



AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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Patron: Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie, AO, DSC, CSM, Chief of Army

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION INC
HELD ON THE 23rd OCTOBER 2010
AT 3 BURKITT STREET , PAGE ACT

1. WELCOME

The President opened the AGM at 1400 Hrs and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL

Attending.

Frank Poole
Ken Gillespie
Lucas McGann
Owen Reynolds
Craig Malcolm
Jock McWhinney
Russell Evans
Frank Maloney
Harry Cole
Ian Morris
Ray Wilson
Graham Chinner
Jeff Heron

3. APOLOGIES

Gary Sargent	Alan Black
Geoff Hawker	Gary Luscombe
Dennis Anspach	John George
Alan Moore	Mike Muirhead
Ron Madigan	Bob Cousins
Michael O'Donnell	Terry Corcoran
Bill Merton	David Young
Michael Farrer	Paul Martin Jones
Jim Hislop	Greg Mulcahy
Jack Westernhagen	Geoff Martin

4. PROXIES

Geoff Hawker, John George, Mike Muirhead, Michael O'Donnell, Bill Merton, David Young and Geoff Martin all nominated the President Frank Poole.
The constitution allows for only 5 proxy votes per person.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM

Moved that the minutes of the 2009 AGM as posted on the AAAA Inc website be accepted .

Moved Craig Malcolm Second Owen Reynolds Carried

6. REPORTS

All reports listed below were accepted as presented and are attached.

President's Report	Mov. Craig Malcolm	Sec. Lucas Mcgann
Secretary's Report	Mov. Jock McWhinney	Sec. Harry Cole
Treasurer's Report	Mov. Jeff Heron	Sec. Ray Wilson
Auditor's Report	Mov. Jeff Heron	Sec. Ray Wilson
Memb. Sec. Report	Mov. Jock McWhinney	Sec. Harry Cole
Heritage Officer's Report	Mov. Graham Chinner	Sec. Harry Cole
Event Man. Report	Mov. Ray Wilson	Sec. Jeff Heron
SPAASSM	Mov. Frank Maloney	Sec. Graham Chinner
Webmaster Report	Mov. Craig Malcolm	Sec. Russell Evans

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

President's Report.

Discussion on the need for Regional Reps to conduct regional get togethers on a regular basis and the need for a structure to be put in place for this to occur. This follows the success of the success of the Canberra Apprentice lunches held at regular intervals.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer stated that there were a number of deposit transactions – cheques being sent to the Association – without necessary forms to identify their purpose i.e subscriptions, donations etc. He urged those in attendance to complete forms and send with any monies.

The Treasurer also noted that that the income for the upcoming year 2010/11 would need to take into account that some of the membership have paid for multi year subscriptions and this would have to be allowed for in any income budgeting.

Heritage Officer

Frank Poole spoke of his concerns for Geoff Martin's welfare and the welfare of ex apprentices in the same position and asked for compassion from the membership for all those in this situation.

Frank Poole has organised Barry Teal to help Geoff Martin in his pursuits as heritage officer and Barry has agreed to this.

7. MOTIONS

'That the Army Apprentice Prayer as accepted by the AAAA Inc Committee Meeting in April 2010 be so included in the Constitution of the AAAA Inc forwith'

Moved: Frank Maloney Second _Frank Poole_____ Carried

‘That the AAAA Inc approach the Federal Government with the view to creating a service medal for all ex Army Apprentices in recognition of their service to the Australian Armed Services and on the basis that the Army Apprentice played an important part in Australian Military History’

Moved: Carl Bray Second: Harry Cole

A discussion on the motion centred on the genuine need for such a medal and the need to include apprentices from the R.A.N and R.A.A.F

The motion was amended to include the apprentices from the R.A.N and R.A.A.F

Moved: Harry Cole Second: Russell Evans

Motion lost 7 against, 2 for and 2 abstain.

‘That considering the workload of the position, its importance to the membership of the AAAA Inc and the fiscal responsibilities, the position of Events Manager be included on the Management Sub-Committee of the Association,

Moved: Frank Poole Second: Frank Maloney Carried

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Vice President Jack Westernhagen

Mov. Frank Poole Sec. Lucas McGann Elected unopposed

Membership Secretary Craig Malcolm

Elected unopposed

Welfare Officer Russell Evans

Elected unopposed

General Committee Members

1. Jeff Heron
2. Michael Farrer
3. Barry Teal (Filled out of session by Management Sub-committee as a casual vacancy)

Public Officer Ray Wilson

Elected unopposed

Auditor To be advertised in the next ‘Apprentice about publication’

9. ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF OF ARMY.

Our Patron, LtGen Ken Gillespie, addressed the meeting and expressed his disappointment that the Association had included a link to a petition purporting to

support the 1 Cdo soldiers facing courts martial. He explained the background to this issue, the factual situation and the misinformation that had been circulated by the media.

The President thanked LtGen Gillespie for attending the AGM and for enlightening those present on the true situation and apologised for any embarrassment the link appearing on the Association web site may have caused. The meeting immediately and unanimously moved to have the link removed from the Association web site

10. MEETING CLOSED

The president thanked all those who attended again and closed the meeting at 1640 Hrs.



Webmaster Report

AGM 2010

Progress

A small data collection application was written for the Benzene Project. Initial responses to the survey were inconclusive with only a small number of replies. The Project Manger is currently reviewing the status of the project and planning a different strategy.

Wally Rotow's AAS Membership list has been posted on the website and hundreds of corrections have been applied to the "Apprentice Intake Listings" and the "Vale Listings". Thanks to Wally's efforts we now have a much improved record of AAS entrants and graduates.

Jef Heron (21st Rad. Mech) was appointed as the Forum Moderator and has cleaned up a lot of the obsolete posts. There has been a slight increase in Forum activity which is encouraging as use of the Forum can give members much more involvement with the Association and contact with other members.

