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**12 FIELD REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION**  
(A Branch of the Royal Australian Artillery Association NSW Inc)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch on 12/11/14**

**MINUTES**

**1. Opening and Welcome:**

The meeting commenced at 1400hrs with President Graham Floyd as Chairman. The Ode was recited.

**2. In Attendance and Apologies:**

Seventeen members entitled to vote were present and the Chairman declared that a quorum had been achieved in accordance with the Rules. A list of attendees forms part of the record of this meeting. Apologies were noted from the following 9 members: Vince Dunn, Don Tait, Jim Holland, John Hahn, Terry Lee, Hugh Ritchie, Graham Rylands, Tony Marshall and Barry Twomey.

**3. Minutes of AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013:**

The Chairman advised that copies of the Minutes of the last AGM had previously been circulated to all members. He invited discussion and there being none, a motion to accept the Minutes was moved by John Ericsson and seconded by Neil Mangels. **The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

The Chairman then invited members to discuss any business arising from the Minutes. No matter was raised.

**4. Minutes of SGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.**

The Chairman noted that copies of the Minutes of the last SGM had previously been circulated to all members. He invited discussion and there being none, a motion to accept the Minutes was moved by John Beer and seconded by Laurie Bird. **The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

**5. President's Report:**

The Chairman noted that the President's Report 2013-14 had been previously circulated. He advised the meeting that comments in his report regarding his being required to stand down at this AGM no longer applied, and he would comment further on this when elections of office bearers was discussed later in the meeting. A motion to accept the President's Report was put by Robert Noonan and seconded by John Ericsson. **The motion to accept the President's Report was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report:**

The Chairman noted that the Treasurer's Report had previously been circulated to members, and invited discussion. There being no discussion, John Beer moved that the Financial Report be accepted and this was seconded by Laurie Bird. **The motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

## **7. Auditor's Report:**

The Treasurer advised the meeting that our honorary auditor of many years has resigned and therefore the accounts for the financial year just ended have not been audited. The Treasurer has now approached the auditor acting for the Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch to ask him to take on the role for our Association. The meeting agreed that this would be a good outcome and suggested he be presented with honorary membership and appropriate items of merchandise to recognise his acceptance of our request.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers:**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the two-year terms of all current committee members expired as of this meeting pursuant to Rule 17.4, and all committee positions were now vacant.

### **8.1 President:**

The Chairman explained that, after a review of the new Rules, it was agreed that they were not intended to be retrospective, therefore the current president is not yet required to stand down pursuant to Rule 17.6. Accordingly he offers himself for re-election. There being no other nominations received, Graham Floyd was then declared to be president for another term pursuant to Rule 18.4.

### **8.2 Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary:**

The Chairman noted that all three current holders of these positions have now offered themselves for re-election. There being no other nominations received, the Chairman declared the following as elected pursuant to Rule 18.4: Neil Mangels as Vice-President, John Beer as Treasurer, Trevor Bryant as Secretary.

### **8.3 Other Committee Members:**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that there was capacity for up to 10 ordinary committee members. The Secretary advised the meeting that no nominations had been received prior to the meeting but that all current committee members had offered themselves for re-election. The Chairman declared the following as newly re-elected pursuant to Rule 18.4: Laurie Bird, John Ericsson, Don Tait, Rob Costello, Hugh Ritchie, Tony Marshall.

**8.4** The President congratulated all committee members and thanked them for their ongoing support.

## **9. Other Business:**

### **9.1 Resignation of Co-Patron Ross Bland:**

The Chairman advised the meeting of the resignation of our esteemed co-Patron Ross Bland. Discussion followed with all present expressing their gratitude for the long and active service Ross has given over his seven years in the position. The Chairman advised that he had written a personal letter of thanks from the Association on behalf of the members.

It was also noted that Blue Ericsson has prepared a professional Certificate recognising Ross' contribution. This has been framed and will be presented to Ross at his home by Welfare Officer Rick Cranna. The meeting extended its thanks to Blue Ericsson for the work done to prepare the Certificate.

### **9.2 Stan Carbines' Book:**

The meeting was advised that the Association had received a donation from Stan Carbines from the proceeds of sale of his book. The meeting agreed that Stan's book was an excellent production and a good read, and thanked Stan for his donations.

**9.3 Involvement of Other Units:**

Rob Costello expressed his concerns that there appeared to be a lack of support for the Association from members of other units beside 102 Battery. He felt that this was particularly obvious in attendance at reunions. Vigorous discussion ensued. Most attendees felt that everything possible was being done to ensure the Association appealed to members of all units, and could not be responsible for “perceptions” among some members. At the end of the day, there are many units organising their own reunions and functions, and our members cannot attend everything.

**9.4 Jane Fonda Stickers:**

Dodger Noonan advised that he had a supply of Jane Fonda stickers which he could supply to any member who wanted them. The Secretary agreed to notify members in the next Info Bulletin.

**9.5 DVA Heart Health Course:**

Laurie Bird reminded the meeting that DVA provided a lot of assistance to vets in the area of health and recommended the course. Stan Carbines advised that he has attended these courses and finds them physically helpful, but also very beneficial mentally as a chance for a group of Vets to get together to share experiences and memories. Laurie agreed to provide updated information to the Secretary to enable him to remind members of this service via the Information Bulletin.

**9.6 Interstate Travel:**

Stan Carbines reminded the meeting that some attendees had travelled from interstate at their own expense just to attend the meeting. He asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded and the meeting agreed.

**10. Close:**

The meeting closed at 14:40hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record .....as approved at meeting of ...../...../.....

