



AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE SERGEANTS
ON
24 MAY 2007

Present:

Frank Poole
Stephen Hladio
Ian Morris
Ray Wilson
Greg Mulcahy
Jeff Heron
Bill Mertin
Brian Cooper
Peter Thornton

Apologies:

Jack Westernhagen
Les Sutton
Russell Evans
Frank Maloney
Chris Moon
Glen Jones
Tim Wilde
Edward Carpenter
Jim Van Reyk
Shane Stevenson
Ian Pullen
Graeme Horne
Matt Bouma
Gary Deaton
Mick Koerber
Gib Owen

1. The President opened the meeting at 1500 hrs and asked that the thanks of the President and Committee be passed to the RSM WO1 Robert Aboud.
2. Welcome and roll call.

3. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes accepted as read

Moved: Stephen Hladio

Seconded: Ray Wilson

Carried

4. Correspondence. Nil

5. Reports by Committee Members:

- a. President The Presidents report is at attachment 1.

Report accepted.

Moved: Frank Poole

Seconded: Bill Mertin

Carried

- b. Secretary Nothing to Report

- c. Treasurer: The financial report is Attachment 2.

Report accepted as read.

Moved: Ray Wilson

Seconded: Greg Mulcahy

Carried

- (1) Business arising. The Committee authorised the payment of the expenditure as detailed in the report.

- d. Public Officer Report: Nothing to report.

- e. Social Officer Report: Nothing to report.

- f. Heritage Officer: Report is Attachment 3.

Report accepted as read.

Moved: Frank Poole

Seconded: Greg Mulcahy

Carried

- g. Promotions Officer: Report is Attachment 4.

Report accepted as read.

Moved: Frank Poole

Seconded: Jeff Heron

Carried

- h. Regional Reps Report:
- (1) SE QLD report is Attachment 5.
- Report accepted as read.
- Moved: Frank Poole
Seconded: Jeff Heron
Carried
- (2) WA Reps Report. Explained the difficulty of getting the information about to local ex Apprentices due to the lack of data and information on these members and in particular their addresses.
- Report accepted as read.
- Moved: Frank Poole
Seconded: Jeff Heron
Carried
- i. Vice President: No report.
6. General Business:
- a. Memorial discussion. Due to advice being received that Latchford Barracks may, in the future, be sold off or be potentially inaccessible, it was considered that the construction of the Memorial in this location may be unfeasible. The President suggested that more consideration be given to the memorial being raised in the location of the Memorial Garden near the Army Museum at Bandiana.
- b. Rewrite of constitution. The President advised that Greg Mulcahy had undertaken the task of rewriting the constitution so as to make it a more relevant to the association. Greg advised that he would endeavour to have the rewrite completed in time so that the constitution, as amended, can be advised to the members in the required timelines.
- c. The digitising of images from the Museum (PROJECT SPAASSM).
- d. Report by Peter Thornton is Attachment 5.
- e. Discussion: Peter discussed the potential, with approval of the AWM, for an open day at the AWM to advertise the Project and to raise interest in Association. He also suggested hat support of the VCDF (Patron) would aid in getting positive media response. The President made comment that this would be a suitable activity to include with the AGM.
- f. Funding: The Treasurer moved that an amount of \$500.00 be approved for the ongoing expenditure in support of the SPAASSM Project.
- Moved: Ray Wilson
Seconded: Bill Mertin
Carried

- g. The President moved a vote of thanks for Peter Thornton, Bill Mertin, Ian Wilson and Chris Moon for their work up to and including this date.

Moved: Frank Poole
 Seconded: Stephen Hladio
Carried

- h. Social Activities:

- (1) Fishing Competition. Due to the lack of response the fishing competition will be removed as an activity. With the time spent in organising this event, it was disappointing to have to now cancel. The Committee would have to look carefully on the format of future Association social activities.

- i. Promotion and PR

- (1) Discussion of Promotions and PR Officers Report
- (2) Progress on brochure and CD
- (3) Use of web page
- (4) Motions to agree promotion initiatives.

- j. AGM

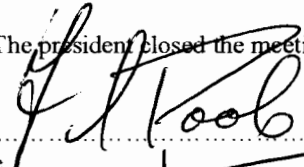
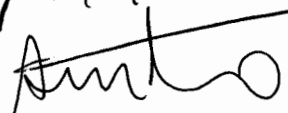
- (1) Saturday 25 August 2007. 1130 h Arrive. 1200 h BBQ Lunch. 1300 h AGM. 1500 h Close. 1900h Dinner (location TBA)
- (2) Location: Secretary to investigate locations including the RMC Sergeants Mess.
- (3) Agenda: Nominations will be called for the positions becoming vacant. The Secretary to raise a letter for the members whose positions are to become vacant.

