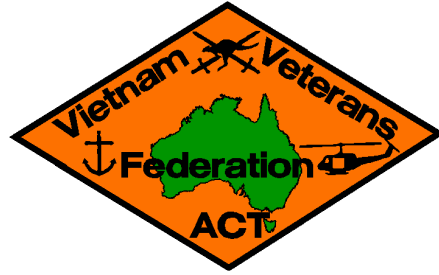


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VIETNAM VETERANS' FEDERATION (ACT BRANCH) Inc Minutes of the Annual General Meeting: Sunday 24 August 2008 Stephen King Memorial Centre

President Gerry Mapstone recited the Ode and declared the meeting open at 1001hrs.

Present A list of attendees taken from the regular attendance book is attached.

Apologies Ron Parker, D. Clinch, Ron Hickman, John Padovan, Ray Bayliss

Previous Minutes **Accepted:** Moved, Brian Daly, seconded John Sainsbury

REPORTS

President **Accepted:** Moved, Gerry Mapstone, seconded Peter Eveille

Treasurer's and Auditors **Accepted:** Moved, Alex McGown, seconded Phil Cowan

Changes to Constitution

In Items 1 to 6 below, proposed changes are shown *in italics*.
Voting on these items comprised postal and electronic votes and votes from the floor of the meeting. To change the Constitution 75% of the votes cast by all the above means needed to be in favour to effect the change. Some members who were present at the meeting had voted by post or the electronic means prior to the meeting and their votes were counted only once.
Voting numbers appear after each of the Items proposed for change.

Item 1 That para 14 (a) be amended to read:

14 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- a) The Secretary of the ACT Branch shall establish and maintain a register of members of the ACT Branch; specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the ACT Branch *together with the date on which a person became or ceases to be a member.*

Carried

Item 2 That the name of the organisation be changed wherever it appears in the Constitution and would be called

Vietnam Veterans *Peacekeepers and Peacemakers* Federation of Australia ACT Branch Incorporated.

Defeated

A large majority of those present at the meeting voted against the name change. There was considerable discussion and the consensus was that many believe a name change is required but the new name needs to be carefully considered so as not to exclude veterans from other operational areas while not losing the essence of the Vietnam Veterans ethos. A motion was put to the meeting:

“That the Committee carefully consider this subject and prepare a submission for the national body, taking into account the opinions expressed at the meeting and through the postal voting system as well as those of a wide range of veterans.”

Moved Laurie Drake Seconded Terry Lawler **Carried**

Item 3

That para 18 (a) be amended to read:

18 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

a) A meeting of the ACT Branch shall be held at least annually and shall be called the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM). The AGM is to be held within three (3) months of the end of the Financial Year. Members are to be given at least twenty one days (21) twenty one days notice, *plus three days allowing* for any letters sent by ordinary post to the member's last known address, but accidental omission to give notice shall not invalidate the meeting in accordance with Clause 23, specifying the place, day and the hour of the meeting and in the case of special business the general nature of that business shall be given to such persons as are entitled to receive notice from the ACT Branch.

Carried

Item 4

That para 19 (b) be amended to read:

19 VOTING

b) All votes shall be given personally, by postal vote, *or by electronic mail, which must be registered with the Returning Officer by close of business on the last working day prior to the AGM.*

Carried

Item 5

That para 22 (a) (ii) be amended to read:

22 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS (OR BRANCH EXECUTIVE)

a) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the Association or as ordinary committee members –
ii) Shall be delivered to the secretary of the Federation not less than *twenty eight (28) days* before the date fixed for the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place

Carried

Item 6

That para 23 be amended to read:

23 NOTICES

a) Notice may be given by the ACT Branch to any member *in person, or by ordinary post to his usual place of address, or electronic mail if email address is provided, or VVF (ACT) website if member approval is given*

Where a notice is sent by ordinary post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, repaying and posting a letter containing the notice and to have been effective three clear working days after it's posting.

b) Notices of Motions should be presented to the Secretary of the ACT Branch *twenty eight (28) days* prior to an Annual General Meeting.

Carried

Election of Office Bearers

Phil Cowan was invited to take the chair and conduct the election for Office Bearers. He read the names of those who have been nominated, and the committee was voted in as a body.

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| President | Gerry Mapstone |
| Senior Vice President | Danny Burton |
| Vice President | Terry Lawler |
| Vice President | Vic Robertson |
| Treasurer | Alex McGown |
| Assistant Treasurer | Vacant |
| Secretary | Brian Daly |
| Committee | James Wain |
| | Bob Jones |
| | Bob West |
| | John Harvey |
| | Len Little |

Carried

Next Committee meeting Meeting Closed

The President announced that the first monthly meeting of the new Committee would be on Thursday 25 September 2008 at 1000hrs.
Meeting was closed at 1117hrs

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President

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Secretary

List of Attendees

Agnew Brian
Armstrong Peter
Armstrong Red
Bacon Al
Bonnert John
Boyle Tony
Camons R
Castles Clive
Cowan Phil
Cowan Shirley
Dalton Howard
Daly Brian
Davis Jack
Dearling Charles
Drake Laurie
Duffy Terry
Eveille Betty
Eveille Peter
Harvey John
Heffernan Paul
Jones Robert A (B3)
Jones Robert F (B2)
Kendall David
Kinna Mick
Lawler Terry
Little Len
Mapstone Gerry
McGown Alex
McQuire Ian
Orr Keith
Philip Les
Piper Victor
Robbins John
Robertson Vic
Sainsbury John
Sankey Stuart
Sutherland Mindy
Toscan Karen
Webster John
West Bob