A "What's New" item has been placed on the Home Page to publicise new announcements and changes.

Next period

The three main activities will be

- Publishing the Project SPAASSM material;
- Site Maintenance and
- Re-design of the whole website.

Ian Morris
Webmaster
17-10-2010

Heritage Officers report to the to the Annual General Meeting

Canberra 23 October 2010

1. TREE PLAQUES TO BE MOVED FROM LATCHFORD BARRACKS

Our President spoken to the officer in charge of problem of the trees which have died on the avenue at Latchford Memorial Grove Barracks at RAEME Training Centre Bandana. Following from our last meeting Executive meeting, and the tree plaques at the Training Centre at Latchford Memorial Grove will remain there.

2. Plaques for Balcombe Oval

President Frank Poole proposed that we have a committee to look into the possibility of having Plaques for the four Military schools that were at Balcombe from the early 1940s, The School of Signals, and Army Apprentices. School of Survey and the School of Music. I was given the role of Coordinator.

I contacted the Association of the RA Signals, the Army Survey Association and the Army Association of Music. They all were keen to been if have a Plaque at the Balcombe gates. President Frank spoke to the Mornington Peninsulas Shire

The matter of the 4 Associations that had Schools at Balcombe for around 30 years has now been completed. Our Patron Lt Gen K. Gillespie, received document from the Army History Unit showing that many units have been in the area of Mornington and Mount Martha since before Federation. This document has been sent to our President.

We agreed that we could not place plaques on the walls as they are already dedicated to the 1st US Marines Div. We were also shown around other areas where the 1st US Marines Div had additional plaques.

Since then President Frank has written a formal document outlining the roles of the various members to enable this project to move on.

Chairman is Frank Poole

My role of coordinator reporting to President

The following are responsible to me:-

The Secretary. (I would like to thank Vice President Jack Westernhagen who has filled in this role as the Secretary has been sick)

Researchers mainly non service personal living in the Mornington and Mount Martha area.

Currently we have 7 researching but we need more for contacts and gathering history of the various units.

3. BALCOMBE OVAL Update MEETING AT MORNIGTON FRIDAY 2ND JULY 2010 1100Hrs.

Vice President Jack Westernhagen and I met with 4 of the researchers at the Mornington council chambers. Diana White the Chairperson of the Mornington History group as one of our local researchers showed us to the foreshore park, where we saw a large panel 2M high & 1M wide which was light color and displayed a history of Mornington. These panels are made of steel and are anti-graffiti and we all agreed they would be very suitable for our project .The cost is about the same as the bronzes plaque and more information can be displayed on each panel.

4. Up to date we have had 3 meetings including the first, that President Frank spoke to a large group at the Balcombe Gates at Mornington, which included representatives of the 3 other Associations that had schools that had been at Balcombe

5. After our AGM in Canberra in October Simon Lloyd from the Mornington Council Shire has asked me if I could arrange a meeting on Monday 25 October at 1100hrs at Mornington, with the council 2 senior officer who are responsible for the oval. At this meeting we will be looking at where the space will be allotted by the council at the Balcombe Oval. We have the 4 Schools Panels and then there is the space for the History of the older Military panels and we don't how many will be needed for them. I have given President Frank a DVA Grant document for History of 2 War units that may get dollars to cover panels for that area of the Balcombe & Mount Martha.

Geoff Martin
Heritage Officer



6.

The Panels with Photograph and story is expecting cost about \$1000 or \$1200 about the cost of the bronze Plaque we were working to the wall mounting.

Project SPAASSM Report

AGM 2010

Progress

Another major milestone was reached during the year with the completion of Phase 3 of the project. This involved the inspection, cataloguing and archival storage of all the printed material (books, pamphlets, journals, documents etc) that had been digitised in Phase 1.

All photos, slides and printed material have now been processed. The digital images are stored in the software catalogue, "AAAA Inc Historical Collection", which is a Microsoft ACCESS database.

On 3/5/10 a function was held at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) to mark the end of the cataloguing Phase of the project. The purpose of this function was to thank the AWM staff, Project SPAASSM Team members and the Army Museum for their support. The function was well attended and included VIP guests Lt Gen Ken Gillespie AO, DSC, CSM and Maj Gen Steve Gower AO. All project SPAASSM material was removed from the AWM and returned to the Army Museum Bandiana on 7/8/10.

The Year Ahead

The two main activities planned for the year ahead are publication on the Website of the digital images and processing of the video material. This will complete the project.

Ian Morris
SPAASSM Project Manger
17-10-2010

AGM 2010 Secretary's Report

My first year as Secretary of the AAAA Inc proved to be a challenge, trying to juggle work commitments, family duties and the tasks of the Secretary's job. The reason for my involvement dates back to the successful reunion in 2008 and an email I responded to from our President at about this time last year when he asked for members to become involved. My intention was to 'just help out' if possible.

I quickly found the Association was much more than a 'social club' with a number of initiatives on the go and more being initiated. While not all these activities affect everyone there is something for every member.

One of the more pleasurable duties of the job is helping ex-appies in any way they need it, if it is at all possible, from directing enquiries to finding old mates.

In my view, albeit from only one year on the committee, the driving force behind the Association's success to date is our President Frank Poole. The energy and enthusiasm he brings to the Association is to be admired and a benchmark for us all. I would personally like to thank Frank for his support and guidance he has given me this year.

Thanks also to my computer tutor Craig Malcolm, while I have a long way to go I am way ahead of where I was. Congratulations also to Craig for his part in successfully lifting membership to 500 plus members.

I look forward to the upcoming year and all things permitting being involved for some time to come.

Lucas McGann

Secretary AAAA Inc