



Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc.

MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Association,
held at the Avoca Hotel
on Sunday 7th August 2022

	Topic	MINUTE
1	Opening	The meeting was declared open by the President at 1100 hrs after allowing for 30 minutes admin. He then recited the Ode of Remembrance.
2	Attendance	31 Members. See Attendance Register
3	Apologies	35 Members. See Attendance Register.
4	Previous Minutes	The Minutes of the previous meeting Sunday 21 st October 2021 were read by Secretary David Laing RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved D. Laing; Seconded Des Hawkins. Carried.
5	Matters Arising	1. TTD developments. D. Ranger to present report but he was an apology. R. Beames gave a brief outline of who was responsible for TTD. Matter closed.
6	REPORTS	<p><u>Secretaries Report.</u> Is at Annex B. Moved D. Laing. Seconded I. Carnachan. Carried.</p> <p><u>Presidents Report: (Presented after Secretary)</u> Is at Annex A. Moved R. Beames. Seconded D. Laing. Carried.</p> <p><u>Treasurers Report</u> Is at Annex C. Moved C. Bennett. Seconded David Hope. Carried</p> <p><u>Band Report from D. Portakiewicz</u> Is at Annex D. Moved D. Portakiewicz. Seconded L. Gaborit. Carried</p> <p><u>Serving Members Report</u> read by D. Laing Is at Annex E Moved D. Laing. Seconded A. Hook. Carried</p> <p>Colonel Trent Burnard gave a brief of the new direction of 10/27 Bn as part of 9 Bde.</p> <p>No Report from J. Humphrys .</p>

7	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Fees set See Annex F • Change to Paid Life Membership. See Annex G • Election of Office Bearers. See Annex H • Addition/ Change to Paid Life Membership. See Annex I • Addition to Honorary Life Membership. <p><u>Annex H Election of Officer Bearers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Beames for President. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd D. Hope ○ Carried • Des Hawkins for Vice President. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd Alan Hook ○ Carried • David Laing for Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd N. Tregenza ○ Carried • Corey Skapin for Assistant Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd C. Bennett ○ Carried • Christian Bennett for Treasurer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd T. Burnard ○ Carried Jesse Humphrys for Webmaster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd D. Laing ○ In Favour? ○ Carried / Defeated • David Portakiewicz for Band Liaison. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd C. Bennett ○ Carried • Michael Abraham for Serving Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd D. Laing ○ In Favour? ○ Carried / Defeated <p>There were no further nominations from the floor. DL explained that we would like more Serving Members to be on the committee, and they could join at any time during the year.</p>
8	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Hook spoke against the Presidents Report re: the Association spending money on signage at Warradale when this was not our responsibility, and members funds should be spent on the members. <p>Trent Burnard stated that only official Defence signage would be paid for by Defence, and any other signage with logos etc would need to be funded from private means.</p> <p>R. Beames asked A Hook who funded the “Red Rooster” flag from Alberton. I Carnachan said it was paid for by Mess Funds.</p> <p>R. Beames showed a photo of the proposed sign showing a stylized Stag with crossed arms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Beames asked the meeting if they would like to have a couple of luncheons throughout the year. The reply was YES. Secretary to arrange.
9	Future functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM meeting Friday 26th November @1200 hrs Keswick Barracks • EOY BBQ 19th December 2021 @ 1100 Keswick Barracks
10	Next AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next AGM Sunday 7th August 2022 @ Avoca

11	Closure	The President thanked all those attending and declared the meeting closed at 1216 hrs. Members adjourned for lunch.
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Signed *Computer copy digitally signed*

Rodney Beames

President

Royal South Australia Regiment Association Inc

Date: **7th August 2022**

Presidents Report is at Annex A (Read at AGM after Annex B presented)

Secretary's Report is at Annex B

Treasurers Report is at Annex C

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Change to Classification of Life Membership is at Annex I

Annex A

RSARA President's report for AGM August, 2022.

Ladies and gentlemen.

Following on from the secretary's informative report, one of the highlights of 2021 was being asked at short notice, to provide lunch for the combined marksmen in the Simpson Trophy Shoot. After being let down by 9 Brigade, the RSM asked could we help by providing food, drinks and an Eftpos machine to collect the money in the bush. (A normal everyday requirement foreign to those who did range exercises in the 1900s). We managed to tick all the boxes. The volunteers travelled to Murray Bridge Range dressed in our Association attire (looking quite presentable actually) and were welcomed by Brigadier Goodwin at the firing line.. There were a few hiccups but as president, I was very pleased with what we achieved.

Our Christmas get together was a success again we were well fed by our baitlayer. I thank him for his magnificent menu and also the battalion members who operated the bar.

After my broken leg in 2021, I was once again, very proud to lead the Association in the ANZAC Day march. I was joined up the front by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion and several serving members boosted our ranks to over 50.

Since then, we have been conspicuously quiet..

I have been approached to see if there is enough support to reinstate the occasional Sunday Social lunch, maybe without a guest speaker. I will talk further on this later.

Our next project is to provide signage for A Coy at Warradale and I will be ringing around for volunteers as jobs come up for this.

