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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 19/10/17**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Opening and Welcome:**

The meeting commenced at 1300hrs with President Don Tait as Chairman. The Ode was recited.

**2. In Attendance and Apologies:**

Thirteen members entitled to vote were present and the Chairman declared that a quorum had been achieved.

**Attendees were:** Don Tait, Graham Floyd, John Beer, Trevor Bryant, Larry D'Arcy, John Ericsson, Chris Coape-Smith, Robert Costello, Stan Carbines, Ross Bland, Ross Alexander, Robert Lowry, Robert Noonan.

Jim Jelich and Paul Raft representing the Association's auditors Austax, were in attendance and were welcomed by the Chairman.

Apologies were noted from the following members: Brian Burke, John Paskulich, Terry Lee, Jamie Ford, Rick Cranna, Ken Backhouse, Laurie Bird, Dave Thomas, Graham Rylands, Doug Arnold.

**3. Minutes of AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016:**

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 Graham Floyd.

**The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

**4. President's Report:**

The President presented his report for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

The Chairman invited discussion and members expressed their sadness at the inevitable need to wind up the Association.

A motion to accept the President's Report was put by John Beer and seconded by John Ericsson.

**The motion to accept the President's Report was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

The Chairman reminded members of the excellent foresight and work done by Rob Costello to establish the Association. Don Tait moved that the Minutes should reflect the significance of Robert's contribution, and this was seconded by Bob Lowry.

**The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

Bob Lowry spoke about the considerable effort and contributions of various committee members over the time that the Association has been in existence, and moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Don Tait.

**The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

**5. Treasurer’s Financial Report:**

The Chairman noted that the Treasurer’s Report had previously been circulated to members, and invited discussion. The Treasurer highlighted the fact that the figures showed a deficit for the year, and explained that this was mainly due to the costs of subsidising the reunion in May.

The Treasurer referred to the Auditors’ Report (previously circulated) and thanked the Association’s auditors for their considerable help and support. Don Tait moved a formal vote of thanks which was seconded by Stan Carbines. **The motion was carried unanimously on the show of hands.**

There being no further discussion, John Beer moved that the Financial Report be accepted and this was seconded by John Ericsson.

**The motion to accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

**6. Other Business:**

- The Life Membership granted to Graham Floyd at the previous AGM, was acknowledged by the presentation to him of a plaque, produced by John Ericsson.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Coral – activities for Canberra next year. Bob Lowry, who is the artillery representative on the DVA organising committee for the event, gave a description of the state of planning for this event especially as it related to the artillery units represented by our Association. Considerable discussion ensued.

**7. Election of Office Bearers:**

At this point (1325 hrs), the Chairman adjourned the AGM and convened the Special General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting resumed at 1331hrs.

Due to the fact that the SGM has passed a Motion to wind up the Association effective on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the current office bearers in the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and the current general committee members will all stay in their appointments until the wind up is affected. No elections or appointments will be necessary at this meeting.

At this point, Robert Noonan raised some queries about whether the Association’s records would be preserved after wind up.

The Secretary advised that the Australian Artillery Association has agreed to retain on their own website, a copy of all information on the Association’s website as at the date of wind up, as a static record for future historic and record purposes.

The Secretary also offered to continue to maintain an active Register of ex-12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) gunners which could be used for future communication if necessary.

**10. Close:**

The meeting closed at 1335hrs.

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

