



MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 16 February 2020 at Rockingham Navy Club.

1. Opening Remarks and one minutes silence for those still on Patrol
The President opened the meeting at 1106 welcomed attendees and called for one minute's silence. POD re-iterated his words from his Presidents report in regards to sorting affairs early so as not to put families through further stress once you have passed away.
2. Apologies
(15) - Bob Trotter, Ian Marks, Leslie Rawson, David Schmidt, Greg Shimmen, Howard Payne, Leslie Rawson, Graham Boyce, Stephen Wood, Lisa Wood, Guy Burton, Perry Holland, Phil Oldacres-Dear, Andy Marsden, Bryce Jackson
3. Attendees
(14) – Peter O'Donohue, Peter Donovan, John Rana, Tony Masters, Mike Russell, Bob Apps, Buster Keating, Buck Rodgers, Jack Warner, Dave Colman, Terry Rowell, Sid Czabotar, Terry Baker, Peter Eastwood.
4. Endorsement of Minutes of last meeting –
Accepted with one amendment – incorrect details of new member Kevin Murphy

Proposed – Peter Donovan
Seconded – Buster Keating
Motion carried, Minutes entered into record
5. Actions completed/Outstanding
Formation of SUBCON 22 organising committee – CLOSED
POD called for early ideas on merchandise and logo for SUBCON '22.
6. Presidents Report
POD tabled his report which was sent to members prior to the meeting

Proposed – John Rana
Seconded – Peter Donovan
Motion carried, report entered into record
7. Secretary Report
Tony M reported all correspondence is now coming via email, so when received, it is forward to members as appropriate. One new member, John

Peterson joined in January.

Proposed – Peter O’Donohue

Seconded – Dave Colman

Motion carried, report entered into record.

8. Treasurer Report

John Rana reported the state of our finances, his report is included with these minutes.

Proposed – Sid Czabotar

Seconded – Buster Keating

Motion carried, report entered into record

9. SAA WA Welfare/Sick List

Bob Apps reported they are back on deck for the year and a few people have been referred to them for DVA action. Bobs training continues and mention was made of difficulties faced by WA advocates attending ATDP events for training. Some round table discussion regarding social media reactions to inflammatory DVA posts.

10. Vice President Position

Peter Donovan has stepped down from the Vice president position, POD thanked Peter for his time and called for volunteers or nominations to fill the post. POD stated that whilst no rush was necessary, he will be absent for a number of our events in the second half of the year. At time of release, no names have yet been submitted.

11. Remembrance Day

POD spoke on the changes to our RD ceremony and that in future we will change our routine by holding the service on the date, rather than on the Sunday closest. We will also scale back RAN involvement at their request. Venue remains unchanged.

12. AOB

Mike Russell thanked members for any part played in support of the recent Bushfire and recovery efforts and asked that any SUBCON attendees travelling the areas support the communities en route.

Terry Rowell spoke on the “Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum” group and their efforts to raise membership to support the museum. Tony M forwarded an email to all SAAWA members prior to the meeting with details and a membership form. A write-up of a proposal by the Submarine Institute Australia to establish a formalised Australian National Submarine Museum was circulated at the meeting. The write-up will be sent to members in due course.

Terry Baker asked about the post-ANZAC Day function venue. POD and Tony M will liaise with Terry B to meet and greet the Fremantle Sailing Club personnel to organise.

Action Item – POD Terry B and Tony M to organise meeting at Fremantle Sailing Club

POD spoke on the Albany weekend in May and asked members to consider attending to boost numbers. Further information will be forwarded in due course.

Sid Czabotar spoke on the DVA covenant websites (2 of) one of which is the Defence Veterans Benefits website, the other is APOD (direct DVA affiliation). The sites are in competition with each other and there is dissatisfaction amongst users. Round table discussion ensued regarding the 'new' White Card and eligibilities.

Tony M mentioned a set of six 'C' boat Beer Glasses that Mike Russell has donated for sale, proceeds to the SAA welfare fund. An ad will be placed on Social Media.

Action Item – Tony M to place ad

13. The president declared the meeting shut at 1150, called up spirits and BBQ Lunch.



Peter O'Donohue
President SAA (WA Branch)
20 February 2020



Tony Masters
Secretary SAA (WA Branch)
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