



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.

Tuesday 24th November 2020

- 1. Meeting opened:** At 5.00pm by President Sean Rout who advised this is also a meeting via “Zoom” (Z), and that the meeting is now being recorded.

Attendees: Sean Rout, Pam Hansen, Peter Erickson, Wendy Machon, Alan Stewart (Z), Christine Frith (Z), Denis Lynch, Mick King(Z), Don Williams, Robert Low (Z), Ken Covey, Greg Kennelly, Mike Allport, Peter Harley, Francis Chaloner, Lloyd Keen, Paul Jacks, John Wackett. **NEW MEMBERS:** Selwyn King, Barry Artup, Tim Mooney, Daniel Llewellyn.

1.1 Quorum achieved which is a minimum of 5 and at least 3 service members.

- 2. Apologies:** – John Oliver, Keith and Joan Tucker, Wal Edwards, BRIG Brett Chaloner, Lee Chaloner, Alex Trimcevski, Anne Trimble, Daniel Culbert – (New member).

2.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present? Pam advised that in attendance were: **Selwyn King** (service member – army), **Dan Llewellyn** (service member-navy), **Barry Artup** (service member-army & Vietnam veteran), **Tim Mooney** (service member -army & Vietnam veteran). The president presented each with the new card and asked each to address the meeting. **Denis Lynch** on behalf of **Daniel Culbert** received his associate membership card. The membership warmly welcomed all. Also, in attendance was **Meri Mack**, who is awaiting her new associate card to arrive.

- 3. Declare any Conflict of Interest.** None declared.

- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Hon Secretary – Pam Hansen**

Hon. Secretary advised that she had circulated the minutes to the membership.

4.1 Business arising: Nil

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Paul Jack **Seconded:** Wendy Machon

Resolved: That the minutes of the October 2020, as circulated, be accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

- 5. Correspondence: Hon Secretary.**

5.1 Correspondence Inwards:

Was tabled and read by Hon Secretary – Note: all correspondence will be posted on the website and on the RSL NSW website.

5.1.1 Business arising: Nil

5.2 Outgoing Correspondence:

Nil

5.3 Adoption of the Correspondence

Moved by: Ken Covey **Seconded:** Greg Kennelly

6. Treasurers Report – John Oliver. (Apologies)

Hon Sect. tabled and read John report and **is attached.**

6.1 Main Points:

Income received for this month ... NIL

Expenditure for this month ... \$166.56

Total cash at bank ... \$39,512.97

6.2 Business arising: Nil

6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report:

Moved by: Peter Harley **Seconded:** Denis Lynch

7. Day Club – Pam Hansen

Pam advised the meeting that they are able to hold a small Xmas lunch (Covid-19 safe) in the club house on Wednesday 9th December. The luncheon will be sponsored by the Diggers Club, who we thank for their kind gesture.

8. Northern Beaches District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:

President advised he attended the meeting held at Balgowlah RSL Club on Tuesday 17 November.

Main Points: Sean advised that the President of NB District Council, Bill Harman OAM has recovered from major surgery and chaired a successfully meeting.

- RSL NSW – Congress now held on-line on Monday 7th December – apologies given
- DC Xmas lunch to be held at Palm Beach RSL cost at \$70 – apologies given
- About 900 Legacy Widows on the Northern Beaches
- RSL NSW – improved Website, now has a sub-Branches portal with records of all sub-Branch members details and pending new members progress etc.

9. Presidents Report:

9.1 Armistice day, was very busy for the sub-Branch:

a) Jacka Park at 1000hrs: Plaque Placement Ceremony was held for WW2 veteran Lt. Stewart E. Mansfield. Sean thanked Jacka Park Custodian Ken Covey and his family, & Hon Sect Pam Hansen for attending this simple but somber service. Pam suggested that we will need a box of tissues next time as the sister of Lt Mansfield broke down.

b) Armistice Day service at the Diggers. Was well attended with a highlight being the reading of two poems by two students from Harbord Public School. 14 wreaths were laid. The President thank member **Denis Lynch** who acted as the MC. Great support was rendered by the staff of the Diggers club, especially Karen Potts.

c) A film called “Saluting Their Service – Veterans of the Northern Beaches”.

This film was launched by the Mayor in the community rooms with the 9 Veterans and their interviewers plus VIP's., attending. Two (2) public showing of the film were also well attended. Click on this link to view the film. Trailer: https://youtu.be/-dicoYLi_g4 Full version: https://youtu.be/kriiiF_LwCO

d) The new website was also launched by the Mayor. Our website will be linked with NB Council library website which is a great tribute to our sub-Branch and Soldiers Ave of Honor research team lead by sub-Branch member **Wendy Machon**.

e) The president reported: he hosted the committee of Australia Remembers Northern Beaches and North Shore at the Diggers Club of which he is a member.

A point of interest was a suggestion that North Head former army base may be able host the military history of the base and along with the NB military history via NB sub-Branches. Funding could be available.

10. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.

Pam advised that we are waiting for 2 new members to be confirmed. Pam also advised that the RSL NSW website has now launched a portal for all sub-Branches membership details.

- 10.1** Website Analytics (new report – focusing on our new website visitor’s activity). Was tabled by Pam.
See attached report.

11. General Business.

- 11.1 **A secret ballot** was held for the approval to nominate for life membership of RSL NSW Mr. Wal Edwards OAM and Mr. Keith Tucker.

The result will be declared by the Hon Sect., at 1000hrs Monday 30th November.

- 11.2 General business continued: Ken Covey (custodian of Jack Park) suggested that we should investigate the possibility of laying artificial turf around the memorial in Jacka Park to protect it from foot damage from the local school children. The president agreed and would add it to the list of proposed plans for the improvement for the Jacka Park “Wall of Remembrance and the Memorial”

- 12. Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th February 2021 at 5pm** via face to face and zoom.

Being no further general business.
The **Ode was recited by the President**

Meeting closed at 5.58pm.