



THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION Inc.

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE AAAA INC HELD AT BANDIANNA
ON THE 30TH JULY 2011**

MEETING OPENED 1.20pm

ATTENDING

Barry Teal, Lucas McGann, Neil Bennett, Frank Poole , Frank Maloney, Ian Morris, Gary Byard, Jeff Heron, Jim Hislop, Owen Reynolds, Jack Westernhagen

APOLOGIES

Craig Malcolm, Ray Wilson, Geoff Martin, Jock McWhinney, David Young

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The President, Barry Teal, opened the meeting with a short discussion regarding the proposed content of the meeting. Two items would be requiring some attention – the ‘updating’ of the Constitution and the Association’s finances.

Unfortunately as an up to date financial report was not available as the financial records were in the possession of the Association’s Auditor, the extended discussion of the finances would not take place at this meeting.

In regard to the updating of the Constitution Frank Maloney suggested we accept the changes proposed by Jeff Heron in his document circulated to the committee by email on the 7th August 2011. This was accepted by the committee and decided that the changes would be put to the AGM with the outgoing Committee’s recommendation.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Moved Ian Morris Sec. Jim Hislop

CORRESPONDENCE

In

- Letter from Jane Haynes thanking the Association
- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council – re \$2,000.00 grant for the Balcombe Military Heritage (BMH) fund
- Minister for Veterans Affairs – re \$10,000.00 grant
- RAEME – re the KIA Memorial

Out

- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council – re BMH fund
- Geoff Martin
- Paul Martin Jones

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT

Report attached.

The President presented Frank Maloney with a sports bag with the Association's new badge embroidered on it. The new badge has been widely accepted and praised by committee members and those outside the committee who seen it.

The President spoke regarding the need of the Association membership to be more evenly represented of all inyakes of apprentices and perhaps the opening up of membership to Army tradesmen and women to aid in the longevity of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds balance of approximately \$52,000.00 made up of \$10,000.00 in a term deposit, approximately \$18,000.00 of funds received for the Association Reunion and the remaining approximately \$24,000.00 in general account.

Motion

That the Treasurer destroy private and confidential documents and information relating to members information that is not necessary in keeping essential and correct financial records.

Moved Gary Byard Sec. Ian Morris Carried

MEMORABILIA & MERCHANDISE REPORT

Jack Westernhagen tabled a document which listed memorabilia items, suppliers and quotes. Jack also stated he frustrated at not being able to get assistance in designing Certificates of Appreciation and Life Membership and Certificate to present the Patron.

Jack presented to Jim Hislop a framed copy of the Balcombe Beavers Baseball team for display in the Apprentice section of the Army Museum at Bandianna.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Report attached

Ian Morris noted that the 'Membership Data Base' had been shelved and suggested that any development of this in the future to be done through the website.

WEBMASTER & SPAASSM REPORT

Report attached

Material for project SPAASSM has been placed in storage.

Jeff heron reported that the Forum page on the website had been 'tidied up' to streamline it and that it was not used a lot by members.

MEMORIAL SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Report attached

Frank Poole stated he would delay a motion regarding Memorial expenditure because funds were needed for maintenance of the Memorial. The gates are showing signs of rust.

Frank suggested that future budgeting for the Memorial include a maintenance allowance..

Motion

Jim Hislop volunteered to undertake preventative maintenance in his own time and organise a quote to repair the gates and was authorized to spend up to \$1,000.00 of AAAA inc funds for immediate repairs.

If additional funds are to be required then Jim would report back to the committee for authorization

Moved Gary Byard Sec. Lucas McGann Carried

BENZENE PROJECT

A short discussion on the status of the benzene project decided to put the following motion forward.

Motion

Declare that the Benzene project has been sufficiently investigated and has not reached any plausible conclusion and not be continued.

Moved Frank Maloney Sec. Jim Hislop Carried

REGIONAL REPORTS

The annual South East Queensland reunion of apprentices to be formally recognized and authorized as an official function of the AAAA Inc and therefore be protected under the AAAA Inc public liability policy.

Tasmanian rep Gary Byard is in the process of organizing a get together of 13 apprentices for late 2011.

North Victorian rep Jim Hislop is planning a get together of some 40 apprentices in the area for later in the year.

ACT rep Frank Poole will attend the Patron's send off from the Army dinner and organise a lunch in Septemeber for those able to attend in the ACT.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Due to incumbent Secretary Lucas McGann holding 2 x positions on the committee, the other being Vice President, Neil Bennett has volunteered his services to take the role of Association Secretary effective immediately and Lucas McGann would stand down as Secretary. There was no other nominations and Lucas McGann was happy to relinquish the role of Secretary. Neil was congratulated.
- Barry Teal expanded on the correspondence received in relation to the Balcombe gates and stated we had received support from the MPSC and local groups.
- Apprentices Together 2011. * To date there had been 117 registrations. * Frank Maloney explained that AWM annexe tour was fully booked and the need for intake reps.
- Barry Teal promoted the idea of having the VIP table to be made up of The Patrons – retiring and new, Association representatives and up to 4 x current trade trainees and stated that both Lt Gen Gillespie and Brig David Luhrs were supportive and enthusiastic about the proposal. After some discussion of the proposal the idea was dismissed.
- New badge. The adoption for use use and display of the new badge was put to the committee in the motion moved by Frank Poole and Seconded by Owen Reynolds and was unanimously accepted

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The President asked the committee to consider Life Membership for Frank Poole and Jack Westernhagen.

Jeff Heron explained the requirements of the Constitution for nomination of life members.

Motion

That Frank Poole and Jack Westerhagen be nominated for life membership of the Association and that this be put to the AGM with the committee's recommendation.

Moved Jim Hislop Sec. Gary Byard

NEXT MEETING TBA

MEETING CLOSED 5.45pm