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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2025 AT THE "EAGLES LAKESIDE BANQUET AND CONVENTION HALL", ATTIDIYA, DEHIWALA.

1. COMMENCEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Air Force Ex-Servicemen's Association was held on Saturday 18th October 2025 at the "Eagles Lakeside Banquet and Convention Hall" of Sri Lanka Air Force, Attidiya.

The AGM commenced around 1030 hrs with the President AVM Elmo Perera (Retd), Vice President (i) AVM Kithsiri Leelaratne (Retd), Vice President (ii) Air Cdre Amal Wimalaratne (Retd), Vice President (iii) Mr. L.Y.Dayawansa, Secretary Mr. T.M.Sarath Kumara ,Treasurer, Mrs. H.D.P.Perera, the Chairman of SSWF Trustee Board Mr. D.M. Chandrarathna, SLAF Representative Air Cdre Suresh Jayasinghe's representative Sqn.Ldr. Pasindu Abeysinghe taking up the seats at the head table.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played and the National Flag was displayed as the first item on the digital screen.

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Compere announced that the agenda after reading the Notice Convening the Meeting by the President.

4. CONDOLENCES

The list of deceased members was displayed on the digital screen and read out by the Secretary. All participants stood up and observed silence for two minutes as a mark of respect for all deceased members and non-members of SLAFESA and Tri-Forces personnel who sacrificed their lives for the defense and the territorial integrity of the motherland.

5. WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

The President AVM Elmo Perera (Retd) addressed the meeting. He thanked all the participants for their attendance. He said he is very happy to see such a large gathering of more than six hundred members at the AGM. He further said that the membership of the SLAFESA has been increased up to 6700 since 2022. But only 3628 members obtained the Suwa Surakum Welfare Fund Membership. He urged the membership to obtain SSWF membership to have its benefits specially in case of Death of the Members. The death Donation grant could be provided to the NOKs of the members who obtained the SSWF membership he said.

President further said that AFESA will submit a request to the Commander of the Air Force to provide serving staff to the AFESA new office at Guwanpura. President conveyed his appreciation to the former Commander Air Chief Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa for initiating a project to construct a permanent office complex to the AFESA at Guwanpura. He further said that Air Force provided the Manpower, Civil Engineering services and other infrastructure facilities, while SAFESA funded Rs: 10M to the project. He thanked the Vice President AVM Kithsiri Leelarathne (Retd) and Air Cdre Amal Wimalaratne (Retd) for their commitments toward the new building project.

He thanked to the Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Bandu Edirisinghe for his initiatives to complete the project. The New office complex with all modern facilities was declared open by the Commander on 29th August 2025.

President further thanked the Commander for providing a Pime Land at SLAF Diyatalawa to build a new modern Holiday Home to the SLAFESA. The architectural plan was displayed in the digital screen and shown to members. President said Our Patron the Commander of the Air Force has agreed to provide Man Power and other infrastructure facilities to build the Holiday Home and requested the AGM approval to provide funds from the SLAFESA to this project. The members of the AGM unanimously approved to the new Holiday Home Project and to provide funds from the Association as appropriate.

6. LETTERS / MESSAGES OF EXCUSES RECEIVED

The Secretary announced that he has received only one message from the following members to excuse them for today's AGM

Mr. GH Mihindukulasuriya, Mr, Noel Dias and Mr. Warakapitiya

7. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 25th AUGUST 2024

The next item as per the agenda was tabling the minutes of the AGM held on 25TH August 2024. Minutes were sent among the members through the SLAFESA Google Page and other social media maintained by various Air Force Ex Servicemen's / Ex Air Women groups, SMS gateway of the Association and by post to senior members. Mr. P.G.Sumandasa proposed that minutes were in order and Mr. Krishantha Ranawaka seconded the same.

8. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The next in the agenda was Adoption of the Annual Report for the period from 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025. President said that AFESA is having approx. LKR 54.5M Fixed Deposits at the SSWF account and Rs.5.9 M at the AFESA account. The President commended the AFHQ for its contribution for boosting funds. The death donations, university students and medical grants given were explained.

9. ADOPTION OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS

This Adoption was for the Audited Accounts made and audited for the period from 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025. The Secretary stated the Audited Accounts were distributed prior to 14 days of the AGM among the members and also placed at the entrance tables today and Secretary requested to adopt the same. Mr. MMD Wickramasinghe proposed that the audited reports are in order and Mr. Priyantha seconded.

