

86 TRANSPORT VIETNAM ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE TPI (SA) HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017 AT 9.30am

MINUTES

At 9.30am which was the commencement time for the meeting it was noted that Bill Denny the President and Chair for the meeting had not yet arrived.

It was agreed by all of those present that Bill Hignett chair the meeting until Bill Denny arrived and Ian Milnes take the minutes.

PRESENT: Ken Brown, Brenton Sweet, Bill Hignett, Rudi Bos, Garry Johnson, Michael Park, Mick Hicks, Ian Milnes, Graham Bulger, Gary Zbierski, Dean Butler, Kenneth Parker, Trevor Whalan, Bill Denny (arrived at 10.10am)

APOLOGIES: Gary Linde, Denis Hicks, Jim McGowan

ITEM 1: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair declared that as there were 13 members present at the commencement of the meeting the quorum requirements for the meeting had been met. The Chair referred to hard copies of documents that had been tabled before the meeting including, the agenda, proposed rule changes, Annual Report and an 8 page email from Gary Linde dated 29 May 2017.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

There were no minutes that required confirmation.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair presented the Report to the meeting and asked for any questions or comments.

Moved/ Rudi Bos: Seconded/Garry Johnson

That the 2016 Annual Report tabled at this Annual Meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

ITEM 4: TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair presented the Association's financial statements for the financial years ending on 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016 and made the following comments.

The Association incurred no costs for the 2015 financial year and the funds for the Association had been boosted by a donation of \$1,040.32 from the 2014 Reunion Committee.

In the 2016 financial year, the merchandise sales were mainly from the sale of blue chambray shirts with the 86 logo. The 86 website and internet costs were for 2 years. The cost of \$214.20 was for the placement of one death notice in the Advertiser and after noting this cost the Committee had decided all future notices would be limited to posting on the 86 Facebook page and the 86 website.

Moved/Ian Milnes: Seconded/Graham Bulger

That the audited financial statements presented at this meeting and included in the 2016 Annual Report be accepted.

CARRIED

ITEM 5: RULE CHANGES

The Chair reported on Proposal 1 by Gary Linde on the Agenda and stated: Gary Linde as the original proposer of this rule change has asked that this proposal be withdrawn and unless there is a proposer and seconder from this meeting for the proposal, I am ruling that we move to the next item of business.

Ian Milnes expressed the following concerns:

Members had only just seen copies of the documents received from Gary Linde that were dated 29 May 2017 and attached to a covering email of the same date. The document had not been received in a timely manner and the Committee had not had the opportunity to examine and digest any proposals or motions contained therein. The proposals could be examined for the next AGM if he wishes.

All members present agreed that Gary Linde's document dated 29 May 2017 would not be included for consideration at this AGM.

Proposal 1 by the Committee

Moved/Ian Milnes: Seconded/Rudi Bos

Amend the current clause 5 titled Membership to the following

5. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association consists of Ordinary and Family/Associate Members

5.1 Ordinary Membership

5.1.1 A person is qualified to be an ordinary member of the Association if:

- a) the person served in 86 Transport Platoon in South Vietnam
- b) the person applied for membership and been approved for membership by the Committee of the Association

- 5.1.2 The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and shall be in such form as the Committee shall prescribe from time to time.
- 5.1.3 Upon the acceptance of the application by the Committee the applicant shall be an ordinary member of the Association.
- 5.2 Family/Associate Membership
 - 5.2.1 Family/Associate members of the Association may include
 - a) A veteran whose service and contribution was linked to 86 Transport Platoon or Detachment 86 Transport Platoon in Vietnam.
 - b) The partner of a person who was deployed to 86 Transport Platoon or Detachment 86 Transport Platoon in Vietnam.
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 - 5.2.4 A Family/Associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee.

Amendment

Moved/Ken Brown: Seconded/Ken Parker

That the words, “or Detachment 86 Transport Platoon be inserted in 5.1.1a) immediately before the words in South Vietnam.”

CARRIED

Substantive Motion

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CARRIED

Proposal 2 by Gary Linde and Committee

Moved/Rudi Bos: Seconded/Graham Bulger

Delete the current clause 6 titled Subscriptions and replace with

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

No subscription fee will apply to any membership

LOST

Proposal 3 by the Committee

Moved/Ian Milnes: Seconded/Garry Johnson

Delete clause 7 titled RESIGNATION and add a new clause titled CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of a person ceases on resignation, non- renewal of membership, expulsion or death.

7.1 Resignation

7.1.1 A member may resign from membership of the Association by giving written notice thereof to the Secretary or Public Officer of the Association.

7.1.2 Any member so resigning shall be liable for any outstanding subscriptions, which shall be recovered as a debt due to the Association

7.2 Non- Renewal

7.2.1 Any member whose renewal is outstanding for more than 3 months after being issued with a renewal notification by the Secretary shall cease to be a member of the Association.

