

National Executive Meeting of the NZ Malayan Veterans Association (Inc) held at the Manurewa (RSA) at 11 am 3rd December 2011.

Agenda and other notices distributed prior to the meeting.

Present:	National President:	Mr Len Knapp
	National Vice President:	Mr Terry Bennett
	National Secretary:	Mr Hiro Hamilton
	National Executive Members:	Mr Paul Anderson
		Mr Howard Wilson
		Mr Muka Mayes
		Mr Russell Byrne
		Mr William Russell
		Mr Mike Cooney

National Executive Members apologies: Mr Barry Allison
Mr Doug Smith

(Note: Stranded at the Auckland Domestic Terminal as a result of missing the voluntary transport provided by the Manurewa Branch)

Others Present:	Mr Peter Gallacher	Rotorua Branch
	Mr Teach McGowan	Rotorua Branch
	Mr Puke (Piwi) Beawini	Turanganui a Kiwa
	Mrs Nada Byrne	Tauranga Branch

Other apologies:	Mr Theo Brunt	Manurewa Branch
	Mr Eru Manuera	NZMVA Patron

Welcome:	NZMVA President:	Mr Len Knapp
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Last Post: No list of names provided, these names brought forward by those present:
Mr Ron Burns, Mr Allan Hathaway, Mr Graham Hall

Ode:	National Vice President:	Mr Terry Bennett
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Karakia: Mr Piwi Beawini

Minutes of Previous NZMVA National Executive Meeting dated 10th September 2011 circulated.

“It was resolved and seconded that the above minutes of that meeting, having previously been recorded and matters discussed, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting”

Mr Terry Bennett / Mr Mike Cooney
Carried

Matters arising from those minutes:

1. Tainui Kaumatua : Mr Jim Mahara
2. Mr Russell Byrne regarding other veterans from other conflicts, not appropriate to be read out, the list should concentrate on those members belonging to this association and if necessary those that are currently financial. This could make the list of names more manageable rather than the length of time that took place during the 2011 BGM
3. Other options suggested: List of names written on a white board and displayed at the BGM.
4. List of names such as a scroll attached to the Reunion Book
5. The List of names should only be those from the previous NE Meeting just before the BGM
6. Sufficient for those names that have been listed in the Selamat News Letter.
7. Regarding 2011 BGM Re "Patron" This matter to be looked at by Mr Terry Bennett and to be brought back to the next NE Meeting for discussion and approval.

Presidents Report:

1. Covered all issues since the last NE Meeting and any matters from the 2011 BGM
2. Matters from the Financial Report
3. Matters identified for General Business
4. Allocation of NE Members responsibilities
5. Those matters brought to the NE via reports

Moved by the President Len Knapp and seconded by Mr Mike Cooney "That the Presidents report be received" Carried

Matters arising from the Presidents Report:

1. A Patron is a person with high standing in the community
2. This appointment is probably a three level responsibility outcome, one the has no legal attachments, one that has, and it's probably more reasonable to have only one patron for the association.
3. Any patron appointment could also be for a limited period of time.

National Secretary Report:

1. Administration list re- emails received 9th September last to the end of November 2011.
2. Secretary report correspondence inwards and outwards, Harcourts foundation application for data projector declined,

3. Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson dated 9 November support for MVD
4. Sent to the Companies Office 2011 BGM Audit Report
5. ASB Bank Statement Account 12-3063-0201225-00 Closing balance \$12,563:87 New ASB Bank signatories
6. Minutes Tauranga Branch received
7. Colin Moana Turanganui a Kiwa Branch re-concerns veteran attendance at the 2011 BGM dated 30th November 201
8. Outwards: Notice to NE Members analysis NE Meetings for 2012, 2013 and recommendation portfolio appointments
9. Reimbursement to the National Secretary \$447:00 for Administration and travel

Moved by the National Secretary and seconded by Mr Howard Wilson "That the Secretaries report be received" Carried:

Matters arising from the National Secretaries report: Nil

Financial Report: Tabled by Mr Terry Bennett National Vice President:

Summary:

ASB Operating Cheque Account No 12 3063 0201225 00 Credit balance: \$8771:44

Term Deposits:

1. 72 Term Deposit \$22,550:00 4.40% matures 14/01/12 automatically reinvested on maturity
2. 86 Term Deposit \$6,696:1 3.50% matures 04/01/12 interest compounds and is automatically reinvested on maturity 90 days. Interest of \$57.29 earned on maturity 8/07/11 was reinvested with principal.

