

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Conducted at the RAAFA Estate Bull Creek Drive Bull Creek WA

On

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

1. This meeting was declared opened at 1034hrs with Mr Ray Pearce as Chair and 55 members in attendance as per register.

2. **Departed Comrades – Nil**

### Ode

*“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 Ms Leonie Timms (Returning Officer)

5. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Neil Patrucco

**Seconded:** Les Anderson

**CARRIED**

6. **Business arising from the Minutes**

Nil

7. **President’s Report – Ray Pearce**

It’s good to see you all here today.

In the 12 months from May 2020 to April 2021, we have had the pleasure of signing up 23 new members compared with 48 for the same period last year. Unfortunately, we have also had 26 members pass away compared to 31 for the same period last year. This was a challenging year considering the COVID-19 situation.

Our membership as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was:

1130 Annual Members

17 Life Members

214 Life Subscribers

1361 Total Financial Members

There are still 72 members that have not paid their subscriptions this year. We are in the process of chasing them up. A reminder renewal has been sent to these members. This has been followed by a courtesy call. It is important that we try to keep these members current as this increases our membership base and gives both the Association and Federation a bigger voice when chasing our entitlements.

I would like to thank the Committee for the work they have done on your behalf 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

**Motion:** That the auditor's report be accepted

**Moved:** Kevin Fowler                      **Seconded:** Terry Priest                      **CARRIED**

**9. Remuneration of Auditor**

**Motion:** That the auditors' fee of \$8,360.00 be accepted

**Moved:** Neil Patrucco                      **Seconded:** George Van Beek                      **CARRIED**

**10. Federal Business and appointment of Federal Directors**

Colin Benporath – The TPI Congress was held in Canberra in March. The majority of the Directors attended with the exception of the 2 Tasmanian Directors and the 2 Queensland Directors. There was a vote of confidence in the current Federal President which was moved and seconded. I abstained from the vote due to the notice on motion that we have pending. The motion was passed. WA proposed a notice for the Congress that due to the KPMG report that was handed down as requested by DVA, was mentioned that the Service Pension should be classed as compensation and as such should not be means tested. WA put a notice forward for the Federation to request to implement that action. The vote was defeated. There was another motion of notice regarding the recognition of people who pass away during service. There was a round table discussion and it was decided that there is already recognition enough for people who have passed due to relatives being allowed to march and wear their ribbons on their right breast. We were advised by the opposition spokesman of Veterans Affairs to call a royal commission into Veterans' suicide. The Federation didn't mind if there was a royal commission called or if the Commissioner continues in her role. It was also mentioned by some of the Directors, who had attended the sessions, that the current Commissioner is doing a good job. The main concern about her continuing in this role is that she has an advantage that she can continually make notifications and reports to the Government whereas a royal commission can only make recommendations at the conclusion of the commission. The major concern is that if the Commissioner rocked the boat too much, the Government would try to sack her. The Federation are happy with either way. Since then ESORT and Defence Welfare have voted in favour of the royal commission. The position for Federal President is up for election and any financial TPI member may nominate by filling in a schedule 6 and submitting to your state association to have it recorded and entered as a nomination for Federal President.

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:** Neil Patrucco                      **Seconded:** George Van Beek                      **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:** Terry Priest                      **Seconded:** Neil Patrucco                      **CARRIED**

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

**Moved:** Terry Priest                      **Seconded:** Eric Aitkins                      **CARRIED**

**15. Declaration of Election by the Returning Officer**

Good Morning. My name is Leonie Timms and I am the TPIWA Returning Officer for 2021.

This report on the process and results of the Management Committee Election for 2021 is presented in accordance with the requirements of Clause 12.11 of 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.) the "TPIWA Constitution"

#### **Nominations (12.4 Nominations for Election)**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 12:30pm I attended the TPIWA Office and cleared the locked Nominations Box, to obtain the nominations for positions available on the Management Committee.

Nominations received were:-

#### **Vice President (2 years)**

Ray Pearce

#### **Secretary (2 years)**

Nil

#### **Treasurer (2 years)**

Dennis Gilmore

#### **Committee Member x 2 (2 years)**

Damien Casey

Ross Fisher

All nomination papers were handed to the 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 **Vice President** and **Treasurer**, those positions are deemed to have been **filled unopposed**. The nominees were **contacted and accepted** their respective positions. Congratulations go to Vice President Ray Pearce, and Treasurer Dennis Gilmore.

There were 2 positions of **Committee Member** available and the **two nominations** received were deemed to have been **filled unopposed**. Those nominees were **contacted and accepted** their positions. Congratulations go to Damien Casey and Ross Fisher.

#### **12.12 Insufficient Candidates**

There were no nominations received for the position of **Secretary**. In accordance with clause 12.12 of the TPIWA Constitution nominations are hereby invited from the floor of the AGM from any financial member to take on the position of Secretary. This position is for Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 0900hrs to 1230hrs. *No nominations.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the TPIWA staff for their assistance and professionalism, which have been most appreciated.

Leonie Gwen Timms JP BA

WA JP#25601

Returning Officer

**16. Door Prize** Rick Ryan

#### **Cash Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> \$50 William Fox

2<sup>nd</sup> \$30 Wilfred Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> \$20 Terry Priest

**17. Notice of next meeting** Annual General Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 1030hrs  
General Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 1030hrs

**18. Close of meeting**

This meeting was declared closed at 1100hrs

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022

Colin Benporath  
CHAIRPERSON