

131 Locators Association Inc.

Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc. held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club at 11.05AM on Tuesday 24th March 2015

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ged Carroll, Ian Amos, Des McGuiggan, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Nick Proskurin, Terry Westerway

Apologies: Paul Dickson

| Welcome | Allen opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees. |
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| Item 1 | Minutes of the previous meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below. |
| Item 2 | Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: Ack from RAAF re Tim Billiards presence for Seymour, Information items sent to SMH and DailyT newspapers re Seymour event. |
| Item 3 | Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were : Nil. |
| | Move G Lane Second Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted |
| Item 4 | Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$10,237.63. Only amounts due are deposits for Seymour event. Financial Membership is currently 134 Associates 2 Affiliates 10 Total 146 |
| | New Members - Nil (awaiting forms from Damian McManus) Merchandise. Decals - stock: 288 – Cost price \$759. Caps/Hats - stock: 32 caps/33 hats/7 surf. Cost @ \$1654 - ROI is \$1783 Surplus \$129 |
| | Moved E Newbold Second B Blink Against Nil Accepted |

| Item 5 | Presidents report. |
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| item 3 | Recent DVA Grant decision covering the Seymour and North Head events is due in April Ron Mason passed on a name that lead to a fruitful contact at the Australian Tank Museum where we have been booked to do a tour. Cars look to be the preferred transport for this venue. Responses for Seymour so far number 28 and the day trip to Phillip Island number 27. |
| | Moved G Dignam Second E Newbold Against Nil Accepted |
| Item 6 | Public Officer Report. Vic has contacted Zest at City Tatts our regular ANZAC DAY venue and made tentative booking for 10 with the possibility of increasing numbers as required. We have emailed our member list with the information requesting responses from interested people. |
| Item 7 | Webmaster Update. Bob provided an email of website stats which showed a small but steady growth in activity. A notable figure is the number of downloads of archived editions back to 2009. |
| Item 8 | May event – Seymour and Phillip Island 2015. We had received confirmation the Plaque has arrived at the Museum. Discussions re the Tank Museum and their entry information received indicated that cars would be the optimal transport method for this venue. Coach for the Phillip Island Excursion- 24 seat coaster @\$40.00per head or 48 seater @\$53 PH (min 24 more room and toilet). Figures are trending toward the 48 seater. 4 Invitations sent to Federal MP/Senators. 2 Shadow MP apologized for their absence -1 Liberal MP Kevin Andrews auto replied no commitment – 1 no response. Invitations also sent to Joe Kaplun, Marianne Menz, Kim Fox OC 131 Div Loc Bty Enoggera OCs Brian Kennedy and Warwick Hamilton will attend. Apologies from MajGen Tim Ford and Jim Townley. |
| Item 9 | Website appearance- format and changes. Bob will work on addressing issues raised in February ie: some cosmetic changes be made That "Merchandise" has a separate tab. That Meeting minutes be placed so all financial members have access. That OC's Recollections be similarly placed in one place and also That tabs be created for each OC and items be placed with their approval i.e. the tribute by Tim Forde prior to the AWM plaque placement. Each of the "recollection statements" to be placed on the individuals' page. |
| Item 10 | Other Matters. An incident was related where a veteran member was off colour/not feeling well for some time and didn't think too much of it but was concerned. When he went to the GP he was referred on to a Specialist. In the interrogation his medical history from SVN was explored for a possible cause and tests conducted. With a better diet and a new attitude the vet is improving. The issue still has not been resolved BUT the fact that the Medicos were thorough enough to go back to 1960's to find a reason demonstrated that we should not just "pass it of" as a bad day. LESSON: be vigilant. |

| Item 11 | Next General meeting will be on 21 st April 2015 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club | |
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| Item 12 | Meeting Closed 12.05PM | |
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| | Signed A Morley Chairman | |

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items March 2014 Prior Action Items

1. Projects worthy of Support of 131Locator Association Members. **Ongoing** - details of proposed & current projects and their status to be identified. Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange for Meeting Minutes to be placed in Members Only area of Website (Sec/Treas to arrange pdf files for webmaster).

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

OCs recollections project is progressing.