

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th October 2021

1. **Meeting Opened:** 1033hrs

2. **Departed Comrades:** Kelvin Liddiard

ODE

3. **Attendance:** As per register

4. **Apologies:** Ray Pearce, Damien Casey, Carlo Fragomeni, Terry Priest, Brian Morton, Paul Falzun & Frank Billings.

5. **Welcome to New Members:** Nil

6. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held at the General Meeting dated the 14th September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Phil Cunnington **Seconded: Barry Anyang-Burling** **CARRIED**

Motion: To suspend standing orders.

Moved: Bob Poole **Seconded: Les Verco** **CARRIED**

Sarah Forbes from New Leaf Dietetics addressed the members

Motion: To resume standing orders.

Moved: Les Anderson **Seconded: Trefor Thomas** **CARRIED**

7. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- **Federation Constitution – Rick Ryan** – Colin, at the last meeting you stated that you thought that the 2014 constitution was still current and valid and that you were going to look into it. Currently on the ACNC site, it is still showing the amended constitution from the March Congress. Can you update the members as to where we are with that please?

Colin Benporath – I will refer to this in Federal Business.

- **Veterans' Suicide - Wayne Sprlyan** - What about the Veterans' suicide?

Colin Benporath – I have raised this with the Federal President and she has requested that we raise it at Federation congress.

8. **Presidents Report:** Nil

9. **Correspondence:**

IN:

14 th September	Pat McCabe	Veterans Suicide Regarding Jim Duffield
16 th September	Ray Pearce	Resignation
16 th September	Corporate Health Management	Healthy Heart Programme
16 th September	Rick Ryan	Query to Treasurer Re: ACT Properties
23 rd September	New Leaf Dietetics	Guest Speaker for October GM
24 th September	Mr J Ellis	Re: Stamps
24 th September	Peter Aspinall RSLWA	Invitation to attend Remembrance Day service
30 th September	AON Insurance	Insurance Renewal
6 th October	Ray Pearce	Withdrawal of Resignation

OUT:

15 th September	Pat McCabe	Re: Veteran Suicide
23 rd September	Sarah Forbes/ New Leaf Dietetics	Re: Guest Speaker for October GM
30 th September	Narelle Little DVA	Re: Guest Speaker for future meeting
1 st October	Rick Ryan	Reply from Treasure Re: ACT Properties

Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Ian Bourne **Seconded: Pat Heatly** **CARRIED**

TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th October 2021

10. Business Arising from Correspondence:

- **Ray Pearce's Resignation – Rick Ryan** – Is everything ok with Ray Pearce.
Colin Benporath – Yes, he resigned and then withdrew his resignation all before his resignation had been accepted.

11. Financial Statement and Treasurers Report:

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

Moved: **George Van Beek**

Seconded: **Tony Filardi**

CARRIED

- **Barry Anyang-Burling** – Why do we have a deficit?

Dennis Gilmore – Some months we do have a deficit, it depends on the expenses for each month. Next month you will see a completely different figure. There are going to be months where we don't get anything from dividends or franking credits and as a result, we have to dig into what reserves we have to continue. Next month you'll see an increase in profit due to what we receive from dividends and franking credits. Some months are going to be great and other months won't be so great.

Kevin Fowler – A way around this would be to have a year-to-date column in addition to a monthly profit and loss.

- **ACT Properties – Les Verco** – In the correspondence it was mentioned about an email from Rick Ryan about the ACT properties. What was that about?

Dennis Gilmore – I received an email from Rick asking why are we paying rent on the two properties in Canberra when in actual fact it was the rent that we receive from those two properties. I explained to him that it wasn't rent going out it was rent coming in.

12. Federal Business:

Colin Benporath – There is doubt being cast on the validity of the current Federal Constitution. The amendments made in 2020 and this year in our zoom conference, questions have been raised as to what the status of the current Federal Constitution is. The Government has put out a response to the senate inquiry into the rate of TPI remuneration. The recommendation was that a moderate increase be proposed, the Government's response was, not interested. As a result of this, the Federation President has called for a zoom meeting of Federal Directors for next week. During that zoom conference, WA is going to raise the question of getting a current, valid Federation Constitution published so that all TPI Association members are aware of what the status of our current constitution is. During the conference they wish to formulate a 'Where to From Here' regarding TPI remuneration. At our Committee Meeting this month, the committee has approved our association to write a letter to the new Minister of Veterans' Affairs asking to clarify the situation regarding compensation for DFISA and Service Pension. This will also be raised next week at the Federation Conference.

Rick Ryan – Can you also discuss the Gold Card for dependents?

Colin Benporath – I will also be pushing this and in addition to raising this at Federation, I have also been raising this issue at the Deputy Commissioner Forums as has the VVA and PVA.

13. General Business:

- **Vaccinations – Les Anderson** – Will non-vaccinated members not be allowed to attend meetings?
Colin Benporath – This has not been raised as yet. My personal opinion would be to be guided by the current State Government policies. If members are not happy with this then they are welcome to raise the issue.

14. Motions on Notice:

Motion: That the TPI Association WA branch immediately withdraw its "Member" status from the TPI Federation of Australia. **Moved:** **Rick Ryan** **Seconded:** **Graeme Winter** **DEFEATED**
Rick Ryan spoke for the motion. Les Verco spoke against the motion. Graeme Winter spoke for the motion.

15. Raffles:

Door Prize Ken Rogers
Meat Tray Les Davis

**TPI Association WA
General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th October 2021**

Cash Raffle

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) \$50.00 | Steve Llewelin |
| 2) \$30.00 | Rick Ryan |
| 3) \$20.00 | Joe Kuzmanich |

16. Next Meeting: General Meeting Tuesday 9th November 2021 @ 1030hrs

17. Meeting Closed: 1128hrs

Dated this 10th day of November 2021

**Colin Benporath
Chairperson**