- k. Membership:

- (1) The committee discussed the current process of managing the membership applications and it was decided that there was an amount of double handling that could be alleviated. The President is to discuss the issue with the Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and the Secretary with a view to rationalising the procedure by having the Treasurer receive applications and payment and send out the membership package with receipts. If the software currently used by Les is not suitable for the new procedures, then new membership software would be procured.

7. Next Committee Meeting is to be held in the Royal Military College Sergeants Mess, Duntroon on Wed 18 Jul 07.

8. The president closed the meeting at 1710 h.


 F. Poole _____ Date 29/6/07
 President

 S. Hladio _____ Date 4 Jul 07
 Secretary

Attachments:

1. Presidents Report
2. Treasurers Report.
3. Heritage Officers Report.
4. Public Officers Report.
5. SE QLD Rep Report and Enclosure 1 to the Report

Attachment 1 to
AAAA Assn Meeting 6
Dated 24 May 07

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AAAA INC COMMITTEE MEETING **OF 24 MAY 2007**

I have not been able to devote the time I would have liked to Association business this last quarter as I have been extremely busy with work, much of it being interstate or in remote regions.

Fishing Competition

The response to this initiative has been disappointing; with no takers. This initiative was an attempt to provide a national activity that all members and their families could participate in. It is very difficult to design a program crossing all states, intakes, ages, gender (note I did not say SEX), families etc and we believed that the fishing competition met these criteria.

However, it is obvious that it did not appeal to membership and consequently I shall be moving that it be withdrawn from the web site. One consolation is that I had not approached sponsors until I had a feel of numbers and breakdown by States.

Apprentice Memorial

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided that the Association should investigate the construction and dedication of a memorial to Army Apprentices. A site in Latchford Barracks was selected as appropriate. Following consultations with local authorities I have determined that Latchford is about to be secured by a man proof fence and access to the site restricted and that the area may well be sold in the not too distant future. It has been suggested that it may be more appropriate to look at the memorial park opposite the Army Museum, which has a number of corps memorials already in place, is secure from "takeover" and is looked after by the Army Museum. I intend to propose that we should look at a memorial in this park rather than Latchford.

Membership

Our membership has not grown as fast as I had hoped, despite efforts by regional reps, committee members and Frank Maloney, our Promotions Officer. However, it continues to increase but it appears that Les is having difficulties keeping up with the administration of membership. I am concerned that we have not put in place a more robust membership system that would assist Les and ensure that records are maintained and are able to be transferred easily if the Membership Secretary changes. This will be discussed in General Business

Welfare

Russell has been busy this quarter with a number of deaths of Apprentices. He has sent cards and contacted next of kin to convey our condolences and ensure they are aware of their entitlements. In most cases it has been well looked after by the RSL.

SPASSM

Peter and his small gang have been doing a tremendous job and have now deposited images, albums and film with the AWM from Bandiana. The support of the AWM has been considerable and most welcome. Peter deserves a vote of thanks for his dedication and effort and I look forward to his report and suggestions on the way ahead.

Web Page

As always, Rod has been busy maintaining the web site, which grows daily. I would particularly like to thank him for the prompt replies to my queries and to those from the committee and members. The web site is probable our most valuable resource and all committee members should be fully aware of its composition.

The Annual General Meeting is due on 25 Aug and half the Committee are due for re-election. This matter will be further discussed in General Business.

Frank Poole
President AAAA Inc

Attachment 2 to
AUSA's Meeting 6
Dated 24 May 07

Australian Army Apprentices Association (Inc)

Treasurers Report for period 1 Jul 2006 to 24 May 2007

Income

Start up memberships	125-00	
Received membership applications	5215-00	
Donations	165-00	
10th Intake Reunion	725-00	\$6230-00

Expenditure

Lega Pty Ltd for lapel badges	1201-20	
Advance to membership secretary (postage costs)	200-00	
Patria Printers for printing of brochures	491-00	
Australia Post for PO Box hire	115-00	
10th Intake Reunion	500-00	
Magnetic Memories for car stickers	280-00	
Hosting Shop for Website hosting	125-00	
SPAASSM Reimbursement	139-47	
Bank Charges	37-80	\$3089-47

Cash in Bank

\$3140-53

Outstanding liabilities

Refund of start up memberships	125-00	
Refund for start up lunch	96-00	
Refund for initial PO Box hire	59-50	
Refund for purchase of rubber stamp	32-70	
10th Intake Monies	225-00	\$538-20

Balance

\$2602-33

Attachment 3 to
AWM Meeting
Dated 24 May 07

Hladio, Stephen WO1

From: Moon, Chris WO1
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2007 10:17
To: Frank Poole; Hladio, Stephen WO1
Subject: Committee Meeting - 24 May 07 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Attachments: Heritage Register.xls

Frank,

The purpose of this email is to convey my apologies as I will not be able to attend the Committee Meeting programmed for Thu 24 May.
I've just been given a short notice assignment to go to Darwin this week 22-25 May, conducting project business.