Accounts Payable:

Expense	\$7764:08	Please note: \$7350:98 of the expenses have been paid and cheques presented, but are brought to the meeting for approval.
	\$3000:00	Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Cheque No 103802 posted to BJ Clarke Vice president RNZRSA PO Box 5444 Papanui Christchurch 22 October 2011

Moved by, Mr Terry Bennett and seconded by Mr Howard Wilson, "That the Financial Report is received and all accounts are paid" Carried:

Matters arising from the financial report: Nil:

Election of NZMVA National Treasurer:

It was moved by: Mr Paul Anderson and seconded by Mr Howard Wilson, "That Mr Muka Mayes is the NZMVA National Treasurer as of this date 03/12/2011

Carried:

Selamat Report: Received by email late Thursday 1st December 2011.

1. As of the 28th November 2011: 592 individuals and organizations had access to Selamat our National News Letter.
2. This News letter is available via hard copy and electronic copy as per our National Website
3. 89 members are still behind on their National Registration Fees; this includes the Selamat News Letter all up of \$30 per year.
4. There have been a number of branches that have helped to process these matters by including this fee in their branch subs. Thank you branches.
5. Branch reports are a good source of information for our News Letter, please send a copy to the editor as well.
6. A printing sponsor will greatly help with the production of our News Letter; if you talk to someone you can always refer them to the editor.

Quartermasters Store Report: Summary:

1. Carrying Q Store stocks in a suitcase and having these available at NZMVA gatherings continue to keep the Q Store ticking over
2. On site sales at the BGM Reunion realise \$2500. Polo shirt stocks were depleted but 10 have been reordered.
3. There are 42 berets, 78 caps, 121 ties, 18 lapel badges, 3 x square blazer pockets, 17 round bullion blazer pockets, 2 x obsolete windbreaker pockets, 2 x large and 4 x small embroidered monograms.
4. Mr Len Knapp presented a NZMVA tie to researcher Dr Ian Shaw during the 2011 BGM.
5. Mrs Isobel Coulbeck of Christchurch was also presented with a Lapel Badge
6. 5 x jerseys are on order talk to the Q Master if interested
7. All NZMVA members can order black or green shirts with any combination of unit badges and medal ribbons, but must meet the costs.
8. Malaysian and NZMVA flags with poles are available to branches including gloves etc on a loan bases in return for a donation to the NZMVA Bank Account.

Matters arising from the above reports:

Mr Muka Mayes gave a brief report on the visit to Christchurch made by the King of Malaysia who welcomed to Rehua Marae Christchurch.

General Business:

Second NZMVA National Vice President:

Brief: The National President Mr Len Knapp advised the meeting "That the issue of Second Vice President of the NZMVA was approved at the 2007 BGM in Christchurch" As previously processed by the Late Mr Jim Perry the status of Vice Presidents a title given to all National Executive Members no longer exist. Today's meeting is about appointing a Second National Vice President.

Moved by Mr Paul Anderson and seconded by Mr Muka Mayes, "That Mr Howard Wilson is appointed the Second NZMVA National Vice President" Carried

Presentation by Mr William Russell

Malayan Veterans Day Proposal: Summary:

1. Letter of support from the Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson dated 9th November 2011.
2. MVD brief background.
3. Marketing strategy Malayan veteran stories made available by veterans and branches to the News Media, local RNZRSA's etc. Rotorua Branch Peter Gallacher suggested branches have their own resources to promote MVD and that the branches discuss how this MVD ceremony (programme) should look like.
4. Nothing confirmed regarding the venue, but it is expected that there will be a large turnout of NZMVA members attending this ceremony in Wellington along with members of the Public.
5. William Russell in constant discussions with the Office of the Malaysia High Commission, RNZRSA and other important dignitaries.
6. The 16th September 2012 is the proposed date for MVD ceremony to be held in Wellington.
7. The NZMVA membership needs to consider accommodation and travel arrangements if wanting to attend.

