

**BLUE MOUNTAINS VIETNAM VETERANS AND ASSOCIATED FORCES INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 13th September 2020 at 1000 hrs at
The Blue Mountains & Community Hub, Macquarie Road Springwood**

The President declared the meeting open at 1005 hours.

Attendees:

Peter Jones (PJ)	President
Chris McKay (CMcK)	Secretary
Craig Terrey (CT)	Treasurer
Roger Lawlor (RL)	Committee
Darrell Carter (DC)	Member
Neville Barnier (NB)	Member
Glenn Daly (GD)	Member
Les Hogan (LH)	Member
Jack Lake (JL)	Member (Vietnamese Liaison Officer)
Stafford Lowe (SL)	Member (Public Officer)
Stewart McAlister (SMcA)	Member
John McKechnie (JMcK)	Member
Greg Meek (GM)	Member
Mick Visinko (MV)	Member

1. Welcome by President

The President welcomed members in attendance.

2. Silent reflection remembering those members who have departed this life since the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Vic Baker, Robert Billett, Alan Braid, Roger Dive, Ian Gordon, Edward Grimson, Lionel (Blue) Jackson (BEM), John Staal, Garry Woolnough.

The President requested all be upstanding for one minute's silence for departed comrades.

The Ode of Remembrance was recited by Craig Terrey.

Lest We Forget

3. Apologies

Alan Burnicle, John Fenton, Norm Fraser, Del Heuke, John Haynes, Will Hogue, David Loker, Angus McDonald, Terry Ryan, Owen Wood & John Woolley.

Motion that the members' apologies be accepted

Moved: CT

Seconded: JL

MOTION CARRIED

4. Confirmation of previous minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on 19 May 2019.

Motion: that the minutes of the 19 May 2019 Annual General Meeting as presented are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: DC

Seconded: CMcK

MOTION CARRIED

5. Business arising from those minutes.

PJ advised that John Fenton applied for a BEST Grant of \$8000 and another Grant of \$5000 from the State Government. CMcK advised these Grants have been good as we have been unable to hold our raffles this year due the COVID-19 restrictions.

Moved: CMcK

Seconded: DC

6. President's Report in accordance with Part 4.24 of the Constitution.

PJ gave his report and advised the following:

Had a brief and small Vietnam Veterans' Day Service this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thanked the hard working Committee, Volunteers, Darrell & Wendy.

Committee Members take on a very important role in the future and wellbeing of our Association.

Moved: DC

Seconded: CMcK

7. Treasurer's Report, receive and consider the financial statement of the Association.

Refer to Attachment 1

CT advised that due to COVID-19 the accounts have not been audited and under to our Constitution, don't need to be audited. But they will be audited within the next month or so.

Fundraising decreased and Expenses have increased, so we have had to draw the term deposit down \$20,000:00 from \$108,000:00 to \$88,000:00.

This year we will need to draw the term deposit down again, due to raffle stalls not being held and grant funds not making up the shortfall in revenue.

Looking at the funds in the accounts, we are looking good for the next few years.

Treasurer's Report is accepted.

Moved: SL

Seconded: RL

8. Receive other Sub-Committee Reports.

a. Wellbeing Sub-Committee Report

Refer to attached Wellbeing Report

CMcK spoke about John Fenton's Wellbeing work and advised the following:

JF is doing an excellent job, he is seeing a lot of people and preparing a lot of claims as well as going back to DVA if claims have been rejected.

He has had good results from DVA with the claims submitted.

The claim statistics are important for Grant applications as they are worth more points.

JF is very proactive in gaining new association members.

He usually comes to the office on Thursdays and interviews clients.

JF has put in Grant applications and we are always looking out for Grant opportunities.

He is also doing work for Penrith Sub-branch.

A defibrillator has been purchased from a grant, which will be installed on our office wall.

We wanted to have a defibrillator for future Memorial Days.

A course from St John Ambulance is also part of the grant, it will teach attendees how to use the defibrillator as well as first aid. Anyone interested in attending please let us know.

Angus McDonald is sick at the moment but he is still making wellbeing calls, he is unable to drive too far due to his driving licence restriction. A visit will be planned for a few of the members to call in and see him.

For information: All members.

b. Lawn Maintenance Sub Committee Report

Refer to attached Treasurer's Report

PJ advised that they are back mowing one or two lawns a week.

CMcK spoke about making a decision about keeping the lawnmowing service operating or stopping the service and selling the equipment.

CT said that it was previously left to the lawnmower team members to decide if they wish to continue.

Will Hogue is currently not well.

DC advised that Norm Fraser has to travel from Katoomba to pick up the vehicle and trailer.

JL recommended approaching Dare about lowering the rent for the equipment being stored.

CMcK will contact Dare.

JL advised that Bob Pearson offered to store the container at his property if needed, to reduce costs.

For information: All members

c. Fund Raising Sub-Committee Report

PJ advised that we did not have the mid-year raffles and proposed that there be no Christmas raffles due to the risk of the COVID-19 virus to our members who would be selling tickets to the public. It was agreed that the Christmas raffles be cancelled.

For information: All members

d. Publicity Sub-Committee Report

PJ advised that Damien Madigan from the Blue Mountains Gazette put a wraparound together before Memorial Day. PJ congratulated CMcK, on providing good information on our association and its activities to Damien. Damien also took photos and did an article on our small Vietnam Veterans' Day Service, with a photo of Darrell & Roger laying a wreath. Thank you for the excellent video that Luke McKay (Chris McKay's son) put together of the Vietnam Veterans' Day Service, which is on the Website.

For information: All members

Items 8a – 8d be accepted

Moved: CMcK

Seconded: DC

CARRIED

9. Suspension of Standing Orders & Election of Returning Officer.

Peter Jones announced the suspension of Standing Orders and nominated Glenn Daly as Returning Officer. CMcK advised that the Angus McDonald would not be standing as Vice President. Nominations for Committee positions were taken from the floor.

Moved: PJ

Seconded: CMcK

CARRIED

10. Election of Officer Bearers and Ordinary Members of Committee in accordance with Part 4.15 of the Constitution.

Elected Members are as follows:

President - Peter Jones

Nominated by CMcK

Seconded by DC

Secretary - Chris McKay

Nominated by PJ

Seconded by CT

Vice President - Mick Visinko

Nominated by PJ

Seconded by CT

Treasurer - Craig Terrey

Nominated by CMcK

Seconded by PJ

Committee - Darrell Carter

Nominated by CMcK

Seconded by CT

Committee - Roger Lawlor

Nominated by CT

Seconded by PJ

Committee - Sydney Cole

Nominated by CMcK

Seconded by CT

Lawn Mowing Co-ordinator - Committee to determine.

Wellbeing Co-ordinator - Committee to determine.

Wellbeing Advocate - John Fenton.

Vietnamese Liaison Officer - Jack Lake.

Chaplain - Colin Aiken.

Patron - Brigadier Nerolie McDonald.

PJ thanked GD for undertaking the role of Returning Officer.

11. Re-appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mrs Jillian Williams, CPA, FFIN, FASFA, AACI, MRMIA, MIPA, agrees to continue with this appointment.

12. Re-appointment of Public Officer

Mr Stafford Lowe agrees to continue with this appointment.

13. Re-Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Mr Trevor Cork BA, LL.M, FTIA agrees to continue with this appointment

Moved: PJ

Seconded: CT

CARRIED

14. General Business

None

15. Close of Meeting

The President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting over at 1055 hours.

Peter Jones
President
Dated: 13 September 2020

Chris McKay
Secretary
Dated: 13 September 2020

Attachments

1. Treasurer's report.
2. Wellbeing Report