

# Vietnam Veterans & Veterans Federation ACT Inc.

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## VIETNAM VETERANS and VETERANS FEDERATION ACT Inc Minutes of Committee Meeting: Thursday 17 June 2010 Stephen King Memorial Centre

Danny Burton recited the Ode and opened the meeting at 10.11

- Present** Danny Burton, Gerry Mapstone, Stuart Sankey, Terry Lawler, John Kearns, Peter Eveille, Karen Toscan, Bob F. Jones (B2), John Sainsbury, Jim Wain, Len Little, Vic Robertson, Bob West, Brian Daly,
- Apologies** Viv Brice, Bob A Jones (B3), Clive Castles,
- Minutes May** Moved Brian Daly, seconded Vic Robertson **Accepted**
- Matters Arising** Final decision on the letterhead to be held over to the next meeting.
- Correspondence** **In:** Remittance advice from Department of Territory and Municipal Services advising that the Federation is to be reimbursed \$1,850.00 on water and sewerage charges.  
Letter from Federation's National office seeking donations for the Nambus: decided at this stage we will be unable to contribute.
- President** President Danny Burton advised that there will be a further meeting with the VVA about Vietnam Veterans' Day on Friday 18 June at 11.30am. The meeting with the ladies committee was fruitful, agreement being reached on a \$40 a month facilities fee, signing the daily register etc. The discussion also lead to further legal advice being sought on just where everyone from various activities under our umbrella fit into the organisation. There were productive meetings with the Chief Minister and with retiring Repat Commissioner, Bill Rolfe. Jeremy Hansen MLA had also visited the SKMC and that too was a positive event.
- Treasurer** Treasurer Bob West commented on the reimbursement of water charges which has been a topic of recent discussions: \$1858, representing 40% of usage, has been remitted. There was also some general discussion around the fall off in revenue, less being raised by the food van and recent clients not joining nor making donations upon receipt of PO services. The Treasurer then put his proposal for a notice of motion for the forthcoming AGM to raise the membership fee to \$35 annually for a single member and \$40 for a family membership. The Secretary will provide the Treasurer with minutes for the Audit report at end of financial year.  
**That the increase in membership proposal go forward to the AGM.**  
Moved Bob West **Seconded** Bob F Jones (B2) **Carried**  
**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted**  
Moved Bob West **Seconded** Vic Robertson **Carried**
- Vice President** Terry Lawler recommended to all the practice of carrying medication and other medical info in your wallet. Several membership cards (eg TPI Assoc) carry spaces for such info.

<b>Membership</b>	Bob F Jones reported that financial members now number around 450 to 460, and are 'heading towards 500' again. There will be reminders going out with the next (and imminent) newsletter. There was also discussion about encouraging new claimants, especially new and younger veterans to join and make donations following successful completion of the claim process.
<b>Hospital Liaison</b>	Gerry Mapstone reported on his attendance at the forthcoming Deputy Commissioner's Forum. There is support there for our concerns re parking, the Vet's lounge, garden etc. Pat McCabe from KOC would be attending. Otherwise all normal matters are going well.
<b>Welfare</b>	Karen will be attending a course with some other women in July. The problem of people who are hard to help continues but Welfare Officers are still doing what they can.
<b>Public Officer Publishing &amp; IT</b>	Tax exemption from ACT Government OK. Vic Robertson reported in Viv Brice's absence. The draft of the AGM report yet to be discussed and put together. Our software and hardware will now allow us to print addresses on envelopes. Envelopes now too will be able to carry membership status. Rolly going well with Pagemaker and working ahead with current newsletter.
<b>PUTP</b>	The next meeting is on Monday 21 June. The organisation is 'rolling along' with formal accreditation processes and continuing to be a model for other like organisations. PUTP is receiving a lot of praise for its energetic and ground breaking performance.
<b>Veterans' Voices</b>	The group is running well and was recently well received at a performance for the residents of the Calvary Retirement home.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Karen suggests a pot luck/casserole evening perhaps twice a year as both a social and fund raising event. Thursday nights seemed to be the most popular choice. Karen will advertise on the website to test interest.
<b>Social Isolation</b>	Two Red Cross women had visited the SKMC and were impressed. They asked that we advertise their services and seek clients through our newsletter, providing immediate copy.
<b>Break</b>	11.16 – 11.28
<b>Grants</b>	We are awaiting results on two applications for grants from FaHCSIA. Still awaiting BEST to be announced.
<b>Workshops</b>	A spiral cutter has been installed in the woodwork shop and will result in much smoother cuts and less 'snipe'. [Some may have thought we'd already taken out the sniper in the bushy topped tree!]  The metalwork shop could use some more 'hands on deck' and it now has a new surface grinder installed. Jim Wain presented ideas for further expansion 'somewhere down the track' should the SKMC be able to expand. Several ideas arose during the discussion including a remembrance area in the Garden of Peace (not forgetting that there is already a Lone Pine tree there), a solar system to sell electricity back to the grid and various proposals for use of a hall (eg wakes etc). Stuart Sankey, through previous work experience was able to supply possible contacts in government planning for Jim.
<b>Garden NTR</b>	Still looking good; wet and leafy. Senior VP, Secretary, Food Van

**General Business/  
Round The Table**

Bob F Jones reiterated the lack of support received for the life subscription idea and the notice on the website can be taken down.  
Len Little advised that the name on our title deed is still the old name of the Federation but there is no legal problem inherent.  
Jim Wain has found someone who will embroider the name change on our banner at not cost.  
Karen will arrange for someone to change the metal outside sign.  
John Sainsbury raised the matter of Associate Membership and as there seemed to be differing concepts on this, Jim Wain undertook to look into it.  
Jock Moffitt is to represent the Federation with DVA in Gerry Mapstone's place at the volunteer program meeting.  
The next Transition Meeting will be held at the SKMC on Thursday 15 July.  
Those seeking nomination for the next committee at the AGM were urged to fill in the forms asap. Cut off date for nominations (and Notices of Motion) is effectively Friday 30 July.  
Peter Eveille advised that Health Week is on 19-26 July an expo at the Southern Cross Club on 20 July from 1100 to 1400.  
Peter is now a member of KOC and will report monthly to our meetings on that organisation. The operations at SKMC are held in esteem within the veteran community and there are moves to follow up with a similar organisation on the south side. There is a transition seminar at the AIS on 15 July and a VVCS Stakeholders meeting on 7 July.  
Gerry Mapstone asked that if anyone has issues to be raised on health and aged care to put them through him as he will be representing the Federation at coming meetings.  
The first Pot Luck dinner will be held on the same day as the July meeting, ie 22 July 2010 at 1600hrs.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday 22 July 2010 at 1000 hrs.

**Meeting Closed**

Meeting was closed at 1222 hrs

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**President**

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**Secretary**