3A's—District 1—Island 3

Commerce

1—3A's—District 1. The detail results will be published in the next issue.

Sports

Two students from Hartley won Gold medals in a sportsmeet conducted in Sugathathasa Stadium. Details will be given later.

OBITUARY

Kumuthini Rajaratnam the daughter of JS Rajaratnam (teacher) passed away in point pedro.

Mrs. P.B.J. Pooranampillai passed away in London on 6th January 2011. Homeline-0044 0130 3242051.

Special points of interest:

- The seriousness of Hartley's activities should be more felt than at present, if the association should last.
- The PPA's funds should be more appropriately used for the betterment of the Hartleyites and the Hartley community.

COMMITTEE 2011

The new committee was elected at the last annual general meeting on a no contest basis. Committee held three meetings up to date to organize the events for the current term. In that, committee decided to bring about some changes to the way in which the get together is conducted.

Committee received some emails from the Global Trust in relation to the use of land bought by PPA;s for the purpose of building an auditorium and other ancillary facilities for Hartley College. The committee felt the way in which the land is used will not be in the best interest of the school and the community at large. In order to explore different options to develop the land, the committee called for an emergency meeting on the 9th of January 2011 at a venue where a cricket match was organized to play between 8 Jaffna schools. Committee will be in touch with the Global Trust and other member organizations to explore different options.

One of the members Mr. Sriharan wished to relinquish his position as committee member due to some unavoidable family circumstances. Mr. P. Venthan was nominated by the committee at the second committee meeting which Venthan accepted subsequently.



The Committee from left to right is as follows:

Dr. C. Mathiyalagan (sports secretary), Mr. T. Tharmakulasingham, (secretary) Mr. S. Sriamaseswaran (Editor), Mr. P. Raveendran (Treasurer), Mr. N.Nanthakumaran (Member), Mr. K. Sriharan (President) and Mr. B. Pathmasiri (vice President) and Mr. P. Venthan (Member, not in photo).

CRICKET MATCH

A cricket match was organized by the Jaffna Schools Association in which 8 teams took part. Hartley College presented its team with some Hartleyites and some children of Hartleyites. The match started around 9am and went on late evening. Our players fought with all their energy. The sausage sizzles distributed in the match were interesting.



LAND AND DEVELOPMENT AT HARTLEY

The past pupil associations worldwide made generous contributions to buy a piece of land for Hartley College and vested the land on the Global Trust. The land is bordered by the drain on one side with the church on the other and the temple and the school grounds on other sides. The extent of the land is 9 ladchams. An auditorium has already been constructed on six ladchams of this land with the funding from govern-

ment costing around 8 million rupees. Actions are underway to transfer this 6 ladchams of land to the Department of Education. The balance land of 3 ladchams has now been requested to build bicycle shed for students. A rough estimation of the value of the remaining



piece of land of 3 ladchams is approximately 1.8 million rupees in market value. If this land is used to build the bicycle parks with the government allocation, it means the remaining land should also be transferred free of charge to the department. We are at cross roads in the decision making process whether to go ahead with the projects.