

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Conducted at the RAAFA Estate Bull Creek Drive Bull Creek WA

On

Tuesday 10th November 2020

1. This meeting was declared opened at 1032hrs with Mr John Kelly as Chair and 45 members in attendance as per register.
2. **Departed Comrades** – To be actioned in the General Meeting following the AGM

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*“They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.”
LEST WE FORGET!*

3. **Apologies and Welcome to members**
Apologies as per register
4. **Welcome to guests**
The Chairman welcomed Mr Paul Hughes (Representing the Auditor) and Ms Leonie Timms (Returning Officer)
5. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**
Motion: That the minutes of the AGM held on 9th April 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: **Seconded:** **CARRIED**
6. **Business arising from the Minutes**
Nil
7. **President’s Report – John Kelly**
It’s good to see you all here today.
Due to COVID-19, we have had to delay our AGM until now. I hope everyone has been coping during this time.
In the 12 months from May 2019 to April 2020, we have had the pleasure of signing up 48 new members compared with 18 for the same period last year.
Unfortunately, we have also had 31 members pass away compared to 36 for the same period last year.
Our membership as at 14th April 2020 was:

1199	Annual Members
17	Life Members
<u>216</u>	Life Subscribers
<u>1432</u>	Total Financial Members

I would like to thank the Committee for the work they have done on your behalf and for the support they have given me throughout the year, you should be proud of them all and they deserve your full support as well, they are a very dedicated Committee.

I would also like to acknowledge Bernadette and Chris, they do a terrific job in the office and ensures the office runs smoothly.

In addition to this, thanks go to John (Shorty) Carreras for making sure the Battling On is produced in a professional manor and his dedication to the magazine and hopefully for many more years to come.

I would like to congratulate the Committee who were elected again, unopposed. I look forward to working with them again this year.

8. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Tabled

Presented by Mr Paul Hughes

Motion: That the auditor's report be accepted

Moved: George Van Beek

Seconded: Ian Bourne

CARRIED

Paul Hughes left the meeting.

9. Remuneration of Auditor

Motion: That the auditors' fee of \$8,415.00 be accepted

Moved: Anthony Kuzmanich

Seconded: Ron Bennett

CARRIED

10. Federal Business and appointment of Federal Directors

According to the Rules of Association, the President is the first Director and at the last management meeting, Colin Benporath was nominated as the second Director.

Motion: That Colin Benporath be appointed as second Director.

Moved: Raymond Carter

Seconded: Graeme Winter

CARRIED

11. Rules of Association Amendments - Nil

12. Emergency Business - Nil

13. General Business pertaining to the AGM

14. Appointment of Life Members, Patrons, Vice Patron and Solicitor

Motion: That the Governor the Honourable Kim Beazley AC be accepted as Patron and Mr John Hughes be accepted as Vice Patron.

Moved: Doug Williams

Seconded: Eric Aitkins

CARRIED

Motion: That M6:8 Legal be accepted as our Solicitor.

Moved: Denis O'Brien

Seconded: Trefor Thomas

CARRIED

15. Declaration of Election by the Returning Officer

As this is the first year that I have been appointed as Returning Officer for TPIWA, it has all been pretty much a new experience. Thanks to the guidance and support of TPIWA staff (special thanks going to Bernadette and Chris - - Thanks guys you are brilliant!!!), it has been a seamless and efficient process.

The entire procedure has been carried out in accordance with the current Constitution, Constitution 2018, as registered under the *ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 2015 (WA)*, for The Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women West Australian Branch (Inc.) "TPIWA Constitution".

Nominations (12.4 - Nominations for Election)

12.4(h) All nomination forms are to be placed in a locked box which will be opened by the Returning Officer who will determine if an election is to be held. The key to the locked box is to held by the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer will determine if a Profile Statement of nominees is required, and is to inform the Secretary within 2 working days of his determination.

On Friday, 14th February 2020 at 12:30pm I attended the TPIWA Office and cleared the locked Nominations Box, for which I had previously been given the key, to obtain the nominations for positions on the Management Committee.

Total nominations for the positions comprised:-

President (2 years)

1. John Kelly

Assistant Secretary (2 years)

2. Colin Benporath

- Assistant Treasurer (2 years)
3. Brian Morton
Committee Member x 3 (2 years)
4. Charlie Carter
5. Ian Bourne

All nomination papers were handed to TPIWA staff member to check the validity, confirming that all proposers, seconders and nominees were financial members of TPIWA and conformed to the requirements under the TPIWA Constitution. The nominations were all in order.

As there were only single nominations for the positions of President, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer those positions are deemed to have been filled unopposed. The nominees were contacted and accepted their respective positions.

There were 3 positions of Committee Member available, but as there were only 2 nominations received, those 2 positions are deemed to have been filled unopposed. The nominees for those positions were contacted and accepted their positions.

12.12 Insufficient Candidates

(a) If insufficient nominations are received for the positions of the Committee, the Returning Officer may invite nominations for the positions for which insufficient nominations have been received from Members attending the AGM.

The unfilled 3rd position of Committee Member may be filled under clause 12.12(a) of the terms of the TPIWA Constitution or deemed to be a Casual Vacancy and treated accordingly.

12.11 Finality of the Returning Officer's Determination

The Returning Officer will make public the results of the elections after the count. He will formally report to the Members at the AGM of the results of the election. The determination of the Electoral Officer shall be final and binding and not open to challenge save for manifest errors.

Leonie Gwen Timms JP BA
WA JP#25601
Returning Officer

- 16. Door Prize** To be actioned in the General Meeting following the AGM
Money Prizes: To be actioned in the General Meeting following the AGM
- 17. Notice of next meeting** Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021 @ 1030hrs
- 18. Close of meeting**
This meeting was declared closed at 1052hrs

Dated this 13th day of April 2021

Ray Pearce JP
CHAIRPERSON