

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 8th June 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1035hrs

2. **Departed Comrades:** Nil

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3. **Attendance:** As per register

4. **Apologies:** Ray Pearce, Dennis Gilmore, Colin Benporath, Charlie Carter, John Arco, David Menzies, Kevin Emberson, Vic Boreham, Frank Billing, Carlos Fragomeni, Neil Patrucco & Trina Blum.

5. **Welcome to New Members:** Norman Wells OAM & Simon Williams

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 11th May 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Les Verco

Seconded: Pat Heatly

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

8. **Presidents Report:**

Nil

9. **Correspondence:**

IN:

19th May

Dept. of Mines

Renewal of Charitable Collections Licence

1st June

John Kelly

Email: Re: Resignation as President

OUT:

26th May

John Hughes

Letter of thanks

3rd June

Members

Email Re: Notice of General Meeting

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Rick Ryan

Seconded: Bob Poole

CARRIED

10. **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

11. **Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:**

Damien Casey - Dennis is away at the moment. If you have any questions in regards to the financials we will pass them on to Dennis to be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion: That the Financial Statement and Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Wayne Sprlyan

Seconded: Terry Priest

CARRIED

12. **Federal Business:**

Damien Casey – Colin Benporath has submitted the following report.

Currently there are two Senate Inquiries under way, both due to hand down their findings on the 24th June 2021.

One inquiry is into the TPI Remuneration

Unfortunately, the submissions by The TPI Federation are still in Opposition to the KPMG Report that maintains the view that the Service Pension is Welfare. Other organisations, including TPI Victoria, TPI Queensland and TPI Western Australia maintain it is Compensation and as such shouldn't be Means Tested.

In the recent Federal Budget, the Government stated that DFISA, the payment for non-qualifying TPI's, in lieu of Service Pension, should be classified as Compensation, and as such should not be included as income for Rental Assistance.

Fortunately, other Veteran Organisations, such as AATTV, VVFA, are in accordance with TPI WA as has been raised at ESORT Meetings convened in Canberra.

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13. General Business:

- **President Resignation – Damien Casey** - John Kelly has resigned as President. Vice President Ray Pearce will be Acting President until the 2022 AGM (Per Rule 13.1(b))

- **TPIWA Director – Damien Casey** - Due to John Kelly resigning, Damien Casey has been nominated by the Committee to fill in as Director until the 2022 AGM (Per Rule 2.3 (a) & (b))

Motion: To accept Damien Casey as TPIWA Director until the 2022 AGM

Moved: Rick Ryan

Seconded: Eric Aitkins

CARRIED

- **Committee Vacancies – Damien Casey** - We currently have 2 vacancies on the Committee that need to be filled.

These are:

Secretary – 2 year term until 2023 AGM - Required to attend the office Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 0900hrs – 1230hrs – Must be computer literate

Committee Member – 1 year term until 2022 AGM – Required to attend the office Fridays 0900hrs – 1230hrs.

Both these positions will also be required to attend the Management Meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except January) and the General Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January)

Is there anybody interested in putting their name forward for the Secretary position? No, ok please think about this, you may even know someone that may be interested. We will ask again at the next meeting. We have a nominee for the Committee Member position.

Motion: To accept George Van Beek as a Committee Member until the 2022 AGM.

Moved: Phil Heritage

Seconded: Les Anderson

CARRIED

Damien Casey – Thank you to George and welcome onto the Committee.

ACCLAIM

- **Perth Parking – Joe Kuzmanich** – I know this has been tried on numerous occasions, but I would like the committee to approach the Perth City Council for free parking. We now have a new Mayor and we could follow this up with him.

Damien Casey – Yes, we will follow this up.

- **Medicare Changes – Graeme Winter** – Minister Hunt came out last week with over 1250 changes to Medicare. No one knows if this will affect people on private insurance or if it will affect us or not?

Damien Casey – We are aware of the changes but we will look into this.

14. Motions on Notice:

- **Motion:** That a vote of no confidence in the current TPI Federation President Pat McCabe OAM be passed. That the Directors of TPI Association WA branch raise this issue at the next Federation Congress this month and in accordance with the Federal Constitution move to have the Federation President removed from office under a Schedule 8.

Should other Directors of the TPI Federal Association fail to have the Federal President removed then the TPI Association WA branch should consider resigning from the Federation as has TPI Association Victoria branch formally done so.

Moved: Rick Ryan

W4623

Seconded:

LAPSED

- **Motion:** It is proposed that the TPIWA Association re-affirm its commitment to the definitions, which are currently shown under the VEA as being distinct from one another and to be accepted as the Association's definition of warlike and non-warlike service.

Moved: Rick Ryan W4623

Seconded:

LAPSED

Rick Ryan – Due to John Riley, who was going to second these motions, is in bed and unable to attend this meeting, unfortunately these motions must lapse. I have given the Committee notes on what I was going to discuss today for them to discuss at their next Committee meeting and get back to us.

15. Raffles:

Door Prize Trefor Thomas
Meat Tray Rick Ryan

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Cash Raffle

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| 1) \$50.00 | Graeme Winter |
| 2) \$30.00 | Ian Bourne |
| 3) \$20.00 | Trefor Thomas |

16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 13th July 2021 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1112hrs

Dated this 13th day of July 2021

Colin Benporath
Chairperson