NZMVA Scholarship Proposal: Summary:

1. The NZMVA wish to acknowledge their time in Malaya and Malaysia from 1957 – 1980 granting three education scholarships to scholars attending High Schools in the areas that NZ troops were associated with.
2. The scholarships awarded to High School Students up to year 12 at High Schools from the immediate surrounding districts of Taiping, Malacca and Kampung New Zealand in Pahang State
3. Candidates will be required to write an essay about a NZ topic in English no longer than 2 x pages or 1000 words.
4. The topic will be chosen by the NAMVA

5. The scholarship will be awarded annually in the month of October
6. Entries will be called for by August 1st each year
7. The winner for each district will receive NZ \$500 in cash to be used for their higher learning studies.
8. Assistance has been offered by the NZ High Commission in Kuala Lumpur to Judge the essays and to act as a contact point in setting up the competition
9. The High Commission has also offered to host the winning students at the High Commission for a day to receive their prize
10. It is recommended that the scholarship proposal when accepted be confirmed for a period of five years commencing 2012
11. In 2016 a decision whether to extend this scholarship past 2007 should be made.
12. Suggested name for the scholarship could be Malaysian – New Zealand Scholarship.

Matters arising:

1. The number of essays could be enormous
2. Logistics with schools could be a concern
3. Back up posters for schools
4. Muka Mayes take this proposal to Mark Stewart
5. Levy the branches \$100 dollars each?
6. Len Knapp Look for sponsors?

Howard Wilson: Delegate Report RNZRSA Council Meeting Wellington

1. I want to thank the NE Committee for their support in allowing me to attend this RNZRSA Council Meeting.
2. I learnt a number of matters appropriate to veterans, and matters of a political nature.
3. Guest speakers were a valuable part of council meeting and their presentation was of a very high standard.
4. What I did learn was that the restructuring of the NZ Defence Force is similar ton that of the US Defence Force.
5. The NZ Army is nothing like we experienced in our time in Malaya Borneo and Vietnam.
6. There were a lot of people wanting to get up and talk.
7. I also identified the management side of the RNZRSA
8. The MVD ceremony treat this as a massive celebration
9. Expenses for reimbursement \$150

Mr Terry Bennett: Whakatane Branch:

1. Merit award Whakatane RSA declined
2. NZMVA need to resubmit in support of the Whakatane RSA

3. Table top project completed by the Whakatane NZMVA Branch and presented to the Whakatane RSA.
4. This tabletop is suitable for RSA's throughout NZ

Puke (Piwi) Beawini: Turanganui a Kiwa Delegate: 2013 Reunion update

1. 21st – 24th November 2013
2. Powhiri Te Poho o Rawiri Marae Kaiti Gisborne
3. Accommodation: NZMVA members attending your own responsibility in booking and identifying your own accommodation.
4. Other venues: Gisborne RSA and the Gisborne 2NZEF HQ
5. Possible dinner venue, Gisborne Surf Club HQ
6. Tour venues: Te Rongopai Marae
Pakowhai Marae
Waikanae Beach
Train ride
Whangara Marae
Tatapouri Beach
7. Church Parade 24.11.2013

Tauranga Branch Report:

1. Minutes of branch meeting received.
2. Paul Anderson and Russell Byrne both elected to the NE Committee
3. Christmas function 2011 to be at the Tauranga RSA
4. Finance: Term Deposit \$13,132:50, Current account: \$1909:32
5. Correspondence: Inwards: NZMVA National Secretary request for details of New ME Members, Proposal for NZMVA Scholarship re Bill Russell, Meeting venue planning, Minutes of the 2011 BGM.

Conclusion of Meeting: 2:30 pm with a Karakia by Puke Beawini:

Next National Executive Meeting at 11 am 3rd March 2012 Manurewa RSA

President: _____

Date: _____