7.3 Expulsion

7.3.1 Subject to giving a member an opportunity to be heard or to make a written submission, the Committee may resolve to expel a member upon a charge of misconduct detrimental to the interests of the association.

- 7.3.2 Particulars of the allegation shall be communicated to the member at least one month before the meeting of the Committee at which the matter will be determined.
- 7.3.3 The determination of the Committee shall be communicated to the member, and in the event of an adverse determination the member shall, (subject to 7.3.4 below), cease to be a member 14 days after the committee has communicated its determination to the member.
- 7.3.4 It shall be open to a member to appeal the expulsion to the association at a general meeting. The intention to appeal shall be communicated to the secretary or public officer of the Association within 14 days after the determination of the Committee has been communicated to the member.
- 7.3.5 In the event of an appeal under 7.3.4 above, the appellant's membership of the association shall not be terminated unless the determination of the committee to expel the member is upheld by the members of the association in general meeting after the appellant has been heard by the members of the association, and in such event membership will be terminated at the date of the general meeting at which the determination of the committee is upheld.

CARRIED

Proposal 4 by the Committee

Moved/Rudi Bos: Seconded/Ken Parker

Amend clause 17 (1) of the rules by deleting the number 10 and replace with the number 6.

17. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 17.1 6 members present personally constitute a quorum at any general meeting

CARRIED

Proposal 5 by the Committee

Moved/Ian Milnes: Seconded/Rudi Bos

Amend Clause 20 by adding a new clause (2) and (3) to allow electronic and postal voting

20. VOTING RIGHTS

- 20.1 Subject to these rules, each ordinary member present in person shall be entitled to one vote
- 20.2 The Association may hold a postal or electronic ballot to decide on any issue or proposal.
- 20.3 The postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with the procedure determined by the Committee

The Chair reported that he had received an amendment from Gary Linde seeking to amend 20.1 by adding after vote the words, "either in person, by submission of a written vote, or a proxy nomination."

The Chair called for a mover and seconder from the meeting for this amendment. As there was no mover or seconder for the amendment it lapsed.

The Chair then put the original motion

CARRIED

Proposal 7 by the Committee

Moved/Rudi Bos: Seconded/Ian Milnes

Delete clause 21 (b) titled ACCOUNTS and replace

21. ACCOUNTS

Replace Clause 21(b) with

The Committee may authorise the Treasurer to expend funds on behalf of the Association (including by electronic funds transfer) up to a specified limit without requiring approval from the Committee for each item on which the funds are expended. The Treasurer shall report all of these transactions at the following Committee meeting

CARRIED

ITEM 6: APPOINTMENT OF A RETURNING OFFICER

The Chair declared that this appointment was no longer required as there was no requirement for an election to be conducted at the AGM.

ITEM 7: ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

The Chair declared that at the close of nominations at 5pm on 24 May 2017, the following nominees are elected unopposed:

7.1 President - Bill Denny

7.2 Secretary/Treasurer - Bill Hignett

7.3 Committee Members - Rudi Bos and Ian Milnes

7.4 Minute Secretary – no nomination had been received.

The Chair called for nominations for Minute Secretary from the members present. Graham Bulger volunteered.

Moved/Ian Milnes: Seconded/Rudi Bos

That Graham Bulger be elected as Minute Secretary

CARRIED

ITEM 8: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved/Rudi Bos: Seconded/Ian Milnes

That Mr Tony Johnston JP be appointed as 86 Transport Vietnam Association Incorporated's auditor for the next reporting period.

CARRIED

ITEM 9: REUNION REPORTS

The Chair sought feedback on the recent 2017 reunion. He reported that 206 86ers and their partners had attended the Sunshine Coast Reunion this year. This was slightly down from the Victor Harbor Reunion where 238 attended. There was general consensus that the reunion was well run and people liked the fact there were less organised activities at this reunion. There was a suggestion that maybe one trip could be included to make sure we all mix more easily.

The 2019 reunion which will be our 9th since our first in 1999 will be held in Wagga Wagga in NSW around Anzac Day and the likely dates are from 21 to 26 April 2019 with the gala dinner on 26 April 2019.

ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

Concern was expressed over some of the postings on the 86 Facebook page. Concerns were some of the jokes and language.

The Chair mentioned this had already been raised by the Committee and he was working on a posting policy to be pinned to the 86 Facebook page and the Committee was looking at appointing a moderator to remove offensive posts or those did not conform to the posting procedure for the page.

Dean Butler asked about the future of the Association given we were all getting older. The Chair mentioned that this could be an item for discussion at a future general meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.52am

ADDENDUM FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17/08/17

These minutes were presented to the Committee Meeting on 17/08/17 by the Secretary/Treasurer for confirmation that they were a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the AGM held on 31/05/17.

The Committee confirmed their accuracy and instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to distribute the confirmed minutes along with the 2016 Annual Report approved at the AGM to all members as soon as possible.

Minutes Confirmed.....

Date.....