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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 Georges River Golf Club on 13/02/13

MINUTES

1. Opening and Welcome:

The meeting commenced at 1400hrs with Acting Vice President Neil Mangels 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 is attached to, and forms part of, these Minutes.

Apologies were noted from 12 members who appear on the list attached to and forming part of, these Minutes.

3. Minutes of AGM on 24th April, 2012:

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 Laurie Bird and seconded by Rick Cranna. **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 21st July, 2012.

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 Graham Rylands and seconded by John Ericsson. **The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.**

5. President's Report:

The Chairman noted that the President's Report 2012 had been previously circulated. He read the Report. A motion to accept the President's Report was put by Neil Mangels and seconded by Rob Costello. **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. The Treasurer gave a brief verbal summary of his Report and some discussion occurred. Among other things, it was noted that the

Association's banner was listed as an asset worth \$2600 and the meeting wished to record its gratitude for a donation of \$1000 from Don Tait which made the purchase of the banner possible.

Graham Rylands moved that the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted and it was seconded by John Ericsson. **The motion was passed unanimously on the show of hands.**

7. Auditor's Report:

The Chairman noted that the Auditor's Report had been previously circulated to members for their interest. It was agreed that the Report contained no matters that caused concern or required further action.

8. Election of Office Bearers:

The Chairman vacated the Chair which was then taken by Bob Lowry serving as temporary Chairman for the purpose of electing Office Bearers. The acting Chairman advised that single nominations had been received for the four executive committee positions and therefore declared the following nominated members to be elected: President – Graham Floyd. Vice President – Neil Mangels. Treasurer – John Beer. Secretary – Trevor Bryant. The acting Chairman then advised that there were seven nominations for ordinary Committee Member positions, including those from the floor, which was less than the number of vacant positions, so he declared the following nominees to be duly elected: Laurie Bird, John Ericsson, Graham Rylands, Hugh Richie, Rick Cranna, Don Tait, and Tony Marshall. The acting Chairman then vacated the Chair which was re-occupied by the newly-elected Vice President Neil Mangels.

The matter of the positions of State Representatives was discussed and the Secretary advised that the Rules did not recognise these positions, and did not require such an appointments to be made by an AGM. They should be an appointments that are made by the Committee. **It was agreed that the members currently acting in the role remain there.**

The position of Welfare Officer was also discussed and it was moved by Graham Rylands and seconded by Rob Costello that the contribution of Rick Cranna as Welfare Officer was outstanding and should be noted in these Minutes. **The motion was carried.**

9. Other Business:

Allocation of Association Funds. Rob Costello stated that in his view, the Association needed to be more generous in donating funds to assist projects that furthered the Objects of the Association. Discussion followed and it was noted that this matter was to be discussed by the new Committee at its next Committee Meeting being held later this afternoon.

The size of the Quorum for AGMs and SGMs: It was noted how difficult it is to guarantee a quorum for both AGMs and SGMs. Today's attendance was only two above a quorum, despite great efforts to urge attendance. It was agreed that our organisation with a membership base spread all round Australia, will always find it difficult to get big attendances wherever the meetings are held. It was moved by Rob Costello and seconded by Laurie Bird that another SGM be held in conjunction with the next AGM to amend the Rules to reduce the quorums to 10 members present, providing that fit with applicable legislation and RAAA Rules. **The motion was carried.**

10. Close:

The meeting closed at 1423hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record / /

