



Minutes for Management Committee Meeting Held using Zoom Technology (Internet) on 9 January 2021

The meeting was opened by the President, Mel Meloncelli, at 1901 hours.

1. **Attendees:** The following members were in attendance:
Mel Meloncelli, Russ James, Werner Golla, Brian Hatfield, Dean Martin, Mick Payne, Chris Fenton, Graeme Unmack, Mark Reid, Iain Reynolds and Pat Deeker.
2. **Apologies:** The Secretary (Russ James) advised that apologies had been received from Peter Lukeis, Jim Semmens and Peter Still.
3. **Distribution of Information:** It should be noted that copies of all documents tabled and/or discussed at the Management Committee meeting were electronically distributed to all Management Committee members prior to the meeting.
4. The President welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.
5. Minutes from Previous Meeting – outstanding issues
 - a. **Item 91/20 - Zoom Meeting with CO and RSM of the Regiment** – the President advised that due to other commitments the meeting had not yet occurred.
 - b. **Item 92/20 - New Batteries for ARN 169005** – Batteries have been delivered and are ready for installation. Will have to wait until late January when COVID restrictions have been eased at the Museum. The batteries were donated by an anonymous donor who wishes to remain silent.
 - c. **Item 93/20 – Nominal Roll of the Association** – the Secretary advised that the eighth edition of the Nominal Roll had been issued with approximately 254 names included with around 240 names to go. State Reps were encouraged to check the Nominal Roll for their members and gee up any that were not included.
 - d. **Item 94/20 – Nominations for Positions at the AGM** - Secretary advised that Dean Martin had nominated for the position of Vice President, Graeme Unmack for the position of Special Projects and Russ James for the position of Secretary. Reminders for the call for nominations for the AGM was to be distributed via MailChimp.
 - e. **Item 95/20 – Financial Reports for year ended 30 June 2020** – had been finalised and distributed to all members via MailChimp and ‘snail mail’ prior to Christmas.
6. **Item 96/20 – Minute 81 of 2019/20 - Minutes from Previous Meeting** – It was moved Chris Fenton, seconded Brian Hatfield that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

CARRIED
7. **Item 97/20 - Minute 82 of 2019/20 - Decisions Made via email** – Secretary requested ratification of a previous decision made by email. It was moved Russ James, seconded Mick Payne that the membership application approved over the internet (via email) be ratified for Gary McCabe (8 December 2020).

CARRIED

8. **Item 98/20 – Minute 83 of 2019/20 - Correspondence In and Correspondence Out** - the Secretary indicated that apart from routine emails the only other inwards correspondence included a number of emails from Bruce Cameron concerning Honour Rolls, proxies from members for the AGM and membership renewals. Important outwards correspondence included Christmas cards to the Patron, to Maj Gen Powell, the School of Armour, as well as Newsletters, Membership Renewal Notices, Minutes from Committee Meetings and Reunion Updates. It was moved Russ James, seconded Chris Fenton that the Correspondence Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

9. **Item 99/20 – Minute 84 of 2019/20 - Membership Report** – the Secretary (Russ James) advised the following details:

- a. Current Membership = 498 (9 January 2021) increase of 122 since July 2018
- b. Around 218 members are due to renew on 1 February 2021
- c. In the last 12 months, seven (7) members failed to renew on 1 February 2020 and three (3) members had died during the 12 months period
- d. Renewal notices had been sent by snail mail to 35 members and the remaining renewal notices would be sent by email after the AGM
- e. Membership – Chasing lapsed members - Secretary – continue to ring and email lapsed members with the off chance that some may renew.

It was moved Werner Golla, seconded Mick Payne that the Membership Report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. **Item 100/20 - Minute 85 of 2019/20 - Treasurer's Report – the Treasurer (Werner Golla)** provided a spreadsheet which outlined the current situation (copy at Annex A).

It was moved Graeme Unmack, seconded Mark Reid that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

11. **General Business**

a. **Item 101/20 – Minutes 86 and 87 of 2019/20 – PM21 Reunion** - The President led the discussion on the possible postponement of the Reunion. Major points considered included:

- I. The health and safety of reunion attendees particularly those with COVID co-morbidity issues
- II. The risks, both physical and financial, to Reunion attendees from the sudden and ad hoc closure of State borders, including enforced quarantine periods travelling to and from Port Macquarie
- III. The financial costs to the Association through an enforced late-notice cancellation or the failure to meet minimum attendees due to last minute border closures.

It was moved Mel Meloncelli, seconded Dean Martin that the Reunion planned for July 2021 in Port Macquarie be postponed for a period of approximately 12 months. **CARRIED**

It was moved Werner Golla, seconded Russ James that the hard work of Mick and Judy Payne, Johnny Atkinson and others of the Reunion Sub-committee be recognised. **CARRIED**

Discussion followed concerning administrative requirements and the Chair of the PM21 Reunion Sub-Committee (Mick Payne) was authorised to negotiate with Rydges in Port Macquarie for a Reunion in 2022.

b. **Item 102/20 – Minute 88 of 2019/20 - Date, Time and Agenda for the AGM** – it was moved Russ James, seconded Iain Reynolds that the 2020 AGM originally planned for 16 January at the Broadford RSL be conducted over the internet using the Zoom

videoconferencing application. The meeting to commence at 1000 hours and continue until such time as a ballot using proxies was required. **CARRIED**

- c. Item 103/20 – Minute 89 of 2019/20 – Feasibility of Association Scholarships – it was moved Russ James, seconded Mick Payne that the outline of the proposed Education/Sporting Scholarships – as distributed by the Secretary (via email on 8 December 2020) be presented at the AGM. **CARRIED**

There being no further business the President (Mel Meloncelli) closed the meeting with a thanks to all in attendance and was pleased that the postponement of the Reunion provided the Management Committee, the Reunion Sub-Committee and Association members with certainty for a Reunion in 2022. The meeting closed at 2000 hours.

Russ James

R.F. James
Secretary

Annex A – Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer's Report

1st Armoured Regiment Association (Inc) Treasurers Report for the period 18 Nov 20 to 07 Jan 21			
Cash in Bank as at 07 Jan 21			
Operational Account		\$	57,028.01
Debit Card Account		\$	283.45
Cheque Account		\$	346.78
Total		\$	57,658.24
Monies (Paid) Operational Account			
Australia Post		\$	163.53
Lukus Productions		\$	-
Beauford House		\$	45.00
Office Works		\$	80.00
Ink Spot (Ink cartridges)		\$	60.00
Bank Fees		\$	1.40
RAAC Corporation (ADSO) Payment		\$	-
Printing (Office Expense)		\$	234.70
Accounting (Xero support)		\$	60.50
Total		\$	645.13
Monies Received for the period (Operational Account)			
Memberships (Renewals/new members)		\$	479.00
Goods sold		\$	11.50
Registrations (PM 2021 Reunion)		\$	1,525.00
Donations		\$	6.00
Bank Interest		\$	4.67
Total		\$	2,026.17
Debit Card Account balance 06 Jan 21		\$	283.45
Xero monthly fee payments		\$	50.00
Total paid		\$	50.00
Cheque Account balance 06 Jan 21		\$	346.78
Interest Received		\$	0.01