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General Meeting Minutes Sunday 24th November 2013 11:00am at the Bomaderry RSL

Meeting opened at 11.15am

1. ATTENDENCE

Geoff Anderson, Ken Norris, Carol Wilson, Peter Hall, Kevin Hayton, Bob O'Grady, Bob Young, John Cross, Darryl Cross, Brad Mitchell, Gordon Mann, Peter Williams, Gary Payseno, Gus Gillis, Jeff Stein, Darryl Madden, Terry Coldwell, Rick Steltenpool, Frank Schiebel, Bill Hyde, Peter Smith, Colin Ware, Les Handicott, Ray McMinn, Roy Cross, Alan Gibbs, Graham Collins, Alex Paton, Ken Williams, Paul Fogarty.

2. APOLOGIES

Keith Pearse, Des Scanlan, Fred Fisher, Alan Mooney, Tom Johnston, Gary Bax, Michael Lynch, Neil Wallace, Cliff Hobson, Tim Duchesne, Michael Barnes, Tony Vine, Phil Roberts, Paul Cripps, Tony Wise, Bill O'Brien, Tom McCammont, Phil Collins, Steve Farmer, William O'Reilly, John Cornish

3. WELCOME – GEOFF ANDERSON

Members observed 1 minutes silence and the President said prayer for those Members still on Patrol.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

PROPOSED: Peter Smith
SECONDED: Alan Gibbs
CARRIED

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Attendance and Apologies amended. GST Return ongoing, when complete, Ken will then deregister Branch for GST.

The research into Grants is ongoing. Ray explained there is no funding available at the current time.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF ANDERSON**

I represented NSW SAA at the following:

- RN Reunion at Balgowlah RSL on 26 October

HMAS PLATYPUS

Attended SHFT Meeting 19 Nov 13 as Ken Williams was not available.

Points Noted:

- Remediation of soil complete end 2013
- 40 metres Northern end and 60 metres Southern End of wharf to be demolished by the end of May 2014.
- Mid-2014, enclosure and all remediation equipment to be removed and all remediation work completed.
- Expressions of Interest for the use of the site will be called for in 2014 and funding to refurbish the site will be decided. (Available funding will determine the schedule and work to be completed).
- The concept of a memorial to Lost Submariners along with a history of the site is still the intent of the SAA.
- The free availability of a meeting room may be an issue as the end-use of the site will be self-funding.
- The presentation should be on the SHFT Website shortly, and members will be advised.
<http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/planning-projects/platypus-project>

Fleet Review October 2013

A great day enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately Ken Williams and his wife got left behind due to mis-communications.

Eternal Patrol

It is a sad fact of life that some of members have passed on, namely:

- Blue McCall. A letter of sympathy was forwarded on the Association's behalf to the family. Ken Williams and others attended the funeral
- Jeff Westwood lost his battle with cancer. Jeff served on HMS Tabard while attached to the 4th Squadron. He was Chief Tiff of Tabard returning to the UK 1968. I attended the funeral.

I hereby propose that this report be accepted.

PROPOSED: Peter Smith
SECONDED: Rick Steltenpool
CARRIED

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 9406.06
INCOME: Bank interest	\$ 0.48
Cruise Receipts	\$ 2640.00
TOTAL	\$ 12046.54
EXPENDITURE:	
Cruise Payments	\$ 3234.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
Cruise refunds	\$ 360.00
Christmas Party Hamper	\$ 61.69
TOTAL	\$ 3907.69
Bank balance	\$ 8110.54
Cash in hand	\$ 28.30
TOTAL	\$ 8138.84

Christmas Party raffle proceeds \$340.00

PROPOSED: Alex Paton
SECONDED: Colin Ware
CARRIED

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT – KEN NORRIS

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Various

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Various

Ken asked the NSW Members to keep their email addresses up to date so that emails will not disappear into the cloud. Carol reminded the Members that they can

Update their contact information on the Branch website.

Ken informed Members that information on the Anzac Day 2015 Ballot was on the Branch website.

PROPOSED: Peter Hall

SECONDED: Ken Williams

CARRIED

9. WELFARE REPORT

Ken Williams attended the funerals of Blue McCall and Jeff Westwood. Ken and Geoff both thought that the RSL Poppy Service at both funerals was not conducted very well. Ken proposed that the Branch could help with RSL Poppy Service in future by liaising with families.

David Williams was doing OK. Reported as doing OK.

Max Hardy (the sad news that Max was now on Eternal Patrol was received post meeting).

Ken Williams informed members he hadn't heard from any other members.

10. WEBMANAGER REPORT

The website has been up and running over the last few months. The stats on the site show that people are checking it out on a regular basis. If you haven't had a look follow this link saansw2013@weebly.com . Carol updates the site on a regular basis with information, news and photos of events etc. If you have anything of interest you would like me to add just email details to me, Geoff or Ken.

Carol took on the task without having had any experience in web creation. The Weebly programme is user friendly even though Carol is still on the learning curve. User manuals are not available any more. Most of the feedback has been very positive.

