



Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch
Minutes of Committee MEETING Held on Thursday 10 December 2020
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Opening: A committee meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs by the President Geoff Zanker on 10 December 2020 in the Drysdale RSL Rooms.

Attendance: Geoff Fifer, George W Browney, Pam Davis, Harry Paterson, Graham Sewart and Geoff Zanker. Apologies: John Brown and Tony Bright.

Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and **agreed unanimously**.

Business Arising:

1. Membership. Harry and Geoff rang, emailed or posted letters to all members regarding memberships, future meetings and other information. Harry has updated several email addresses with ANZAC House. Harry needs a bit more information about Lance Bailey so his membership category can be changed from Social to Affiliate. Pam will investigate.
2. Some nomination forms for positions on the Committee have been received. They will be voted on at the AGM in February.

Correspondence:

3. Harry said there was not much of note apart from the report from the Victorian Branch of the RSL's Annual Conference. The report is available on request.
4. Harry has submitted a small item about our Sub-branch to be included in the January issue of the Springdale Messenger. The aim is to advertise the club and seek to recruit new members.
5. The City of Greater Geelong is updating its strategies on a variety of issues, and is asking for volunteers to act as community representatives.

Treasurer's Report:

6. The Treasurer talked about the current accounts. We maintain a General account, a Welfare account, and a Term Deposit account. He added that full accounts will be presented at the AGM in February. The annual liquor licence fee has been waived again for 2021; however, we still need to print out the current version of the licence and display it in our clubrooms. Harry agree to do this. The Treasurer's report was **agreed unanimously**.
7. The Treasurer showed preliminary plans for works on the outside of our clubrooms. The idea is to extend the lean-to and provide overhead coverage between the clubrooms and the toilet block. He is hopeful our draftsman will be able to get the plans through the Geelong Council Planning Office and the build could be completed by April. The plans will be presented to club members at the AGM.
8. The drafting of plans and interaction with Council is at no cost to the club as the draftsman is closely related to our Treasurer. However, once the Treasurer left the room temporarily, the committee voted an honorarium of \$500 to the draftsman as a thank you for the work already done and for effort to come. **Agreed unanimously**.

Welfare Officer Report:

9. Pam attended a HUB meeting of a number of RSL Sub-branches in the Geelong/Bellarine area including Ocean Grove, Lara, Inverleigh, Port Arlington, Torquay and Geelong.
- a. Centrelink Geelong has closed the DVA desk.
 - b. Printed obituaries in the Geelong Advertiser are costing us \$160. Other clubs are only paying \$80. Pam will investigate further.
 - c. The Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service and some other similar organisations have been incorporated into a single organisation called Open Arms. Phone number is 1800 142 072 for people who need to access this type of help.
 - d. Graham added that "My Aged Care" provides a range of services such as cleaning, gardening and mobility assistance. There are a number of levels of service and they are generally free.
 - e. Pam said she would organise an authoritative speaker on "My Aged Care" to come to one of our meetings. (Later she advised that Maree Jane - ANZAC House Support Services Coordinator - will address our general meeting scheduled for 11 March 2021.)

Golf News:

10. Geoff Fifer pointed out that although there would be no Golf Day for 2020, he has reserved two days for our club at Clifton Springs Golf Club for 2021. One day would be close to ANZAC Day and the other would be our traditional day near Remembrance Day. The April event would be low-key without sponsors, just a round of golf followed by lunch and perhaps a raffle. The actual dates would be advertised at the Golf Club, and at our AGM.

New Business:

11. Local author Rob McCubbin was introduced. He was doing some downsizing at home and brought in a box of DVDs and literature surplus to his requirements. The President thanked Mr McCubbin and said the gift would make a welcome addition to our modest library.
12. Harry said that he had attended a Christmas lunch as guest of Geelong Legacy. They wanted to formally thank the Drysdale RSL for the donation of \$500 towards their annual appeal.
13. The President moved a vote of thanks to the Davis family who have organised Christmas parcels for all of our members. Seconded Geoff Fifer. **Carried unanimously.**

Close: There being no more Business, the President closed the Meeting at 1500 hrs.

Next Meetings: The club does not normally have a January meeting. We hope the February meeting will be able to go ahead on 11 February 2021. It will be both a regular meeting and an Annual General Meeting.

Geoff Zanker
President

Harry Paterson
Secretary