

## Minutes of The AGM Air Dispatch Association of Australia held at the Ipswich RSL 26th June 2009

The meeting was opened by the President Barry Gannon at 1220 Hrs. He welcomed those present and requested all to sign the attendance book.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of the Patron General D Ferguson and the following members Les Power, Dennis Dray, Jim Piet, Kemm Baber, David Armstrong and Pat Slee. It was moved Tony Dowd seconded Graeme Buchanan That the apologies be accepted. CARRIED

The minutes of the last AGM were then read by the President. It was moved Cyril Clarke seconded Bill D'Arcy that the minutes be adopted as a true copy. CARRIED

Business Arising The president reported that contrary to the new rule adopted at the previous AGM which required that life memberships be bestowed at AGM's the executive decided to bestow a life membership on Pat Slee for his many years of service to the Association when he handed the webmasters position over to Brenda Baber. It was felt it should have been awarded at the previous AGM but was overlooked. After some discussion it was moved Tony Dowd seconded Chris Felkin That the decision of the Executive in awarding life membership to Pat Slee be approved by the current AGM CARRIED.

The President Then reported on the matter of Incorporation and that the Association was still Incorporated in NSW. After some discussion it was proposed by Brian Irving that the executive would seek advice as to whether it was appropriate to change the State in which we are Incorporated or whether it could be left in NSW. The matter will be reported in the Clipped wings when determined.

In the absence of the Treasurer The President then tabled the financial report which was not a full years trading but up to the present date. All members present received a copy. The profit and loss which shows a loss for the year was discussed at length. The bulk of the loss was the extra cost involved in procuring Liability Insurance which included coverage of the actions of the officials of the Association which had not previously been included in the coverage. The slow reduction in numbers of members was also causing a long term problem in maintaining a positive financial situation. It was moved Brian Irving seconded Tony Dowd That the treasurers interim report be adopted CARRIED

The annual membership fee was discussed at length and it was determined it has not changed in the last ten years. Some members were concerned that an increase in fees would see some members drop out. Alternatives which would improve the financial situation were discussed however after quite some discussion it was moved Ron Garland seconded Chris Felkin That the Annual membership fees be increased to \$25-00 per year from 1 July 2009 and that renewals after that date be at that amount CARRIED

**NOTE !** Membership paid in advance of 1 July 2009 will NOT incur the extra cost.

At this time the President indicated it was appropriate to declare all positions vacant and called for nominations of a returning officer. Brian Irving was nominated by Barry Gannon seconded by Chris Felkin. There being no other nominations Brian took the Chair.

The returning officer called for nominations for President and Tony Dowd was nominated by Barry Gannon seconded by Ron Garland Tony accepted the nomination, there were no further nominations and the returning officer declared Tony Dowd elected as President unopposed.

The returning officer then called for nominations for Vice President. Gary Cole was nominated by Cyril Clarke seconded by Ron Garland Gary Accepted the nomination there being no further nominations Gary was elected unopposed.

The returning officer then called nominations for Secretary. Nev Varley was nominated by Tony Dowd seconded by Bill D'Arcy Tony Dowd indicated that Nev Varley had informed him that he would accept the position if there were no other nominations. Barry Gannon then stated that it was not in the best interest of Nev considering his current health situation and the he (Barry Gannon ) was prepared to accept the position if there were no one else desiring the position. There were no other nominations so Cyril Clarke nominated Barry Gannon seconded by Graeme Buchanan Barry accepted the nomination and Tony withdrew the nomination of Nev Varley which was agreed to by Bill D'Arcy. Barry Gannon was elected unopposed.

The returning officer then called nominations for Treasurer Barry Gannon nominated Kemm Baber and informed the meeting that Kemm was prepared to continue in the position Kemm was seconded by Gary Cole there being no other nominations Kemm was elected unopposed.

The returning officer then called for nominations for Assistant Secretary John Knack was nominated by Barry Gannon seconded by Bill D'Arcy. John accepted the nomination and there being no other nominations was elected unopposed.

The returning officer then requested advice as to the positions of Webmaster, State Reps and Merchandising Officer. Barry Gannon informed him that as far as he was aware all of the current incumbents were prepared to continue in the roles. The returning officer requested any other nominations and there being none he confirmed the incumbents in those positions.

Brian Irving then declared the result of the election and requested that Tony Dowd take the Chair.

Tony took the chair as President to the acclaim of the meeting. He then thanked the Past President for his services to the Association and looked forward to working together with all of the newly elected officers to work on improving the Association particularly as to membership and regular meetings in each State.

The President then called for general business. The Secretary reported at some length on the proposed next International Reunion in the UK he indicated there would probably be two different events, one in the UK and another in Holland at Arnhem later in the year 2010. Details to follow in CW and website

The President indicated the next Australian reunion should be held in Melbourne possibly in 2011 but there would be more to follow again in the CW and website.

The Secretary reported on the matter of a Plaque to be dedicated at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra to the RAASC units which served in Vietnam. The planning is well under way and full details on the event will be published in CW and again on the website. All former RAASC members, particularly those who served in Vietnam, are invited to attend. It will be in the early part of 2010.

There being no further business the President thanked those who had attended and invited them to join in a meal and drinks in the club. He closed the meeting at 1335 hrs.