NSW Branch allocated a sum of \$300.00 to use in the setting up the site and below is a reconciliation of that money. At the moment the cost of website is free. The cost of buying our own domain name such as saansw.org.au or saansw.com.au would be a monthly charge of \$8.00. The members would have to agree to purchase a domain name. The remainder of initial allocation would pay for a 2014 subscription.

Opening Balance		\$300.00
<u>Outgoing</u>		
Cost of Weebly Pro Programme	\$ 69.75	
Over Limit cost of Internet Access**	\$104.62	\$174.37
Closing Balance		\$125.63

Carol's normal cost for internet access is \$79.00 with 2Gb limit. The account for the month she created the website was \$183.62.

If any of the members have any suggestions of what content they would like on the site then please use the feedback form on the website.

Discussion took place on the advantages of owning our own domain name. After discussing the advantages Kevin Hayton put the Motion "to go forward and obtain a domain name". Carol to attend to the domain name.

PROPOSED: Peter Smith
SECONDED: Frank Schiebel
CARRIED

11. PLATYPUS UPDATE

Geoff covered most of update in his report. Ken Williams suggested we seek out someone to come up with a design for the Memorial using the anchor. Geoff will attend to this.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Members were informed that there will be a Otway clean up on Tuesday 18th February 2014 in Holbrook to bring the boat up to scratch in time for Anzac Day. All members are welcome to help if they can travel to Holbrook on the above date. Carol will put the date on the Branch website.
- Bradleys Head Memorial complete. Suggested members visit the site when possible, especially for the AE1 and AE2 Plaques.

- Members advised to book early for Subcon14 in W.A as accommodation and flights will fill up quickly.
- Subcon16 to go ahead as a cruise on board Pacific Dawn in October 2016.
- Members were asked if they wanted to go ahead with Dinner Dance in Wollongong on the June long weekend in 2015 in lieu of SUBCON. It was agreed to go ahead.

2014 Schedule

19th January, K-13 Memorial Service
16th February, Spectacle Island Picnic
18th February, Otway clean-up
22nd-23rd March, Newcastle Meeting weekend
25th April Anzac Day Holbrook and Sydney
18th May Meeting City of Sydney RSL
17th August AGM City of Sydney RSL
7th-10th November Subcon14 WA
6th-7th December Xmas meeting to be advised!

Colin Ware asked if it had been bought up by the SAA to fund and place plaques in Chapel on Garden Island in memory of deceased members. Carol stated that it was the family's responsibility and cost.

Geoff advised that at SUBCON2013 National Committee meeting he had raised for consideration memorials at OTWAY, OVENS or PLATYPUS etc. where Submarine members could have their own plaques mounted. He had received limited support. Geoff intended to take this further and will liaise with Roger Cooper for the Holbrook memorial.

Kevin Hayton moved that the president seek the support from Holbrook for a memorial site for Submariners plaques.

PROPOSED: Kevin Hayton
SECONDED: Peter Hall
CARRIED

After discussion on SAA Memorabilia and who should distribute same, Kevin Hayton tabled the latest T-Shirt in the Slops Van and the meeting agreed that the SAA badge is not correct.

Kevin Hayton moved the motion that “The President to send a letter to National re: the responsibility and distribution of Memorabilia and the standardisation of the SAA Badge”

PROPOSED: Kevin Hayton
SECONDED: Colin Ware
CARRIED

Carol promoted the book “Here, There and Away”.

Graham Collins thanked the Committee on their initiative on taking the meetings to regional areas. He also suggested that to keep the costs down, local members be canvassed to see if they had any spare accommodation for visiting members.

A member enquired as to what was happening with Otama in Victoria. The reply was “nothing”.

Appreciation was by acclamation, to Alex and Laurelle Paton for their organisation of the Christmas Party and meeting.

It was decided to write letters to the Secretary of Bomaderry RSL Club Limited and Bob O’Grady, President RSL Sub-branch in appreciation of their hospitality to SAA NSW Branch and members.

Peter Hall moved “That \$100.00 be put over the bar for after meeting drinks”.

SECONDED: Ray McMinn
CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting shut at 12.10pm.

Geoff Anderson
President
NSW SAA

Ken Norris
Secretary
NSW SAA

Carol Wilson
Minute Secretary
NSW SAA

Actions Required

Item No	Action	Responsible	Date
15	Deregister SAA NSW for GST	Ken	31 Jan 14
16	Determine as to what Grants can be applied for	Geoff & Ray	30 Dec 13
17	Consider Assisting at Funerals in Lieu of RSL if families agreed	Geoff	
18	Website Domain name	Carol	
19	Design for Platypus Memorial	Geoff	
20	Otway clean-up day on Website	Carol	
21	Letter to National re Memorabilia and the standardisation of the SAA Badge	Geoff	
22	Letters of thanks to Bomaderry RSL & Sub-Branch	Geoff & Ken	