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General Meeting, held at City of Sydney RSL Sunday 19th March 2017 at 11.30am

Meeting Opened 11.30am

1. ATTENDANCE

Geoff Anderson, Carol Wilson, Tim Duchesne, Stephen Gillis, Peter Smith, Brad Mitchell, John Chambers, Jim Dennis, Rick Steltenpool, Gary Payseno, Dixie Dixon, Paul Cripps, Ken Norris, Kevin Hayton, visitor Chris Skinner (SIA)

2. APOLOGIES

Roy & Maria Cross, Peter Hall, Jeff Stein, Cliff Hobson, Tony Vine, Darryl Cross, Richard (Jumbo) Pearce, Tom McCammont, John Cross, Wally Whitfield, Ken Williams, Alex Paton, William O'Brien.

3. WELCOME – GEOFF ANDERSON

Members observed 1 minutes silence and the President read a prayer for those Members on Eternal Patrol.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

Proposed: Rick Steltenpool
Seconded: Peter Smith
Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ACTIONS

- Deregistration for GST – Deregistration Forms to be resent by Ken Norris
- Notice of Motion re: Kevin Hayton moved New Membership Fees in the absence of Alex Paton. (See Annex A)

Proposed: Kevin Hayton
Seconded: Peter Smith
Carried

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

NSW SAA President Report Nov 2016-Mar 2017

I represented NSW SAA at the following:

- Visited Urban & Public (Aspect Studios) with Ken Williams & Ken Norris to review and discuss the Submariners Memorial
- Visited Jumbo Pearce (twice)
- K13 Ceremony and lunch.

HMAS PLATYPUS

There have been ongoing discussions with the SHFT with respect to the memorial and with the SIA for the 50th Celebrations. The design of the memorial has been agreed and sufficient funds have been raised.

Further discussion later in the meeting.

ONslow – Memorial to Chris Passlow

Have received the Report of the accident from Terry Parsons, but would like to discuss this further with him before any decision is made to request the ANMM move the Plaque from the after ends.

Request this report be accepted.

Proposed: Gary Payseno
Seconded: Rick Steltenpool
Carried

7. NSW BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT

28th November 2016 to 19th March 2017

Opening Balances

Money in Bank	\$12,961.46
Cash in Hand	\$ 57.30
Total Opening Balance	\$13,018.76

Branch Income

Spectacle Island Receipts	\$ 480.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Branch Income	\$ 480.00

Branch Expense

Nil	
Total Branch Expense	\$ 0.00

Closing Balances

Money in Bank	\$13,441.46
Cash in Hand	\$ 57.30
Total Closing Balance	\$13,498.76

Notes to Report 28th November, 2016 to 19th March 2017

1. Next Bank Statement due April 2017

HMAS Platypus Memorial Wall Account 28th November 2016 to 19th March 2017

Opening Balances

Money in Bank	\$12,250.02
Cash in Hand (see Note 1)	\$ 301.05
Total Opening Balance	\$12,551.07

Fund Donations

SAA NSW Branch Member Donations	\$ 1,350.00
Other SAA Branch Members Donations	\$ 1,670.00
Submariner Associations Donations (SAA Motorcycle Club, SAA SA Branch)	\$ 500.00
Corporate & Government Donations (20 RSL's and Sub Branches)	\$10,525.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.00
Total Branch Income	\$14,045.00

Fund Expenses

Nil	
Total Fund Expenses	\$ 0.00

Closing Balances

Money in Bank	\$26,595.02
Cash in Hand	\$ 1.05
Total Closing Balance	\$26,596.07

Notes to Report 28th November 2016 to 19th March 2017

1. There was an error in the last Plats Fund report to members as follows

a. Previous Report for period 15th Sep16 to 27 Nov 16 was;

i. Closing Balances	
ii. Money in Bank	\$12,250.02
iii. Cash in Hand	\$ 0.00
iv. Total Closing Balance	\$12,250.02

Should have read;

i. Closing Balances	
ii. Money in Bank	\$12,250.02
iii. Cash in Hand	\$ 301.05
iv. Total Closing Balance	\$12,551.07

2. Income Category breakdown

- a. RSL & Sub Branches – 21 Donations (\$13,025.00)
- b. Other SAA Branch Members – 15 Donations (\$1,720.00)
- c. NSW Branch Members – 23 Donations (\$9,600.00)
- d. Submariner Associations – 4 Donations (\$2,000.00)
- e. Function Receipts – 1 (\$251.05)
- f. Bank Interest – 1 \$2.02)

Proposed: Kevin Hayton
Seconded: Peter Smith
Carried

8. SECRETARYS REPORT

I have sent out numerous emails with various information for members.
Please send any items/photos you would like to see included on website.

9. WEBSITE REPORT

Website is still being regularly visited. Since our last meeting I have updated Minutes, Events Page and photos.

Proposed: Peter Smith
Seconded: Gary Payseno

Carried

10. WELFARE

Wally Whitfield –

Richard (Jumbo) Pearce unwell. He would enjoy phone calls and visitors.

Kevin Hayton spoke on the necessity to have all personal details and papers in order and in one place so as family members are able to access them in the case of a death of either spouse.

Carol said she will look into a booklet that has been produced by The Children's Hospital at Westmead and to be distributed by the Bequest Manager. Also, look into obtaining an electronic version of it that could be branded by SAA for distribution to all Members.

11. PLATYPUS UPDATE

Chris Skinner from SIA was a visitor to our meeting and filed the following report.

