



Special Bridge Club Revival Meeting 05/12/2010

A Special BCSL meeting was held on the 5th December 2010 in order to revive the activities of the club and to re-instate it to its former glory.

The meeting was convened by the past PAs including Niroshan Muwanwella, Sujith Jayasuriya, Ahshan Ali, Dulanjan Lokupathirage, Jayanaka Rivimal and other active members including Thrindra Guruge, Dilshan Jayathilake and Lakmal Muthugama. By the time the meeting was called, a facebook page has already been made and there were 44 members. Also, a draft new logo was already designed.

Niroshan took to the chair and the meeting was called to order at 9.30am. According to custom, the meeting began with recitation of the national anthem. Then, we decided to introduce ourselves to the rest of the participants. All the members introduced themselves and the meeting came to life. 44 members had come to the meeting, exceeding the target we set at 35.



Next, we showed a special video on the history and the past projects to the new members of the club. The unity of the members and the spirit and the vigour with which we took part in the projects was depicted in the video. Thereafter, Niroshan addressed the gathering and did a presentation on the importance of the bridge club concept and the benefits of belonging to the BCSL.

Next, Dulanjan unveiled the proposed logo and the new concept of Bridge Club Sri Lanka. The members received the new image of the club in unison and thus, the re-launch of BCSL was a total success. The proposed concept of member Identity Cards and T-shirts was discussed here.



Also, the proposed new website was unveiled which is www.bridgeclublk.org and the formation of the new member database was discussed.

Then Sujith and Ahshan talked about the most important item in the agenda, which was re-connecting with members who have lost contact. Year leaders were appointed and were given the task of contacting their fellow JAs and to invite them for the next meeting and to update the Club with their contact details. A new target was set to get every single member to participate in at least one meeting by the end of 2011.

Year Leaders

1989	Sujith Jayasuriya Niroshan Muwanwella	1998	Ishan Jayasinghe
1990	Nilanga Dehigama	1999	Dilshan Jayathilake
1991	Tharindra Guruge	2000	Lahiru Abeyweera
1992	Ahshan Ali	2001	Lakmal Muthugama
1993	Mohomed Rizme	2002	Hindujasvini Navaratnarajah
1994	Samudra Hettige	2003	Jayanaka Rivimal
1995	Madhavi Wijayapala	2006	Piyumi Kavindya
1996	Dulanjan Lokupathirage	2007	Dyani aponso
1997	Ranil Jayasuriya	2008	Shalini Madushani
		2009	Shimani Attygalle

Next was the time to discuss the next projects. Current President, Jayanaka Rivimal updated the attendees about the common activity set by the PAs in 2010. We agreed on an awareness tour of the members to the best known rain forest in Sri Lanka, Sinharaja. We decided on this project because it would give the members an opportunity to get to know each other, to jointly participate in the project and to learn about an aspect of the environment we sometimes take for granted. We also decided that we would take pictures of the project and later use the images to hold a photographic exhibition. The original idea of the project was by Dilshan Jayathilake. We set the date of 15th January 2011 for the project.

Next project we discussed was an idea by Dyani Aponso. She proposed that we undertake a scholarship project to help a few poor schoolchildren. She had already found some sponsors and will be launching it simultaneously with the environmental project. We later would like to expand the project to involve students from all the districts of the country.

Next was the time for open discussion. Parents who have helped us members in the early stages of the club commended the conveners on taking steps to re-launch the club. There was a suggestion from Hindujasvini that in her area young students are hardly aware that there is an



opportunity of participating in APCC if they did well in the examination. She suggested that we hold awareness campaigns and in addition to spreading the news of BCSL, we could contribute by inspiring them to do well in their studies by that way. It was duly noted. Most of the parents suggested that we involve the media to raise awareness about the BCSL. We advised the members that we plan to do a media advertisement campaign to find members at some stage. There was also a suggestion that we should aim to get the T-shirts printed prior to the environment project.

In conclusion we took photographs of the members.



The meeting was an immense success and some key decisions were taken at the meeting. The new logo and the website were unveiled and the club was officially re-launched.

By the time this report is compiled, the membership of the facebook group has exceeded 60.

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Founder Treasurer

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