



Annual Report

2010



Mercantile Badminton Association

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As the President it gives me great pleasure to place before you the Annual Report of the Mercantile Badminton Association for the administrative year 2010.

The MBA has had a successful year in which our regular activities were carried out in addition to a new event. At the out set, I wish to thank the Office Bearers and Committee Members for their cooperation and valuable time for the activities of the MBA.

THE Office Bearers for the year - 2010

Mr. Sumith Guruge	- President
Mr. Princely Cooke	- Vice President
Mr. Roshan Fernando	- Vice President
Mr. Pradeep Silva	- Vice President
Mr. Clarence Homer	- Vice President
Mr. Tissa Nanayakkara	- Vice President
Mr. Christo Gonawela	- Secretary
Ms. Shiranthi Maddegoda	- Treasurer
Mr. Ravi Jayasekara	- Asst: Secretary
Mr. Dinesh Jayalath	- Asst: Treasurer
Mr. Pushpika Maganaarachchi	- Tournament Secretary

During the year under review, we had 10 General Committee Meetings at which attendance was not very satisfactory. I sincerely request all those who are appointed to the committee to attend meetings regularly.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Mercantile Badminton Association increased to 134 in number at year end from 118 at the beginning of the year a net increase of 16 members.

AFFILIATION

The Mercantile Badminton Association continues to be an affiliate of the Sri Lanka Badminton Association and was one of the most active affiliates with an established program of activities and regular council meetings.

SPONSORSHIPS

Arising from the difficult business environment obtaining sponsorships to fund the various activities was an extremely difficult task and towards this end Past President Mr. Gamini Jayasuriya was helpful in negotiating the sponsorship with CIC (AkzoNobel).

Our deep appreciation is due to the following sponsors who supported the MBA with sponsorships during the year under review.

- (1) CIC (AkzoNobel) Paints - Rs. 600,000
- (2) DSI - Rs. 350,000
- (3) Nation Trust Bank - Rs. 100,000
- (4) Sumith Guruge - Rs. 100,000
- (5) E-Wis - Rs. 50,000
- (6) Mclarens - Rs. 50,000
- (7) Ashaki Holdings - Rs. 50,000
- (8) Yonex Sunrise - Shuttles at 50% Discount

FINANCES

The MBA commenced the year under review with a bank balance of Rs. 1,865,756/- Keeping in line with the MBA General Council decision a sum of Rs. 1,472,357/- was transferred to the Mercantile Badminton Trust, depleting all available reserves of funds. However, due to the substantial sponsorships and prudent financial management we were able to carry out all our activities and post a healthy financial status as you would observe.

ACTIVITIES

During the year under review the MBA conducted its traditional tournaments with the inclusion of a novel event in that of the MBA Average Age doubles championships.

(1) MBA Novices Badminton Championship.

The championship was held from 20th to 24th May at the Royal College Sports Complex. Members from 43 companies participated at this championship.

(2) MBA Average Age Doubles championship

This novel event was introduced for the 1st time in the MBA history. The event provided an opportunity for players of different age categories to combine and actively participate at this event. The event was received enthusiastically by the general membership.

The championship was held from 11th to 15th July at the Royal College Sports Complex. Players from 38 companies participated at this championship.

(3) MBA Individual championship

The championship was held from 21th to 26th September at the St. Thomas College Sports Complex Mount Lavinia. Members of 37 companies participated at this championship.

(4) MBA Inter-firm championship

The championship was held from 27th to 30th November & 1st to 5th December at the St. Thomas College Sports Complex Mount Lavinia. Over 800 players in 147 teams from 45 companies participated at this championship which turned out to be one of the biggest tournaments conducted in the history of the MBA.

MERCANTILE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION TRUST FUND

The MBA trust continued its efforts in fulfilling a dream of the MBA to have its own stadium and office. During the year under review the MBA trust has entered in to a MOU with CR & FC for the construction of a five court stadium and office for the MBA on land allocated adjoining the CR & FC grounds. Preliminary work is in the process for the construction program and construction should commence in the near future.

PLANS FOR 2011

1. Conduct four MBA tournaments in a very professional manner.
2. Find separate sponsors for the above tournaments.
3. At least conduct one sector tournament thereby increasing the MBA membership.
E.g.: Sri Lankan Freight Forwarders Association. SLFFA current membership is over 100.
4. Work with MBT to complete the stadium project within the year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

The AGM 2010 is scheduled for 29th December 2010 at the Colombo Swimming Club.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I wish to place on record my appreciation and thanks to Mr. Roshan Fernando the Chairman and members of the tournament committee, to Ms. Shiranthi Maddegoda our Treasurer, to Mr. Christo Gonawela our Secretary for their exceptional contribution in carrying out the various activities of the MBA and all member firms who regularly attended General Committee Meetings, all members who actively participated at the various tournaments and last but not least to all the players who took part in our tournaments.

Sumith Guruge
President - MBA 2010