Heritage Officer Report:

I think a warm and formal thanks is in order for Peter Thornton, for the work that he has put into the SPAASSM project. He's been doing a great job, especially considering his medical condition.
I believe Peter will be at the meeting and so I will not steal his thunder and report on the progress of the project, I'll leave it up to him.
Suffice to say the that the association has taken delivery of a vast collection of Apprentice photographs etc that is now stored at the AWM.
The collection requires surveying which needs many hands. I recommend that the committee make a strong request for any members in the region to assist with this survey, otherwise it could take months (years), and I then wonder how patient the AWM will be with the 20 odd boxes taking up their storage space.

I was intending to discuss the situation/issues with Balcombe gates (not urgent), but I'll leave that for another meeting.

I've attached the first draft of a Heritage Register I started to develop. As more details come to hand I can see us moving to an access data base or the like.

Regards, Chris

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Heritage
Register.xls (25 KB)

Attachment 4 to
AUSA Meeting, 6
Dated 24 May 07

Hladio, Stephen WO1

Subject: FW: Committee Meeting this Thursday 24 Jul 2007.

Gentlemen,

Like other Committee members from the far flung regions of the nation I am also unable to attend to attend the meeting on Thurs 24 Jul 07 and I give my proxy to the President.

I have followed up on as many apprentice networks that I have been able to find, encouraging membership. I'm not sure of the success rate and I note that the listing on the site reflects numbers as at Feb of this year so I hope we have had a lot more applications since then.

RAE and RA Sigs don't appear to have Corps Associations which is surprising and thus I have made only little headway with those Corps members. RAEME has active state Associations in addition to some unit Assns, and they have been canvassed re the AAAA. Its good to see that they now have links to the AAAA site. The AABC also has a link to our website.

Other mediums that are promoting AAAA are the VetAffairs and the Army Newspapers, the latter being a paid advertisement at mates rates, hopefully no more than about \$ 100. The invoice will come to me in due course.

Ian Morris sent me heaps of the flyer handouts and they are really good. Anzac Day in Brisbane saw about 80 flyers distributed and at the recent Coral / Balmoral Day at Sherwood RSL, about 20 were received by interested attendees. Both days provided an excellent opportunity to spread the "word", interest & responses were good but to what extent that has contributed to membership I don't know.

Brian Daley is conducting the annual AAS gathering at Bulimba again this year. Brian, and his hardworking wife Barbara, have made this in to a very successful annual event and be assured that the AAAA will be prominent this year, with application forms readily available. As people don't carry cheques any more, how would you feel about we get the forms filled in and signed on the day, we then send a bill and forward all to membership after we have received payment. I will undertake to do this so it doesn't put an extra load on anyone else, and I can keep track of it. This way we get the commitment on the spot.

Now to the most important website. Firstly the webmaster is to be congratulated on its design and maintenance, and secondly, the site is the AAAA, and that's where I direct all my recruits. The site is the second contact for most and it only gets favorable comments as far as I have heard. To that end we must do all we can to enrich it's appeal to our members, and for enticing new recruits.

I hope the Thursday meeting is both productive and enjoyable for those attending.

with kind regards,

Frank Maloney

27/06/2007

Attachment 5 to
ATA Assn Meeting 6
Dated 24 May 07

Hladio, Stephen WO1

Subject: FW: Committee Meeting this Thursday.

Attachments: Appy reunion invite2007.doc

Report: Brian Daley - South East Qld. rep.

The Annual Reunion for this area is going ahead full steam for what looks like a better attendance than any other year, and a great opportunity to promote our Association.

Attached is our invite for those who have not already seen it. Due to benefits of email it gets out to more and more members all the time.

I will liaise with Frank Maloney to ensure that all members on the day are aware of our Assn. and we will organise to have facilities available for people to join.

Have a great meeting and if you are doing nothing on the Sunday of the long weekend (Queens Birthday) Sunday 10th June, I would love to see you there.

Regards,

Brian Daley - 14th MV

Enclosure: Reunion Invite

enclosure to attachment 5

Army Apprentices School



Annual Reunion

South East Queensland



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- DATE:** Sunday, 10th June 2007
(Queens birthday w/end)
- VENUE:** Bulimba Barracks
Quarry club
The old OFFR's/SGTS MESS (on the river)
Apollo Road
BULIMBA. BRISBANE
- TIME:** 1100 – 1730
- DRESS:** Casual
- CATERING:** There will be a "Sausage Sizzle" at lunch and dinner but feel free to bring your own. There is a large outdoor barbecue available for use. Drinks will be available at the bar.

The reunion is open to Ex-Apprentice's, their families, ex-members of staff any other personnel who were associated with Apprentice's and wish to renew old friendships.

If you know of any Ex-Apprentice's who may not be aware of the reunion taking place could you please make an effort to pass this information on, also if you have access to any means of advertising the reunion please feel free to do just that.

RSVP TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

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