



RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOONS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 20 AUG 2011 AT THE DORRIGO RSL NSW

Present: 19 members present including:

Tony Galea, Bob and Gwenneth Denner, Ron Anderson, Anne and Graeme Beulah, Don Noy, Tony Hazel, Barry Carroll, Alan Willmott, Christina Luff, Russ Morison, David Evans, Bruce Manning, Denis Cowling, Peter Kennedy, Paul Griffiths, Les Katona, Alan O'Grady.

Apologies: Alistair Pope, Lynton Guy, Barry and Joy Lang, David and Bernice Kneller, Mick and Sue Hartas, Ray and Christine Ivey, Alan and Vicki Windle, Les and Rosemary Francis, Warwick and Kim Atkinson, Brian Stevenson, Warren Coughlin, Fred and Anne Friske

CONDUCT AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

The meeting opened at 1010, and President Bruce spoke briefly. Details are in his report below.

The business of the AGM is to:

1. Confirm the business of previous meeting at Canberra in 2010,
2. To elect a committee and other sub committees as reqd to maintain and strengthen the association.
3. Update the members on any general business being undertaken in the name of the association

Business arising from the previous meeting

Newsletter Production and Delivery

We have attempted to email and snail mail members for a considerable period of time without response from those members and at expense to Association member's funds. We have now decided to send out only snail mail copies of our quarterly newsletter.

Our newsletter will be added to our new RAASC SUPPLY website also.

Admittance to RAASC VSPA membership Our last AGM sought confirmation as to who would be allowed to join our Association. We reaffirm that anyone who agrees with our objectives and is interested in keeping up with old mates are entitled to join us.

Reunion and Reunion Support

As you know the Exec will continue to administer the association and support reunion objectives. We are grateful to Bob and Gwenneth for taking the lead in running this Dorrigo weekend for us and look

forward to others to get a group together and run future reunions.

Welfare Officer

As a reminder, Christina has taken this role, in addition to membership of the Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Office Bearers

The President explained the role of the Executive and the need for others to run the reunions. That said, the Chair was handed to Bob Denner, all positions declared vacant and nominations sought for the positions below.

Canberra-based Executive:

President	Bruce Manning
Vice President	Ray Brown (in absentia)
Secretary	Russ Morison
Treasurer	David Evans
Membership/Welfare Manager	Christina Luff
Public Officer	Tony Galea

Regional Executive members

North Queensland	Tony Simon (in absentia)
Brisbane and Environs	Don Noy
Gold Coast	(no one available but covered by Don as required)
NSW Country	Bob Denner
Sydney Metro	Barry Carroll
South Australia	Noel Schluter
Victoria	Tony Galea
Tasmania	Glen Breaden (in absentia)
Western Australia	Mal Saxby (in absentia)

Each member was voted in unanimously by those members present.

REPORTS

Presidents Report

- 1. Thanks to Bob Denner and Gwynneth Denner for their work on making this a memorable and great reunion. Thanks also to Christina Luff for her tireless work on membership and enthusiasm for keeping us on the ball. Special mention to Ray Brown for his efforts in the executive committee especially including getting the newsletter out and challenging the committee to consider an alternative point of view.**
- 2. In the year we completed laying the plaque in Canberra. We also completed developing the website to which we will only commit maintenance funds in the future.**
- 3. Next reunion suggested for Philip Island in Victoria under the guidance of Tony Galea and a crew from Victoria.**
- 4. Our association operated in the black for the last year with a net amount of \$5000**

available as at 30 June 2011. This surplus led the committee to feel that it could reduce our membership dues to \$15. Against this we need dues of \$18 to cover our prospective operating costs in 2012 leading me to take the view that dues should remain at \$20 unless I hear otherwise from the floor.

5. Present executive has no monopoly on ideas and will gratefully take ideas from the floor. The Present executive is willing to stand again but will happily stand aside if there are any members who wish to take on such a role. Our aim as an executive is to keep VSPA alive and move to further reunions which give us an enjoyable time together and have a considerable social value as we all get a tad older.

Treasurers Report

Our Account is healthy, and we only now have to submit our accounts to the Auditor, and the ACT Office of Regulatory Services (ORS).

Secretary (point format (full version available if required))

1. Busy 12 months post Plaque Dedication weekend.
2. The Exec produced the new RAASCSUPPLY.ASN.AU website which took much of our time. It includes a link to our photo albums on Picasa-follow the link on the Coolangatta photo page. Our history needs to be recorded for posterity sake, and especially for our grandchildren.
3. Some disappointment with encouraging our 200 contactable members to join us. 50 or so have renewed. Those that have joined, and their wives and partners have noticed real benefits in joining.
4. How about tracking down at least one member you know of and get them to sign up.
5. Lastly I am keen to honour the work of Christina, our Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer. She has skills that Dave and I don't have. Well done Christina!

Membership-Welfare Officer Report

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Fees

The Executive is mindful of the cost of our fees. David explained that it cost between \$18-20 per head for the day to day administration of VSPA, and explained what the break up of costs was.

The meeting generally agreed that the fees were not a barrier to members joining or not renewing their membership either. The meeting agreed we should maintain the current level of fees of \$20 per head.

Bob Denner recommended that we should deposit our surplus into a term deposit account or other to work for us.

It was agreed that if someone was in financial difficulty, we would not preclude them from joining us.

Action: David to investigate term deposits for some of our funds

Reunion Offer Our reunions are traditionally arranged by the executive and we are keen that in future each is run by the membership. Bob and Gwenneth have done a marvelous job for VSPA and Dorriggo.

The meeting was asked for input as to possible venues:

Tony Galea has offered to host the next reunion at Phillip Island in Mar2013 (tentatively).

Alan Willmott suggested Dubbo as a venue, and it will be offered as a site for the following reunion in approx. 18 months after Philip Island.

Action: Tony Galea to produce a plan for ratification by the Exec in the next month or so

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1130.

Approved for release:

Chairman: Bruce Manning

Secretary: Russ Morison

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