





## SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

### 5. Matters Arising:

a) ***Motion to “Investigate a possible change to the structure of the Submarines Association Australia to an established schedule.”***

The Secretary advised the Meeting that he had completed a Report on the investigation and although it was late, it had been promulgated online with a facility to make comment. Only 47 Members made comments.

The Secretary advised the Meeting that he had submitted the Report and Conceptual Constitution to the National Committee but only received two responses with comments from Committee Members.

**Action:** The National Committee to arrange a review of the Constitution and associated Report and determine action to be taken.

b) ***Postal and Online Voting***

The Secretary advised the Meeting that a By-Law and process was completed (draft) and was incorporated in the conceptual Constitution. It was now up to the National Committee to review and decide on its use.

The poll conducted online is the engine for future online polls.

**Action:** The National Committee to arrange a review of the By-Law and process and determine action to be taken.

c) ***Establish better communications with Kindred Organisations.***

It was pointed out to the Meeting that the Executive were not always available to represent the SAA at meetings or briefings organized by other organisations and Government departments. The Secretary advised that volunteers have offered to be the SAA’s representatives at these meetings. The Committee agreed that these volunteers be approached officially with a ‘Position Description’ outlining the requirements to perform these roles. The Executive would identify the organisations that were involved.

**Action:** The Secretary to arrange with volunteers.

d) ***Circulation of In Depth to Members.***

The Secretary advised the Meeting that In Depth is now being sent to 67 Members that have requested hard copy of In Depth to be sent by mail. All Members that are not on email (approx 200) have received at least two letters in the last 12 months advising them that they must request for it to be mailed out.

**No further action required.**

e) ***SAA Involvement with AE1 Committee***

Don Currell advised the Meeting that Michael White (QUEENSLAND) had formed an organisation called “AE1 Inc” and approximately 40 members attended its inaugural AGM meeting in May. Today’s National Committee Meeting agreed that there was potential for involvement at some time in the future, but no further action required at this time.





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### Presidents Report:

Proposed: D Sandquest                      Seconded: G Burns  
**Accepted**

### Secretary's Report:

Proposed: N Williams                      Seconded: C Ware  
**Accepted**

### **11. Election of National Executive**

Kevin Hayton was nominated as Acting Chairman to conduct the election of Office Bearers for 2010/11. Graeme Collins and Peter Knights were appointed as scrutineers.

Only two nominations were received, they being Darren Thompson for Vice President and John Rana for Treasurer – as there were no nominations for President and Secretary nominations were called from the floor.

No nomination for President was offered and it was proposed by the outgoing President, David Sandquest, that Darren Thompson who had been nominated for Vice President, be called upon to take on the role of President. He accepted and was elected as SAA President 2010/11.

David Sandquest was then nominated for Vice President and was elected as SAA Vice President 2010/11.

John Rana was the only nomination for Treasurer and was elected as SAA Treasurer 2010/11.

There were no nominations for Secretary, Norm Williams retiring for health reasons. Nominations were called from the floor but no volunteer came forward. The outgoing Secretary offered to act in a temporary role until the National Committee could find a volunteer, but stressed that a replacement had to be found. He accepted and was elected as Acting SAA Secretary 2010/11.

**Note:** *After the AGM the National Committee agreed on temporary changes to the National Executive made iaw Rule 5.2.4. Refer to Separate MOM National Committee Meeting dated 13 June 2010.*

### **12. Election of Auditor for 2009/2010 Accounts**

The Treasurer advised the Meeting that the 2009/11 accounts had been audited by accountant Mal Hughes and proposed that he be appointed as the auditor for 2010/11.

Proposed by: J Rana  
Seconded: P O'Donohue  
**Accepted**

### **13. Motion**

Only one Motion had been submitted but subsequently revoked.



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### 14. Other Business:

CMDR Bill King: Pat Heffernan (Vic) advised the Meeting that he had been requested by Queensland Patron, CAPT George Hunt DSO\*, DSC\*, that the association send a card to the oldest surviving submariner CMDR Bill King DSO\*, DSC RN (Rtd). He will be 100 on 21 June 2010. The President advised the members that this had already been discussed / raised in the National Committee Meeting, and agreement reached that a letter of congratulation would be issued on behalf of the SAA.

