Retired Ambulance Association of Victoria Incorporated

Minutes of the Association Meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2015

The General Meeting of the Association was held at Ambulance Victoria Headquarters, Doncaster on Wednesday 11th March and was opened by the President Chas Martin at 1030 with a warm welcome to all. With a special welcome to Daryl Knight and Bryce Lindermann who were attending their first meeting.

1. *Present: 48 Members and Guests as per attached list.*

2. *Apologies:*
   GeoFf Quennell, Ben Wright, Bruce Slater, Leanne Russell-Jones, Gerry Thomas, David Appleton, Gillian Evans, Bernie Morellini, George Hood, Jock Purves, Peter O'Meara, John Fahey, Jim Masdon, Richard Williams, Alan McNie, Ted Giddings, Ian McPherson, Ray Lougheed, Darrell Rintoule, Graham Carpenter, Ian Dale, Roger Hardwick, Les John, Glen Dowlan, Nigel Longman, Trevor Greay, Noel Mirtschin, Merlyn Raft, Bill Ven den Akker, Denis Rowe, Michael Wilson, Stan Sandford, Norm Mills, Freda Dickison, Colin Saunders, Bill Jeffs, Peter Leek.

3. *Minutes of Last General Meeting:*
   The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th March 2015 as attached
   Moved Ian Cameron Seconded: Ian Donaldson that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried

4. *Matters Arising from the minutes:*
   There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. *Correspondence:*
   288 emails received on matters relating to the Associations' activities and general enquiries about the Association.
   220 emails in response to members and other Retired Association Organisation and supply companies with information relating to our Association.
   Posted newsletters from our South Australian colleagues and general information.

6. *Presidents Report:*
   Chas Martin presented our Life Membership Certificate to Dave Perkins.
   Chas noted that several members were on the sick list including - Ted Giddings, Col Saunders and Peter Leek. He asked that any member who may be aware of a member in ill health to contact him or Secretary Ian so we can offer assistance if desired.
   Chas also announced that he will not be seeking nomination as President at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Secretary's Report:

Membership Fees are now due and invoices have been sent to all members who are required to pay for the next financial year..

The new Association shirts are available for purchase at the cost of $25.00 per shirt.

New caps are currently being sourced and it is hoped they will be available shortly.

8. Financial Statement:

As Attached

Moved by: Chas Martin Seconded by: Charles McKinnon that the financial statement be accepted as a true record of the financial position of the Association. Carried

9. Membership Report:

As attached:

With amendments – noting the passing of Brynley Kendall on the 6th June and the acceptance of new Member Daryl Knight be added to the register of Members.

Moved by: Ian Cameron Seconded by: Ken Holt that the report of the membership for the Association is accepted as a true record and the nominees so named are added to the register of Members.

Carried

10. General Business:

10.1 Secretary Ian, reported on the current discussions with the Retired Police Association and the MFB Retired Association in regard to the establishment of an ongoing Peer Support Group for our Members.

Ian requested any member who may wish to become involved in this scheme to contact him.

10.2 President Chas reminded members that the next scheduled meeting will be the AGM of the Association and asked all members to give consideration to assistance to the Committee in order to continue the functions of the Association.

10.3 Nomination for Committee positions will be circulated from late July.

11. Guest Speaker:

Trevor Weston from the Emergency Response Team gave and interesting and informative talk on the use and function of AED unit as used by many organisations, shopping centres and sporting teams. With the State Government providing funding for the purchase of these unit by sporting and charitable organisation many questions were raised in how to obtain these funds and procedures for purchase along with general use of these units.

12. Meeting Close:

As there was no further business the meeting was declared close at 11.50am and all were invited to lunch.