A Record Of Business Transacted By The National Executive Saturday 18 April 2009 At Manurewa RSA Dining Room

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MINUTED RECORD OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY AT THE AGM OF THE MANUREWA RSA WITH PERMISSION FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Date: 18 April 2009

Present:

Len Knapp National President Overall Responsibility
Ray King-Turner National Vice President Welfare & Support

Coorse Smith National Vice President Name or big

George Smith National Vice President Membership
Hiro Hamilton National Vice President Fiscal Growth

Russ Byrne National Vice President Legal

Cliff Waaka (Late) National Vice President Merchandise Jim Perry (Late) National Secretary Secretarial

Trevor Dean Life Member Transport support & Observer

Administration: Hiro Hamilton sat in as Secretary until the National Secretary returned.

Opening & Welcome: Len Knapp opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Karakia: Hiro Hamilton was asked to officiate.

Ode: Recited by Len Knapp.

Last Post acknowledgements: Tua Pike & Murray Cook

Apologies: Received from Bev Jones & Barry Allison

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion: That the minutes as circulated be received:

Hiro /Len Agreed

Matters arising:

Russ Byrne: Page 3 under correspondence 3.0 NOT A BOGUS MEDAL Russ produced PINGAT KHIDMAT BERBATI Print out in explanation of this medal.

Ray King-Turner and George Smith both concurred that if veterans wanted to purchase this medal it was their private business.

Russ Byrne also produced evidence "That the Malayan Veterans Association Inc" had been struck off.

Russ Byrne referring to "All new members" See membership (4) of the constitution

Russ Byrne Page 6 Ear Marking Money Re \$22000 dollars made comment re Paid Life subscription

Russ Byrne Page 6 General Business: No feedback from Cliff re Marae from Terendak

No further discussion from Minutes 14 February 2009

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Inward: Muka Mayes - Christchurch - Invitation to Patrons.

Motion: That invitations be extended to the National Patrons.

Russell / Len Agreed.

- **b.** Inward: Colin J. Andrews. Concern expressed about what Colin was doing:
- 1.0 Charging along like a bull at a gate a loose cannon.
- 2.0 No proof that any NZ troops have been affected by Agent Orange in Malaya / Malaysia / Borneo.
- 3.0 Need to hide have proof that Kiwis affected before making a noise.
- 4.0 No proof shown that we served in the regions during alleged spraying.

c. Inward: Usual traffic from RNZRSA.

d. Inward: E mail traffic. Samples shown, but all have copies. Russell email address now corrected.

e. Inward: South African card.

Motion: That the Correspondence be received and the outward approved.

George / Hiro Agreed.

REPORTS:

Welfare & Support: Ray King-Turner reported verbally:

a. 11 letters received about DBP.

b. Letters written to all RSAs to display in clubrooms.

c. Will seek permission to include an article in Reunion Packs.

d. A Remit needed

Membership: George Smith Nothing to report.

Funding & Fundraising: Hiro Hamilton reports verbally.

- **a.** No fundraising possible until the Incorporated Status corrected.
- **b.** Need to contact the Registrar and seek reinstatement, but audited statement of accounts essential.
- **c.** An enquiry: Why is Russell's Company allowed to use the Association Letterhead and Logo to promote his trips?
- **d.** Jim offered the letterhead in question sent to him from an Auckland RSA, and fielded the questions:
- \cdot When did the Executive give permission for the Letterhead & Logo to be used to promote tours overseas?

- If the National Executive gave permission, how much does the National Executive get as a percentage of any tours?
- **e.** Russell said he paid \$100 to advertise in Selamat. (Query: who to?)

Motion: People can apply to the Association for the use of the Letterhead for any purpose. Len. Lapsed for want of a seconder.

Motion: That Russell, as the holder of the Legal portfolio, be authorized to investigate and report fully to the next Executive Meeting on the patenting of the Logo.

Jim / Cliff Agreed

Merchandise: Cliff Waaka presented a written report – each person received one.

Reunion Report:

- **a.** The target is still \$100 000 and could be reached with luck.
- **b.** Posters will be sent to all RSAs.
- **c.** 3 Auck / North contacted to help with catering for Reunion Regimental Dinner and transport.
- **d.** Reunion Committee meeting the next day strategic planning.
- **e.** Len: Other branches not willing to help out with picking up any over rides and debts. Cliff: There is no worry for other branches. Manurewa will be self sufficient.
- **f.** Hiro: What is the position with berets. Refer to Bev and the emails from Barry.
- **g.** Ray: When was the cut off date? Cliff: June but anyone after that can still register. None will be turned away. June will give us an idea for catering.

Legal: Russell reports verbally.

a. Was trying to simplify the Constitution.

- b. Jim commented about the fact that the Constitution does not assist with getting things done. He gave an instance where a period of 18 months elapsed between the AGM where the Delegates passed acceptance of Remits on behalf of branches, but nothing could be done until the Remits could be put in front of a BGM 18 months later, only to find that a completely new audience with no knowledge of what had transpired 18 months before reversed the decision, and the good work done by Delegates was lost.
- c. Jim also gave the example of how in any other organisation including RSAs, Rugby Clubs and Unions a Notice of Motion at the appropriate time ahead of any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting gave the power to the meeting to bring immediate change to the Constitution. He expressed frustration at wasting time putting remits to Annual General Meetings and not being able to act on them.
- **d.** Jim maintained that the Constitution had to be rewritten to allow remits to apply from the time they were passed.
- e. Russell stated that the Remits he had sent in were not intended for Geoffrey Palmer, but should be sent as Remits to RSA National Council meeting. He suggested that we needed someone who would be prepared to speak up for the Association. Len reminded him that Jim had done well over the last three years.
- **f.** It was suggested that the Delegates Meeting should be given opportunity to see the Remits and vote on them first.

Financial Report: Presented by Jim on behalf of Bev.

 Balance of General Account:
 @ 17.04.09
 2 241.00

 Balance of Passau Account:
 @ 17.04.09
 6 016.03

 Investment Account:
 @ 17.04.09
 22 550.00

Total in Bank: 31 807.03

Recommendation: That Bev investigate the best available investment interest levels, and shift the money if necessary.

Cliff / Hiro Agreed

Selamat: Bev was concerned that Rotorua membership plus some members of Executive had not paid the \$10 donation for the Selamat.

Accounts were passed for payment.

Hiro - Air fare \$460 George Taxi fare \$47.80

Motion: That the Financial Report be accepted and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **1.0** Remits for Delegates and Annual General Meeting scheduled for 11 July have to be in to branches by 2 May 2009 10 weeks ahead of the meeting.
- **2.0** 14 weeks notice needs to be given out prior to meeting email addresses would be helpful.
- **3.0** Len to send Jim notice of dates of National Council meeting.
- **4.0** Website: Hiro: Is the website a public relations exercise? Yes! Russell: Why is it so hard to get on to Selamat? He has asked Barry and webmaster.
- **5.0** Cliff: The website has a page for the reunion.
- **6.0** Cliff: Tumatauenga: Once the Reunion is out of the way, he will pick up the problem again.
- **7.0** A special Port Wine is available for sale now. Order a box and sell it to friends and branch members.

Letter of Resignation:

Cliff tendered a letter of Resignation based on ill health and pressure of work.

Accepted with regret.

Trevor was asked if he would take on the Merchandise portfolio until the BGM. He accepted.

The meeting closed at 1415 hours with a karakia by Cliff.