



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the
LASTAA INC**

02 Dec 21 in person and via Zoom from 20 Regt, RAA

Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, QLD, 4051

Present

Russ Hamsey, Terry Erbs, Allan Harrison, Bob Morrison, Keith Ayliffe, Harry Lynas, Ian Board and WO1 Mel Wood RSM 20 Regt.

Apologies

Harry Lynas

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1000 h.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 30 Sep 21 were reviewed and based on a motion by Terry, seconded by Allan, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Correspondence

2. No correspondence was sent or received since the last meeting.

Financial Report

3. Allan provided a financial report. The association remains financially healthy with \$7748.35 in the bank and \$10,340.90 in a term deposit for total assets of \$19,062.54. Allan presented a motion to accept the financial report which was seconded by Ian. The report was accepted.
4. The Term Deposit is due to mature within the next two weeks. Allan moved that we allow the deposit to roll over. Ian seconded the motion. Without further discussion, it was decided to allow the Term Deposit to roll over for another period.
5. Perpetual Membership. Allan and Bob opened discussion on this subject stating there was some confusion among some members about the implementation of this membership type.

It was concluded this confusion was just a natural reaction to change and the situation would settle quickly. It was decided to not change the membership at this point and monitor the situation further.

6. Allan reminded Russ that there is an outstanding payment due to Bob. This situation was rectified immediately after the meeting.

Membership Report

7. Bob provided a membership report. The association has 115 members. There are 7 members from 2020 and 7 members from 2021 who have outstanding dues totalling \$210. Efforts will continue to have those members return to paid-up status. Bob was commended for his efforts in pursuing members to remain current and paid-up.
8. Bob proposed a motion to accept the membership report and Terry seconded the motion. The report was accepted.
9. New RSM 20 Regt
10. WO1 Mel Wood was introduced to the committee as the new RSM 20 Regt. Mel is an old friend of the LSTAA and is keenly interested in continuing close ties between the association and the Regt.

Communications Report

11. Russ presented that Mal Scott has resigned from the Communications Rep position. He stated that a new member was required. Mel was asked for assistance to provide someone from 20 Regt to fill this vacancy.

ANZAC Day 22

12. Terry provided an update to ANZAC Day 22 planning. Terry and Mel will discuss the Brisbane Parade further as the situation develops. Although ANZAC Day is included as part of the Reunion 22 program, Terry will draft a separate notice to ensure widest distribution of the ANZAC Day activities.

Reunion 2022

13. Russ provided a quick in-brief for Mel on the draft program for Reunion 22. It was stressed that the Regt's participation needs to be confirmed so the LSTAA can firm up planning. Mel will confirm the Regt's plans early in 2022 and inform the association.
14. Keith then provided a detailed update on Reunion 22 planning. Important points from the update follow:

- a. Numbers – Keith has received interest from approx. sixty attendees and believes we should see 100 people attend the reunion.
 - b. Grant Applications – Keith stated we have not received the requested support from the RSL and have yet to hear from DVA. The committee will continue to pursue grant funding where possible.
 - c. Ft Lytton – There is a need to confirm food and beverage planning with Harry to ensure the activity remains within the rules established by Ft Lytton. It was discussed with Mel that the MENZ Club is the most appropriate provider for food and beverages. It was also agreed that a donation to Ft Lytton to compensate for a lost revenue generation opportunity is appropriate.
 - d. Merchandise – Keith presented a concept for a “market” at Ft Lytton to sell merchandise. He recommended we open the market to the LSTAA, 131 Locators, 20 Regt and the Artillery Association. Allan offered to scope merchandise for the LSTAA, and Russ presented a concept for a merchandise package for subscribers to the Reunion. Allan and Russ will continue working on this concept.
 - e. Cocktail Party – Keith mentioned the requirement to provide transport to Kedron-Wavell RSL. Terry will contact the RSL to see what options are available.
 - f. Guest List – Keith has provided a recommended special guest list to Russ. At the next meeting, Russ will present the guest list and the concept for who will be offered to attend free of charge.
 - g. Funding – Russ will prepare a budget for discussion at the next meeting.
15. RSVP – Terry has prepared an on-line RSVP that was approved for use. DFT details and the costs need to be added. It was decided to aim to finalise the RSVP by 31 Jan 22.
16. Program – It was decided to finalise the program by 31 Jan 22 so that adequate early information can be provided to the membership.
17. Cocktail Menu – Terry has provided options for the Cocktail Party Menu. The final menu is to be decided at the next meeting.

New Business

131 Bty Grant

18. BC 131 has requested a grant of \$250 to support two perpetual trophies for the Bty Soldier of the Year and Junio NCO of the Year. Russ moved that the LSTAA provide \$250 to fund two perpetual trophies for 131 Bty. The motion was seconded by Ian and unanimously approved. Russ will coordinate this grant with BC 131.

Next Meeting

19. The next meeting is scheduled for Thu 20 Jan 22 a 1000 h (QLD time). Russ will send out the invitation, agenda and Zoom meeting instructions in the New Year.

Fair Trading NSW

20. Bob stated that the situation with Fair Trading NSW has been settled. Briefly, the COVID situation has confused the requirement for providing reports. Bob was able settle the situation by providing reports for 2020 and 2021. Bob was thanked for his diligence in resolving this matter.

Meeting Closure

21. The meeting was closed at 1108 h.

Russ Hamsey

President

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