Life Member – Tim Everard: A proposal was made to make Tim Everard a Life Member of the Association for his service to the Association and Welfare Trust over many years.

Proposed by: D Bryant  
Seconded: M Bennett

**Accepted**

Life Member AB Read: A proposal to make Queensland Branch mascot AB Read a Life Member of the Queensland Branch of the Association. Don explained the history of AB Read, a small statue that had been gifted to the Branch by its Patron who managed to obtain one of these rare statues. They were originally commissioned by Winston Churchill. The history of the statue will be online shortly.

Proposed by: D Currell  
Seconded: B Earle

**Accepted**

Qualifying Service: David Bryant asked the Meeting to congratulate and thank Rob Woolrych for his efforts over many years to obtain recognition of submarine patrols recognised as Qualifying Service. The Meeting thanked Rob for his tenacity.

Proposed by: D Bryant  
Seconded: W Clayton

**Accepted**

In response, Rob stated that it had been a long battle and he thanked all that helped him over the years. He asked all Members to be patient as there were a lot of loose ends that had to be resolved.

Widows of Members: Rob Woolrych urged the Association to do more for the widows of Members. This had been an item of discussion at the National Committee Meeting and it was agreed that Branches look into what they can do to demonstrate to widows that 'we care'. Any suggestions to your Branch Committee.

SM Force changes: Darren Thompson explained changes that had taken place:

Director General Submarines, CDRE Steve Davies, was now situated in Canberra in an office alongside CN. A demonstration on how serious the Navy was about submarines.



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Commander Submarines, CAPT Brett Sampson, is situated in the west and is in charge of submarine operations.

Honorary Chaplain. There is now a Chaplain allocated to submarines and it was proposed that he be offered the position of the Association's Honorary Chaplain.

Proposed by: D Thompson  
Seconded: D Bryant  
**Accepted**

**Action:** Secretary to write offering position.

Otama Update: Bob James asked the Victoria President (Mike Bennett) if there was any news on Otama's future:

Mike replied, "The answer would be both brief and current – in short nothing to report of a confirmed factual nature." The Association members were reminded that the Otama is now held in private ownership, that all any attempts (in past years by the Victoria branch) for the SAA to become involved had been ignored, which had caused a feeling of acrimony amongst the members. Plans by at least one local council re relocation of the Otama failed to get beyond the discussion stage and the matter remains in limbo.

Max Bryant had also given Pat Heffernan a written brief on the current status which was submitted for the minutes.

- There have been numerous offers from Australia and overseas from scrap metal dealers. These will not be considered.
- Currently working on getting new site in Westernport.
- Frankston Council will be given presentation as part of Frankston marina plans as a standby if Westernport falls through.
- There has been a bid from Cairns that will be considered as a last resort.
- The Westernport Oberon association has gained the support of Les Twentyman and Minister of Veterans' Affairs to try and sort out bureaucratic problems that continue to hinder progress.

SAA Constitution. A question was asked from the floor as to when the SAA Constitution would be finalised as there appeared to be no end in site. The President advised that he intended to actively pursue the finalisation of the Constitution and was looking at having it promulgated at end 2010 for review and acceptance at the 2011 AGM.

Capitation Fee. Fred Burns raised the issue of branches collecting dues and paying a capitation fee to National. The Secretary stated that the Draft Constitution which had been promulgated for comment raised the matter of allocating subscription fees and that they would have an opportunity to raise this when their Branch put together a response to any changes proposed as a result of the review conducted iaw proposal at 5 (a) in these minutes.



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### **16. Handover of the SUBCON Ensign**

The President of the NSW Branch handed over the SUBCON Ensign to the Victorian Branch President who advised that the next SUBCON and AGM will be held in Melbourne. Mike Bennett then showed a presentation inviting Members to SUBCON 2011 which will be held in the Crown Casino.

### **Meeting Shut:**

There being no further business the President declared the meeting Shut at 1145.

David Sandquest  
President

Norm Williams  
Secretary