We have been put on standby as backup for the Simpson Trophy Shoot. After last year's last minute panic, 10/27 are not sure but we could get a gig here again.

The Regimental Council has appointed us as their operations arm because we support the Battalion, the Band and the museum, leaving not much for them to do.

The Newsletter Sitrep Over continues to keep us informed and entertained and I commend it to you all. Not that there is a competition, but David continues to produce the best Army monthly read in SA.

Well that just about sums up 2021/22. I thank the committee for their support and look forward to another successful year.

Rodney Beames

Annex B

2022 RSARA Secretary's Report

Once again not a lot has happened during the year and we can all blame that on COVID. Sadly we lost a former Vice President Mick Standing to complications with COVID, so it affects us all, whether we know it or not.

Rod Beames, the "social butterfly" of West Beach also came down with COVID, and he'll tell you it wasn't very nice. Regardless of the Mask Mandates, if you feel safer wearing a mask whilst out in public, go ahead and wear a mask.

Our membership has fluctuated between 150 and 155 and we've made some changes to the way we operate, which will be voted on further down the Agenda.

We have made great inroads into our Merchandise sales, selling 20 hoodies so far, with more on order. They take about 2 weeks to be manufactured, embroidered and picked up, so now is a good time to order yours prior to Christmas. And we have Stubby Holders and Regimental Ties in stock, so speak to Rod or myself and we'll happily take your money in return.

The Royal South Australia Regiment Association has dramatically changed the way we operate in the past 5 years. We now have more interaction with the Commanding Officer, the OPSO, and other Ops Staff and we liaise directly with the RSM on all matters pertaining to the Battle Group. We have a great one-on-one relationship with the Padre and we have great input into the welfare and wellbeing of the soldiers, which brings us closer to our goal, "To Perpetuate the Regiment."

During the year I made a number of phone calls to members I know that have been doing it tough, and we just chat about nothing in particular. I didn't know how effective my calls were until some members started phoning me and asking how I was during some medical procedures. These calls really do work and they are greatly appreciated by the people who receive them, so if you know of a mate who may have had some medical problems or even if you haven't heard from them for a while, it costs nothing to pick up the phone and say "How are you mate? R U OK?"

Our band of brothers and sisters is unique in Australia, in that as soldiers we trained to go to war together, but never did. Some went into battle with different regiments and others went into battle with themselves and their own problems. None-the-less, I can say, as a former member of the Regiment, if the need arose, I would have followed you all into battle, and know you would do the same for me. We have each other's backs, and it is that which stands us out from the rest.

This Association is only successful while we are backed up by the committee and the members. As the older committee members retire or fall by the way, they MUST be replaced by younger members, and if that means the committee is top heavy with serving ADF members, then so be it. We can gauge the interest shown by the members in the numbers here today. Or I should say the LACK of numbers. Last year, even though we were in the grips of COVID we had 49 members attend the AGM. This year we struggle to get 30 members. If we don't get volunteers to join the committee, those who are left will be worked to the bone and will also fall by the way. I took on this job in 2009 for what I thought was a 3 year stint. Next year will be my 14th year, and I think I've done my share of the work. What do you think?

Finally, we've thanked all the people on the committee and all the volunteers who help out at our catering support exercises. Your efforts are what make us so special amongst other ex-services organisations, and without you we couldn't exist. We've mentioned our members for paying their subs every year and sticking with us to support our soldiers, and we thank you for

your loyalty. And everyone needs to thank someone, but I frequently forget to thank my biggest and most very supportive and loyal wife June.

She allows me many hours on the computer compiling the newsletters and other special projects. She turns down the TV or turns the stove off when Beamsey phones nearly every night, and she doesn't complain when our conversations go over 30 minutes, which is quite frequent. She picks up the newsletters from Murray Bridge and the Hoodies and Polo Tops from Mannum Rd, and drives me home from these functions and AGMs because I have 2 beers too many, and I never thank her.

Well June, I thank you for just being my wife and supporting me in everything I do. Thank you.

Each and every one of you could do the same, and thank those who support you.

That, Mr President is the end of my report. Pro Patria

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Laing', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Laing
Secretary/Editor
7th August 2022

Annex C

Treasurers Report

Royal South Australia Regiment – Treasurer’s Report 2022 AGM

Dear Members,

I’m here to report to you the Association’s finances over the 2021/2022 financial year.

We were in surplus to the sum of \$2,894.36 with strong membership revenue, merchandise sales, donations and grants that were received. Our main expenses were attributed to Social Function costs and merchandise purchases.

The biggest change that has occurred is that we have a separate bank account for the Band. The Regiment Trust kindly donated \$10,000 and this will be used for the Band’s expenses. Things like musical instrument servicing and purchases for the band. The revenue from the Band’s concerts and other events will be directed into this account. This includes the Band’s ‘The Best of the Edinburgh Tattoo’ concert coming up on the 9th October at Saint Peter’s Girls School.

Thank you to the members who are so patient with me while I take some time to bank cheques that are posted to myself as I require to run down to the Bank during my lunch break to process them.