10. APPOINTING OF AUDITORS

For the past 12 years, M/s “Dinith Way Partners” did their best for auditing of AFESA accounts. It was proposed by Mr Jagath Vithana to appoint same auditors for the years 2025/2026 and Mr. PG Sumanadasa seconded the proposal.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The President informed the AGM that a proposal is received to amend the constitution with regard to the appointing of 13 Sub Committees, Special needs funds and Infrastructure funds, election of President and the Secretary of the Association. President told Secretary to read out the proposal to the AGM to have their approval. Secretary read out the Proposal. i.e, The President, Secretary and Treasurer are principal office bearers. A member to be eligible for election to the post of President, Secretary and Treasurer of executive committee must have twenty years of service as an Male Officer/Fifteen years as a Female Officer or in the case of other rank members twenty two years of service as an airman/Fifteen years of service as an airwoman.

In addition, 13 Sub Committees were appointed covering all important areas handled by SLAFESA and introduced separate Infrastructure Development Fund and a Special Needs Fund with other amendments.

These proposals were approved by the 2/3 members of the AGM of raising their hands. No objections were received and it is decided to amend the existing constitution accordingly. This will be effective with effect from 18 October 2026.

12. APPOINTMENT OF A PROTEM CHAIRMAN

Next point was to appoint a Protem Chairman and the President requested Group Captain K,W,Kirinde (Retd)) to take the chair as Protem Chairman. The President requested the office bearers (Except the Secretary) to vacate the Head Table in view of electing the new office bearers for SLAFESA to the year 2025/2026. The Protem President stressed Rule no. 19 in the SLAFESA Constitution and said

that the Secretary shall read out the names of the nominations for Office bearer posts. The Secretary read the names of the new office bearers for the year 2025/2026 as their nominations were given to the AFESA office prior to the AGM as proposed and seconded by the members.

13. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Protem Chairman announced that only one nomination received for the President post. i.e. Air Vice Marshal Hemantha Soysa (Retd) and he requested the newly appointed President to take over the Post. The newly elected President announced to the AGM that there are two nominations submitted for the Treasurer post. One is from Mr. DMSL Dissanayake and another from Mr. ALA Jayalath. As no one wished to withdraw their nomination, it was decided to hold an election to select the Treasurer. The team of officers appointed by the SLAF Coordinator were conducted the election to select a Treasurer. Mr. DMSL Dissanayake obtained 173 votes and Mr. ALA Jayalath obtained 83 votes. Mr Dissnayake were chosen as the new Treasurer.

The President AVM Hemantha Soysa told the Newly elected Secretary to read out the new office bearers name list to the AGM. The Secretary read out the names of the following office bearers elected for the year 2025/2026

President	AVM Hemantha Soysa (Retd)
Vice President1	AVM Kithsiri Leelarathna (Retd)
Vice President 11	Air Cdre. Amal Wimalarathne (Retd)
Vice President 111	Mr. L.Y.Dayawansa
Secretary	Mr. H.D.K.Padmakantha
Asst. Secretary 1	Mr. J.A.P.Nishantha
Asst. Secretary 11	Mr KANH Kulathunga
Treasurer	Mr. DMSL Dissanayake
Committee Member	Wg.Cdr. Suresh Fernando (Retd)
Committee Member	Fg Off. W.G.Perera
Committee Member	Mr. RASK Ranawaka
Committee Member	Mrs. KMGK Wickramasinghe
Committee Member	Miss R Jayalatha Mendis
Committee Member	Mrs. MALA Jayathilka
Committee Member	Mr. Lasantha Jayawardene

The President congratulated the newly elected Office bearers and invited Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer and Chairman SSWF to occupy the Head Table.

14. ADDRESS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT

The newly elected President Air Vice Marshal Hemantha Soysa (Retd) addressing the AGM, thanked the previous President AVM Elmo Perera (Retd) and the Executive Committee for their commitments to uplift the Association. He paid his gratitude to the founder of the SLAF Ex-servicemen Association former Commander of the Air Force Air Chief Marshal Harry Goontilleke and former Director Administration Air Commodore GMU De Silva for the establishment of the Association. It was stated that the first President was a former Director Administration Group Captain DKS Weeraratna and the Secretary was Warrant Officer SOL Kulathunga. The Association was started with 75 members and

surged up to 6500 at the moment he said. He emphasized the AGM that he will do his best to the welfare of our beloved Air Force retired community. He thanked to the membership for electing him as the President of the Association.

15. UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHEME TO THE EX-SERVICEMEN'S CHILDREN

As requested by the President, the outgoing Secretary has been requested to brief the gathering on university entrance scheme to Ex-Servicemens' Children. He explained that the opportunity was opened to the Ex-Servicemen's children to enter into the Government Universities from quota allocated to the defense service by the University Grant Commission. He thanked to the Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Bandu Edirisinghe for extending his approval to apply the children of the ex-servicemen for university studies.

