



12 FIELD REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION

(A Branch of the Royal Australian Artillery Association NSW Inc.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Ingleburn RSL Club on 12/11/13

MINUTES

1. Opening and Welcome:

The meeting commenced at 1214hrs. Chairman President Graham Floyd welcomed members and guests and especially patron Ross Bland. The Ode was recited.

2. In Attendance and Apologies:

Voting members in attendance:

Graham Floyd, John Beer, Neil Mangels, Trevor Bryant, Lawrie Bird, Lachlan Donald, Tony Marshall, Ron Maher, Robert Noonan, Rob Costello, Graham Rylands, Geoffrey Grimish, Lee Stockley, John Ericsson, Ross Bland, Bob Lowry, Chris Coape-Smith. (Don Tait joined the meeting later.)

Apologies:

Larry Darcy, Ian McCauly, Frank Corcoran, Ian Ryan, Vince Dunn, Dennis Kershaw, Ron Dunk, Phillip Cormack, Terry Lee, Stan Carbines, Dave Thomas, Brian Burke.

The Secretary confirmed that a proper quorum had been achieved.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held 13th February 2013 at Georges River Golf Club:

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been previously distributed to members. He invited discussion but none ensued.

A motion to accept the Minutes was put by Lawrie Bird and seconded by John Ericsson.

The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

The Secretary reminded members that the previous AGM had called for action to reduce the numbers required for a forum at AGMs and this had now been attended to by way of the Special General Meeting to follow the AGM. No other discussion ensued.

5. Minutes of the Special General Meeting held 13th February 2013 at Georges River:

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the previous Special General Meeting had been previously distributed to members. He invited discussion but none ensued.

John Beer moved that the Minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Neil Mangels.

The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.

6. President's Report:

The Chairman advised that the President's Report for 2012-13 had been previously distributed to members. He invited discussion but none ensued.

Trevor Bryant moved that the Report be accepted and John Ericsson seconded it.

The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.

7. Treasurer's Financial Report:

The Chairman advised that the Treasurer's Report had been previously distributed to members. He invited discussion but none ensued.

Trevor Bryant moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and it was seconded by Robert Noonan.
The motion was carried unanimously on show of hands.

8. Auditors Report and Appointment of Auditor:

It was noted that this Report had had also been circulated previously to all members for interest. John Beer moved that Paul Vanderveer be re-appointed as Auditor for the current financial year ending on 31st August 2014. This was seconded by Robert Costello.

The motion was passed unanimously on show of hands.

9. Election of Office-bearers:

The Secretary reminded members that the amended Rules of the Association now provided for two-year terms for all office bearers. As a result, none of the current office bearers were due for re-election and they would all continue in their roles.

The Chairman noted that under the Rules there were four positions for committee members vacant and that one nomination – Robert Costello – had been received. The meeting was invited to nominate other candidates for the vacant positions, but no additional nominations of qualified members were forthcoming.

The Chairman put the appointment of Rob Costello to the vote and he was accepted by a majority vote on the show of hands. The Chairman congratulated Cossie on his appointment.

(At this stage, Don Tait joined the meeting at 1223hrs.)

Guest attendee Peter Burke put himself forward to become a committee member, but since he was not yet a member, his appointment was deferred. It was agreed that the Committee would consider appointing him later as a casual vacancy pursuant to Rule 17.5 once his membership was confirmed.

10. General Business:

10.1 RSL Donations:

John Beer and Don Tait explained to the meeting the current regulations (in particular their Rule 22) which control and inhibit the ability of RSL Clubs to donate funds to smaller groups not sanctioned by the state controlling body. It effectively means that for every dollar donated to these smaller groups, ten dollars must be provided to the state office for its funding purposes. It was agreed that this was particularly restrictive and seemed a rather cynical way of boosting the coffers of the state body.

It was further agreed that there was a need to change these restrictions to a fairer basis.

10.2 Boer War Memorial:

Don Tait pointed out that the Sydney and other memorials to the Boer War only commemorate the role of the Light Horse. While this role was significant and gallant, it is wrong that these memorials do not include other Australian units such as nurses, transport and the Australian artillery all of which served valiantly in this war.

11. Close:

The meeting closed at 1226hrs.