FROM: Christopher SKINNER CAPT RAN (retired), Committee SIA Submarines

SUBJECT: Report by invited SIA representative to SAA NSW AGM on 19th March 2017 regarding HMAS PLATYPUS 50th Anniversary and other matters

Following discussion on the Submarine Memorial to be erected at the former HMAS PLATYPUS, Neutral Bay, Chairman Geoff Anderson invited Chris Skinner to address the meeting on behalf of the Submarine Institute of Australia [SIA] regarding the events planned for 18th August 2017, marking the 50th Anniversary of the HMAS PLATYPUS commissioning and the arrival in Sydney of HMAS OXLEY, first of the six Australian Oberon class boats.

The proposal made to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust [SHFT] who are responsible for the site is for a formal ceremony on the morning of Friday 18th August to which a number of VIPs and the RAN Band will be invited. SIA President Mark Sander has written to Chief of Navy [CN] to invite his support for the event and suggesting he invite leading persons such as the Governor General, Minister for Defence, Premier New South Wales, Fleet Commander and naval attaches.

Guests of honour to be invited by the SIA would include VADM Ian MacDougall, RADM Peter Briggs, CAPT Bill Owen and all other former commanding officers of PLATYPUS and the six O-boats. General invitations would be extended to all submariners past and present and their families.

The SHFT have stated that they agree with the proposed event in principle and are waiting for the SIA to provide more details so that a risk management plan can be developed as is required for all events on SHFT sites.

Chris Skinner noted there was strong interest in the submarine community for an informal meeting and social event and to that end the SIA has made a deposit at the Kirribilli RSL for the evening of 18th August. Other events could be arranged by the SAA over the weekend, for example a BBQ at Spectacle Island, and/or a visit to HMAS ONSLOW at the Australian National Maritime Museum [ANMM].

Other matters

The Submarine Collection at Spectacle Island was discussed following Chris Skinner commenting that the collection of submarine artefacts and memorabilia should be open to the public in some way.

Discussion included possibility of a touring exhibition and/or moving it to the PLATYPUS site for which the Submarine School building would appear well suited. Peter Smith noted that many items in the collection belong to Navy for future submarines of the same name.

Chris Skinner also mentioned the Australian National Submarine Museum [ANSM] proposed as a virtual museum only available online, to be coordinated with the Western Australian Maritime Museum [WAM] in Fremantle. This could be a means to provide wide access to the Spectacle Island collection as well as many other collections such as at Holbrook.

On completion of the report and discussion that followed Chris Skinner asked to be excused and departed the meeting

C J Skinner

Kevin Hayton moved:

“SAA NSW accept SIA proposal for format of weekend for 50th Anniversary celebrations and advertise to members.”

Seconded: Gus Gillis
Carried

Tim Duchesne proposed a Vote of Thanks for Chris Skinner for his attendance and information on 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Acclamation followed.

See Annex B for new concept design of Memorial Wall.

12. SUBCON2018

The following members volunteered to set up a Committee for the organisation of Subcon18:-

Carol Wilson, Geoff Anderson, Gary Payseno, John Chambers, Ken Norris, Brad Mitchell, Jenny Ware and Jan Hall.

The location of Subcon18 to be determined by Committee. Carol to conduct a survey giving Members choice of Sydney or Newcastle or other suggestions.

Post meeting 2 surveys have been conducted with 102 responders to first survey with Sydney being the 1st Choice. Second survey had 89 responders with Sydney also being first choice. The Committee to make final decision.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Special Account for Pension Welfare Officers

Terry Parsons has put forward suggestion that an account be set up for Pension and Welfare Officers to draw on for out of pocket expenses.

Kevin Hayton suggested the need for more information. John Chambers mentioned it is better to keep Welfare under the National Banner.

- ANZAC Day

Ken Norris proposed that \$1,000.00 be allocated for ANZAC Day for food and drinks with members paying \$20 per head. Meeting agreed.

- Thales Sponsorship

Geoff informed the meeting that sponsorship for the National Website has been increased to \$2,000.00 per year.

- Presentation

Carol presented Geoff with a Certificate of Appreciation from Don Currell for SAA NSW contribution to the Submariners Heritage Trail in Brisbane.

- Kellogg's Certificate

Ken informed the meeting that he had received the Kellogg's products. It will be determined how and where the Certificate will be raffled.

14. Next meeting, 18th June at South Hurstville RSL, 72 Connells Point Road, South Hurstville 11.00am.

Meeting shut 1.15pm

Geoff Anderson
President

Carol Wilson
Secretary

Carol Wilson
Minute Secretary

ANNEX A

NOTICE OF MOTION – For the 2017 SAA Annual General Meeting

That Clause 4.3 of the SAA Constitution be amended by adding the following new sub-clause iv.

- iv. Membership subscriptions shall be waived for Ordinary Members reaching the age of eighty (80) years and have been financial for a continuous twenty (20) years.

Clause 4.3 would then read

4.3 JOINING FEE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

i. JOINING FEE

- The joining fee shall be such as an Annual General Meeting of the SAA may from time to time prescribe.
- The joining fee shall be such as shown in By-Law 5.
- The joining fee shall be payable on application for membership.

ii. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- The annual subscription shall be such as an Annual General Meeting of the SAA may from time to time prescribe.
- All members as per clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 shall pay such subscriptions as defined in By-Law 5.
- Annual subscriptions shall become due and payable to the Treasurer in advance on 31st December in each year.

- iii. Serving submariners on being awarded Dolphins shall be invited to join the SAA as an Ordinary Member. Membership will be free for the first twelve (12) months.

- iv. Membership subscriptions shall be waived for Ordinary Members reaching the age of eighty (80) years and have been financial for a continuous twenty (20) years.

SUPPORTING ARGUMENT:

This motion is intended, as an unsophisticated token of gratitude, to recognise and in an appreciative way reward ordinary members who have supported the association by simply being a long-term member.

Any part of a subscription that falls outside this time frame shall be deemed a donation.

Annex B



HMAS PLATYPUS – PROPOSED MEMORIAL DESIGN