Master Chamod the son of Ex WO GS Shantha and Miss Sathsarani the daughter of Ex F/Sgt Pushpakumara were selected to the Sri Jayawardhanapura University to follow the Dental Degree for the year 2025. Both were enlisted to the Air Force until such time they complete their degree and will be enlisted into the officer cadre. Master Chamod made a speech and thanked the Commander of the Air Force and SLAF Ex-servicemen's Association for giving them a precious opportunity which she said was a dream to them.

16. ARRIVAL OF THE COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Approximately at 1200 hrs. the Base Commander of the SLAF Base Rathmalana Air Commodore Amitha Jayamaha arrived to the AGM representing the Patron, the Commander of the Air Force. The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary warmly welcomed the Chief Guest.

17. ADDRESSED BY THE CHIEF GUEST

The Chief Guest Air Commodore Amitha Jayamaha read out the message of Patron of AFESA. The Commander in his message said that he conveyed his best wishes to the SLAFESA and he will do every possible measure to uplift the welfare activities of the Ex-Servicemen Community.

18. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD PRESENTATION

President informed the gathering that the following members were honoured as Honorary Life members by the association on the recommendations of the outgoing President and Office Bearers, respecting their dedicated service to the Association. And invited Chief Guest Air Commodore Amitha Jayamaha to award the certificates. List as below;

L-2105 Mr Henry Fernando
L-2270 Mr. Jagath Vithana
L-1529 Mrs.HP Perera
L-2952 Mr. MCT Perera
L-1574 Mr. Llyed Fernando
L-3315 Mrs. Priyanganie Weerakoon

L-1414 Mrs. Sepali Gunawrdene
L-1989 Mr Jayarathna Banda
L-4345 Mrs. DMSS Kumari

19. SUGGESTIONS BY THE MEMBERS

As per the agenda President asked the members to comment on any suggestions for improvements of AFESA.

At this stage Mr Premasiri Liyanage said that one member has informed him that there are some possibilities to build a holiday home in Nuwara Eliya area with the support of local authorities. The President said that this has to be further evaluated commensuration with the present situation.

Mrs Rani Dikkubura requested that she be provided with some financial assistance to represent the overseas Veteran's athletic games. President explained that there is no provision in the constitution and would look forward for assistance from well-wishes in future.

Mr WMA Senarthgoda said that the servicemen who discharged after completion of 12 years of service are not giving any facilities from the Air Force. President informed that his request will be taken up with the AFHQ.

Member Mr Silva said that he was ill treated at the AFESA office over some issues. President whilst apologizing for his inconveniences said that he will take necessary action to stop that kind of actions in future.

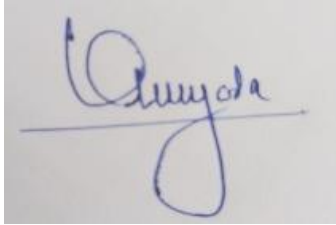
The Theme Song of SLAFESA was composed by Ex.WO Navarathna and he briefed the meaning. The same was proposed by Mr.Dayawansa and seconded by Mr.Sarathkumara at the AGM and approved with the majority votes of members to proceed.

20. VOTE OF THANK BY THE OUTGOING SECRETARY

The outgoing Secretary Mr Sarath Kumara delivered the Vote of thanks. He thanked the Commander of the Air Force Air Marshal Bandu Edirisinghe for providing all assistance to hold this event in a very successful manner. He also thanked Director General Administration, Air vice Marshal VTS Sirimanna for his kind assistance provided to the administrative support to the SLAF Ex Servicemen's Association. He thanked Air Cdre Suresh Jayasinghe for coordinating the matters with the AFHQ. The Secretary also thanked the Transport Coordinators, OMTs and the senior passengers for their commitments to arrange the transport from various locations to the venue at the right time. He also thanks the Eagle Lakeside Banquet Hall Management, the SLAF Base Rathmalana for the Bar facilities, IT and communication facilities provided for the AGM. The Secretary further thanked AVM Lalith Jayaweera the DGHS for providing medical facilities to the Ex-servicemen's/Ex-Servicewomen's at the SLAF medical centers. The Secretary thanked AVM Elmo Perera (Retd) for his guidance, and leadership. He thanked all Exco Members for their untiring efforts and contributions to make the AGM a great success.

21. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE AGM**

As there was no other business, AGM was adjourned by the President and he requested the membership to join with the fellowship and the lunch.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'HDK Pathmakantha', written over a horizontal line.

HDK Pathmakantha

Hony. Secretary

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