



MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 18 August 2019
at Rockingham Navy Club.

1. Opening Remarks and one minutes silence for those still on Patrol

President Terry Baker opened the meeting at 1105, welcomed attendees and asked for one minutes silence for those on Eternal Patrol.

2. Apologies

Ian Marks, Paul Freestone, Ashley Davis, Bob Zwickelberg, Chris Reinke, Ramon Lawrence, Dave Colman, Howard Payne, Gareth Lucy, Andy Armes, Roger Hardwicke, Trevor Teale, Greg Shimmen, Kevin Farr, Warren Webb, Chad Hardy, Lisa Wood, John Rana, Ted Curr, Steve Thomas, Bob Trotter. (21)

3. Attendees

Terry Baker, Peter O'Donohue, Tony Masters, Buster Keating, Bob Apps, Buck Rodgers, Guy Burton, Jack Warner, Perry Holland, Peter Watt, Lloyd Blake, Peter Donovan, Stephen Wood, Lionel Graham, Michael Russell, David Bell, Alan Donovan, Richard Stegenga, Terry Rowell, Keith Bromfield, Jim Stainton, Sid Czabotar, Peter Eastwood, Kevin Farr. (24)

4. Election of Committee Members

President Terry Baker declared all Committee positions vacant and opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the wider membership, Peter O'Donohue accepted the nomination for President and was appointed unopposed. Peter Donovan accepted a late nomination for Vice President and was appointed unopposed. Jack Warner accepted a nomination for a position on the Executive Committee and was appointed unopposed. No nominations for Secretary or Treasurer so Tony Masters and John Rana retain their positions, as does Ted Curr on the Executive Committee. Buster Keating retained his position as the Welfare Representative

The WA Executive:

President: Peter O'Donohue
Vice President: Peter Donovan
Secretary: Tony Masters
Treasurer: John Rana
Welfare: Buster Keating
Committee Member: Ted Curr
Committee Member: Jack Warner.

On completion of the changeover, Terry Baker handed over to Pod to chair the remainder of the AGM. President POD thanked Terry B for his hard work over the three years of his tenure.

5. Presentation Sid Czabotar's Life Membership

Newly appointed President POD stepped back in the proceedings to formally present Sid with his LM badge and spoke of Sid's deserved award. The badge was dropped into a tumbler of rum which was duly downed to much acclaim from the attendees. Congratulations again, Sid.

6. Endorsement of Minutes of last meeting –

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were endorsed with no corrections or updates.

Proposed: Terry Baker

Seconded: Peter Watt.

Motion carried unanimously

7. Actions completed/Outstanding

Ricky Roberts was replaced by Bob Apps as Buster's assistant/understudy as a DVA advocate and welfare representative. **Action Completed**

Bob Trotter has taken the role as WA Branch patron as well as continuing his role as National SAA President and will remain our patron when his tenure as National President is complete. **Action Completed.**

8. President's Report

Terry Bakers report was circulated by email in the lead-up to the meeting, so Terry summarised it for the meeting and thanked his committee members for their efforts.

Terry asked Tony M to report on SUBCON 2019, so a report was duly given, encouraging members to make an effort to get to at least one SUBCON.

Proposed: Peter O'Donohue

Seconded: Tony Masters

Motion carried unanimously.

President POD then stepped back to item 5 on the Agenda (above).

9. Secretary's Report

Report was circulated by email in the lead-up to the meeting, so Tony M summarised for the attendees.

Proposed: Peter Donovan

Seconded: Guy Burton

Motion carried unanimously

10. Treasurer's Report

Circulated by email in the lead-up to the meeting and as John Rana was absent, POD discussed the swapping of monies to different funds to attract a better interest rate.

Mike Russell and Buck Rodgers have agreed to audit the books.

Proposed: Buster Keating

Seconded: Jack Warner

Motion carried unanimously

11. SAA WA Welfare/Sick List

Buster thanked Bob Apps for coming onboard. He also re-iterated the need for friends and family to check on each other, "RUOK".

The "Last Wishes" proforma that was circulated some years ago can be invaluable for ensuring that your send-off goes the way you want.

Action on Tony M to re-send the proforma to the members.

12. Upcoming Events

AE1 Memorial Service - Sunday 15 September 2019 at HMAS Stirling.

RN Periscope Service - Sunday 20 October 2019

SAAWA Remembrance Day - Sunday 10 November 2019 in the forecourt of the Fremantle Maritime Museum.

BBQ lunch and General Meeting - Sunday 24 November 2019.

13. AOB

The Lost Submariners Memorial Service was added to our event calendar. It will be held on the Friday closest to 18 August each year.

POD informed the meeting that SAA WA will take responsibility for planning and executing subsequent events. He also reported on the successes of the event.

Mike Russell is transferring membership to WA and also donating some ASC memorabilia for auction with proceeds to the SAA welfare fund.

Lionel Graham donated an unused Zippo lighter with dolphins inscribed for auction also.

Action on POD to set up an on-line auction.

Sid Cz reported on the International Submarine Congress and the international friendships formed.

Sid Cz reported on the Ovens 50th Anniversary that he is assisting with. Details will be promulgated in due course.

Alan Donovan discussed the Grey "Retired" ID cards that are available to enable access to Garden Island and facilities access. Sponsorship from a Stirling lodger unit will enable members to apply for a pass. The current CO Stirling is formulating policy in support.

Action on Alan Donovan to supply details to Tony M as they come to light.

Guy Burton informed the meeting that his tenure as the warden of the WA State War Memorial comes to an end on 11 November.

Peter Watt questioned if our events could be promulgated to SUBFOR, most specifically for social events rather than just the official ceremonial events.

Terry Rowell reported on the RN SETT Reunion and the state of affairs with UK escape and rescue.

14. The President declared the meeting shut at 1200, called "up spirits" and BBQ Lunch.



Peter O'Donohue
President SAA (WA Branch)
22 August 2019



Tony Masters
Secretary SAA (WA Branch)
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