

AIR DISPATCH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 24 April 2017
at RSL House, Melbourne, Vic**

MEETING OPENED 1000 HOURS

- 1 PRESENT Mark (Nick) Nicolai, Lou Heidenreich, Geoff Harris, Geoff Cutts, Brian Hill, Barry Gannon, Ross McGann, Bill D'Arcy, Trevor Worland, Brian Hill, Garry Cole, Brian Irving, Denis Foster
- 2 APOLOGIES Anthony Eddie, Dennis McCann, Ned Miller, Chris Felkin, Andy Cornish
- 2.1 Barry Gannon raised an issue that he had been advised of by Denis McCann. The Constitution requires the advising of AGM to be provided in writing to all members along with a Copy of the Agenda fourteen days prior to the AGM. The Secretary advised Mr Gannon that the notice had been advertised in writing on the ADAA web site three weeks prior to the meeting and a copy of the Agenda was also available. Three weeks prior to the AGM there had been no Agenda items, but the notice of the AGM provided a request that anyone wishing to raise any agenda items should do so via email to the Secretary. The two items on the Agenda had been advised to the Secretary and were available to all members attending the AGM.
- 3 ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES The President asked the Secretary to read the Minutes from the previous AGM.
- Moved: Brian Hill
Seconded: Trevor Worland that the minutes as read be accepted.
Carried
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING Nil
- 5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT The President welcomed all the members attending the AGM and outlined the Associations progress during 2016.
- Moved: Trevor Worland
Seconded: Barry Gannon that the Presidents report be accepted.
Carried
- 6 SECRETARY'S REPORT The Secretary was asked to read his report.
- 6.1 Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the other Committee members for their support and assistance. As you all know I was asked to fill in as Secretary after the tragic passing of our colleague and friend Jim Piet. It was only with the assistance of the President, his wife Joyce, Geoff and Kim Harris and Brenda Baber that I was able

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to muddle my way through 2016-17. The Association has been on a path of resurgence and growth throughout the year, and this year (2017) has all of the hallmarks of being a great year. The planning for the Annual Ball is well under way thanks to Anthony Eddie, and the fund raising to support all of the Associations future activities are progressing nicely thanks to Nick, Joyce, Grant Foster and all of their assistants.

- 6.2 Whilst I will not seek re-election I know that my nominated replacement (Ned Miller) will be fantastic in the position of secretary, he too has assisted me greatly during my brief term.
- 6.3 Correspondence In:
 - 6.3.1 Biscuit Bombers Banner
 - 6.3.2 141 TPT Coy (Biscuit Bombers Association)
 - 6.3.3 Death Douglas Carpenter
 - 6.3.4 National Disability Conference Initiative 2017-18
 - 6.3.5 Closing of Volunteer Grants Application 2016
 - 6.3.6 Brian Moore Anzac March Melbourne (Biscuit Bombers)
 - 6.3.7 Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Leading Prevention Grant
 - 6.3.8 Receipt Dept. Social Services (Grant)
 - 6.3.9 INC1200406 Confirmation of registration of amendment to constitution.
 - 6.3.10 Financial Grant application QLD Govt Website upgrade/ digital needs.
 - 6.3.11 Peter Whitbread
 - 6.3.12 Recruit Training Affiliation 22 Platoon
- 6.4 Correspondence Out:
 - 6.4.1 Biscuit Bombers Banner
 - 6.4.2 Death Douglas Carpenter
 - 6.4.3 Volunteer Grant 2016 Application
 - 6.4.4 Recruit Training Affiliation

Moved: Geoff Cutts

Seconded: Trevor Worland that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Carried

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

The President asked the Treasurer to read his report.

Moved: Brian Hill

Seconded: Bill D'Arcy that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Carried

8 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The President declared all positions vacant and asked for a volunteer to act as Returning Office: Barry Gannon volunteered to act as Returning Office.

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9 ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nominations:
President: Mark (Nick) Nicolai
Vote: Carried
Vice President: Anthony Eddie
Vote: Carried
Secretary: Eric (Ned) Miller
Vote: Carried
Treasurer: Geoff Harris
Vote: Carried
Assistant Secretary: Lou Heidenreich
Vote: Carried
Committee Members: Grant Foster
Geoff Cutts
Vote: Carried

10 OTHER APPOINTMENTS

State Representative' positions are not changing.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 22 Pl Affiliation. The President outlined the ongoing affiliation with 22 Pl 1RTB. There has been a request to provide items that depict the Air Dispatch Trade to decorate the Pl lines. The question of procuring items was put off, to be bought up later in the meeting to co-inside with another request for support.

Moved: Brian Hill
Seconded: Mark Nicolai
Carried

11.2 Widow's Agenda/Selection. The President raised the Association's intention to take an Air Dispatcher's widow to the next International Reunion to be held in Scotland in 2018. There was discussion about the selection process regarding the funding. Suggestions were made for the Committee to approach Qantas or other major carriers to see if a donation can be organized (flight). To give possible recipients a chance to organize their year in advance it was also suggested that the ballot be drawn prior to Christmas 2017. There was also a suggestion of splitting the cost to enable the recipient to travel with a second person.

Moved: Barry Gannon
Seconded: Trevor Worland that the Committee continue on with the planning with the view of having the ballot conducted prior to Christmas 2017
Carried

11.3 The President spoke about the recent trip to the Viet Nam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island. It had been noted that there was no display that reflected the job carried out by the members of Det 176 AD Coy. The Museum curator said that

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they would be willing to offer up a space for a small display. It was suggested that a coordinated effort be made to procure suitable items for Viet Nam Veterans Museum and 22 Platoon lines at the Recruit Training Battalion. Trevor Worland volunteered to look into the situation and see what could be arranged.

Moved: Mark Nicolai

Seconded: Geoff Cutts that support to both organisations be investigated

Carried

11.4 The Meeting discussed consideration of the update of the Constitution to reflect the changes in technology in light of the earlier mentioned complaint about individual notices not being delivered in writing to members. The practice as outlined was not the first time that the members had been advised via social media, in November 2013 the same practice was carried out, but the Constitution should be amended to reflect this. It was also suggested that the use of Skype or a similar teleconferencing technology be investigated so the members, who are unable to attend the AGM have the opportunity to view it via the internet.

Moved: Barry Gannon

Seconded: Brian Irving that the Constitution be amended to reflect the changes in using social media to advise members of AGMs and Agendas

Carried

11.5 The meeting conducted a discussion about the 141 TPT COY banner and the need for a secure storage place for it. It was suggested that the banner (Biscuit Bombers) be stored with the current Association Banner and paraded on Anzac Day and any other day that was deemed appropriate by the Committee.

MEETING CLOSED 1230 HOURS

Lou Heidenreich
Secretary