



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 12th December 2017

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ged Carroll, Nick Proskurin, Ian Amos, and Bob Billiards

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Bert Blink Jim Fitzgerald, Merv Nairn, Vic Danko, Gordon Malcolm, State Reps.

Welcome	Chairman, President Allen Morley, opened the meeting at 11.05 A.M. and thanked those who were present.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: an item concerning the Radar move which will be covered below. Moved George Lane Seconded Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence again concerned the Radar and will be covered below. Moved George Lane Seconded Nick Proskurin Against Nil Accepted	
Item 4	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>The Treasurer circulated the Current Bank Statement showing the balance at the bank and also produced the signed audited balance sheet that was not produced at the AGM (though it was circulated with the Agenda). The Treasurer confirmed that the Yearly report to the Dept of Fair Trading had been lodged and fee of \$45 paid.</p> <p>Financial Membership is currently 128 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 8 Total 138</p> <p>Plus Lapsed 24 members Deceased 5 Members</p> <p>No major expenditure is in prospect.</p>	

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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ern Newbold attended the last LSTAA meeting of 2017. • Allen advised that Victor Danko has resigned as Public Officer of our association. The search begins for an association member to step forward and fill this important statutory position in our executive committee. He invited interested persons to notify him of their availability. • Allen noted that the original Long Tan cross has been placed on display in the AWM • The 1/83rd US army artillery will hold their reunion at the ALAMO Texas in Sept 2018. • Dicko has arrived back in country (Mexico) after a flying visit to OZ. 																			
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report. The Secretary Treasurer submitted the report required by Dept of Fair Trading and paid the \$45 fee.</p>																			
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update. Bob circulated the web stats prior to the meeting. NZ activity has surpasses that of Mexico which has sparked an investigation.</p>																			
Item 8	<p>General Business Radar update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Mason has advised that the NVVM restoration team leader Colin Grey, has advised: <i>We have just relocated our Bofor gun to external display and propose to install the radar in its place, I believe the radar will be dismantled in preparation for the refurbishment shortly, I note that the cases and the main unit comprise aluminium alloy and magnesium castings so for the most part we can use traditional aviation methodology to refurbish the equipment. I appreciate your offer of possible funding as one of the issues I mentioned in my message today was funding the project. I will speak with our CEO with regard to that in the very near future. Regards Colin</i> • Our association has agreed to initially fund the restoration up to \$500 to start the work and also seek a quote for the estimated total cost. If the sum is beyond our scope we will seek a Grant to complete the work. • This Assn has identified that the model Curta we used in SVN was the small model # 2, 15 digit display version. We are looking to acquire a CURTA mechanical calculator for inclusion in the general Det 131 DLB display. <p>Photo Album project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project is progressing slowly. <p>New Plaque project. I am awaiting replies from “Christies” and “Cary Corporation” re quotes for prices of 50 units of the original design.</p> <p>2018 Reunion in QLD. The information is on our website and time has expired. If you wish to attend please contact Terry Erbs ASAP.</p> <p>The LSTAA website states: 11. Brisbane Open Day/ Reunion 2018. The reunion in Brisbane is being planned for October 2018. (Changed, not in Coffs Harbour). This is now an “open day” at the Regiment with displays and activities and a Reunion Dinner at a local RSL on either the Friday or Saturday night, (12th or 13th October 2018). Possibly Reunion on Friday and Dinner on Saturday. This information will be posted on the Website. The SE Queensland Branch is organizing.</p>																			

Item 9	<p>Next General meeting will be on:</p> <p>Feb 13th 2018 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176</p> <p>PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 10	Meeting Closed 12.20 PM.	
	Signed Allen Morley	Meeting Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items November 2017 Prior Action Items

1. The Association is open to new suggestions for projects that would benefit other Association member individually or collectively.

Active Items

1. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date
 2. Photo Album Project
- **Photo Album project.** This major undertaking will represent all Locators who served and to achieve its aim we require the help of all vets. Unlike the photos that appear in Eyes & Ears which are reduced in size, we will require BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY photos that will make the final cut. This project will represent the entire period of 131's involvement in the SVN conflict and will be a heritage item so each photo will need a full description.
 - The committee is requesting the BEST pictures you have of Orderly Rm, Tpt Office. Raeme and Radar and LP sites (showing different modifications over time): Equipment used- Bearing Boards, Sound Ranging, Sensors etc. incl. details of how, when, where and why. (Radar. Starlight scopes, firearms, Transport modes {vehicular, airlift by chopper}:Aircraft used for deployments to FSBs and in close support roles birddogs, etc
 - Pics of the US Arty guns in support units 1/83rd and 2/35th: pics of liaison with ARVN personnel and positions.
 - We will be looking for help from Personnel from each year/Corp to help with names and position identifications to ensure accuracy.
 - We need YOUR INPUT!

Updates **Completed** on Prior Action Items

Photo album steps TO DO

- Review web albums contact vets for approval.
- Review donated photo albums
- Eye & ears item reminder