Corey Skapin, the Assistant Sectary, and I will discuss a better membership process, so we can avoid people paying for their membership and it not being updated in the latest monthly SITREP. When Corey comes back from his overseas trip, we’ll look to try and implement something in the next month or so.

I believe that the Associations finances are in a satisfactory position and will continue to be suitable in the long term.

I commend the audited financial statements for the 2021/2022 financial year for your approval.

Christian Bennett
Treasurer
07 August 2022

Annex D

Band Masters Report 2022 AGM

10th/27th Battalion, Royal South Australia Regiment Band

PENDING AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

Annex E

2021 AGM Attendees & Apologies

2022 ATTENDING	2022 APOLOGIES
David Laing	Howard Parslow
June Laing	Mark Blondell
Mick Hudson	Ian Waters
Rod Beames	Mike Meredith
Ian Carnachan	Denis Ranger
David Hope	Stephen Rado
Barry Pollard	Rob Stewart
Kay Pollard	Bruce Lakin
Christian Bennett	Phil Brookes
Colin Phillips	Lee Rossetti
Des Hawkins	Trevor Dew
Lynn Hawkins	Joe Vella
Norm Tregenza	John Harrison
Lyn Tregenza	Max Hill
Dave Tasker	Bill Matchett
Jill Toy	Graham Wilson
Alan Hook	Geoff Tattersall
Philippa Hook	Alan Orrock
Brian Preece	Nick Miller
Sue Preece	Stephen Rado
Graham Elliott	John Paul
Julie Elliott'	Keith Eva
Hank Ramm	Mimi Ewens
Margaret Ramm	Michael Abraham
David Portakiewicz	Barry Mitchell
Bob Dunn	Kathleen Winger
Lyndon Gaborit	Barry Johnson
Wayne Burns	Marg Johnson
Neil Wilson	Sam Benveniste
Peter Dunn	Ben Read
Trish Dunn	Grant James
Heather Phillips	Michael Bampton
Mick Hudson	Leslie Bampton
Trent Burnard	Padre Ghanem
	Jim Thomson
	Ray Burton

Annex F

Set Annual Fees for 2022/23

Fact: The Annual Fees for the Association haven't changed since 2008 when the RSAR Association was reborn. All prices for postage, merchandise etc have risen, some by as much as 30%, therefore to remain sustainable our Annual Fees must also rise proportionally.

Discussion: Members discussed the subject and a vote was taken after a general consensus of opinion was gained.

Motion by David Laing: To set Annual Fees at \$30 and \$15 for 2023

Secunder: Brian Preece

Carried

Annex G

Change in Paid Life Memberships

Fact: Paid Life Membership within the Association has been permitted for the price of \$200 for Ordinary Members and \$100 for Associate Members. This hasn't changed since the inception of the Association. Should we continue with the current Paid Life Membership scheme, within 10 years we could find we are taking very minimal money from memberships. To ensure financial longevity of the Association, changes must take place.

Discussion: Once again some discussion was undertaken and a vote was taken.

Motion by D. Laing: It is proposed the fee for Paid Life Membership be raised from \$200 to \$300 for Ordinary Members and raised from \$100 to \$150 for Associate Members.

Secunder: David Hope.

Carried

Annex H

Number of Paid Life Memberships

Motion: It is proposed that Paid Life Membership numbers be set at a maximum of 50 at any one time. Once that number has been reached, no further applications for Paid Life Membership can be accepted until it is decided by a majority vote at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.

Discussion: An original motion by D. Laing was discussed and after some alterations D. Laing agreed to move the motion as set above.

Moved by: David Laing

Secunder: Alan Hook

Carried

Annex I

To add a New Classification Honourary Life Membership, being Honourary Life Membership (Posthumous)

Motion: It is proposed a new class be added to Honourary Life Membership, and that be Honourary Life Membership (Posthumous). This class of membership will only be designated, at the discretion of the Full Committee of Management of the RSAR Association, to a past member of the RSAR Association, who has passed away, and who has made a significant long term contribution to the Association and/or the Regiment. This class of membership is to recognise significant exemplary service by a member.

Discussion A lengthy discussion was undertaken, including a written statement from N. Tregenza (Below)

Elements: *Discretion of Full CoM, past members, deceased, significant long term contribution to RSAR/Regiment, in recognition of exemplary service.*

*PROPOSED AMENDMENT from N. Tregenza That the new classification of Membership, if and when it is accepted and at the time of its inception, not be limited to, or determined by, past RSAR membership for the purpose of the **initial intake** of applications. This is considered essential as there are **worthy** deceased recipients that performed, demonstrated and achieved their exemplary service, for and on behalf of, the Regiment, the Military Service or, in defence of their Country, **before** the RSAR Association was formed in 2008. Their exemplary service to the Battalion in particular, and the Australian Military Service as a whole ultimately reflects well on the Association through their affiliation with it and therefore justifies recognition of them.*

Further lengthy discussion was undertaken, and it was a majority decision that this issue was best discussed at Committee level, where the result could be reported to the Membership. Norm Tregenza and David Hope were invited to the next Committee Meeting on 26th August at Keswick Barracks to assist the thinking and planning process.