

**New Zealand Malayan Veterans Association (Inc) Biennial General Meeting
Minutes held at the Hamilton RSA Rostrevor Street Hamilton at 11 am
Saturday 22nd October 2011.**

Agenda and business matters distributed and included in the registration package for the NZMVA National Reunion 2011 hosted by the Waikato/Tainui Branch organising committee.

Welcome: National President Mr Len Knapp

Karakia: Tainui Kaumatua

Last Post: List of names read out by both Mr Barry Allison and Mr Brian Sherborne.

Ode: Mr Barry Allison in English / Mr Jim Keremete in Maori

In attendance: 55 names recorded (List attached) Many more not recorded including those that arrived late. (Hemana Cliff Waaka, Howard Wilson and others)

Current National Executive Members in attendance:

National President Mr Len Knapp

National Secretary Mr Hiro Hamilton

National Treasurer Mrs Barbara Allison

National Members Mr Ray King-Turner

Mr Howard Wilson

National Q Store/Selamat/ and Communications Mr Barry Allison

Apologies:

Mr Barry Renshaw	Mr Allan Ferguson	Mr Colin Ferguson
Mr Peter Brady	Mr John Couper	Mr Rangi Burrows
Mr Joe Sturmey	Mr Ratu Reedy	Mr Eddie Naden
Mr Alexander Robertson	Mr Paul Anderson	Mr Russell Cooke
Mr Mike Ryan	Mr Trevor Dean	Mr Sam Farrell
Mr Luti Tangaere	Mr Tutu Kirk	Mr Nunu Tangaere
Mr Banjo Patterson	Mr John Williams	Mr Terry Bennett
Mr Rob Gamble	Judge Heta Hingston	Mr Henare Morehu
Mr Laurie Oakwell	Mr John Millar	Mr David Ransfield
Mr Manuel Morgan	Mr Rocky Devlin	Mr Wilson Tautau
Mr Mike Cooney	Mr Fred Ryan	Mr Pat McGee
Mr John Burgess	Mr Gordon Paku	Mr Stringy Tuarau

Moved by Mr Russell Byrne and seconded by Mr Sam Carroll that attendance and apologies be sustained

Carried

DPB Research Presentation Prof Shaw Canterbury University and Mr Ray King-Turner
Coordinator and assistant on behalf of the NZMVA.

This was a “Power Point” presentation covering the research and analysis into the use and effects of DPB by NZMVA members whilst serving on active duties in Malaysia and Borneo. Prof Shaw advised members that he would email his presentation to those that were interested in his research. Prof Shaw took a number of questions from the floor. At the conclusion of his presentation Prof Shaw was presented with a gift and tie by the President.

National President: Explanation regarding today’s election and voting process for both financial and non financial members. Non financial members can remain as observers but have no voting ‘rights’ however if wanting to speak must seek approval from the President to do so.

Agenda items:

NZMVA Presidents Report:

Moved by Mr Len Knapp and seconded by Mr Oriwi Haddon “That the Presidents report be received”

Carried

Matters arising from the Presidents report.

Page 1. Biennial General Meeting Minutes 2009 For discussion in GB

Page 2. Patron/s of the association Teach MacCowan Rotorua for discussion in GB
Life membership NZMVA Colin Tester Turanganui-a-Kiwa for discussion in GB

NZMVA BGM Elections 2011:

National Secretary: The following Official NZMVA (Inc) Nominations have been received.

Mr Len Knapp	President
Mr Terrence Bennett	Vice President
Mr Hiro Hamilton	National Secretary

Committee:	Mr Barry Allison	Mr Paul Anderson
	Mr Russell Byrne	Mr Mike Cooney
	Mr Muka Mayes	Mr William Russell
	Mr Doug Smith	Mr Howard Wilson

Discussion:

The National Secretary read through the official nomination applications detailing

the nominee, nominator and seconder of each official nomination application. There was also some discussion regarding nominations from the floor, this was explained by the National President “that had there not been sufficient official nominations received, nominations would then be taken from the floor. In this situation the National Secretary has received sufficient official nominations, therefore there is no requirement to call for nominations from the floor.

Moved by Mr Russell Byrne and seconded by Mr Bill Russell “that nominations be closed”

Carried

Moved by Mr Len Knapp and seconded by Mr Oriwi Haddon ‘that those Official Nominations received be approved by the BGM as your NZMVA National Executive Committee for the next two years ending in October 2013”

Carried

1 pm 30 minutes Lunch break, returned about 1:30 pm

General Business:

NZMVA 2009 BGM Minutes:

Moved by Mr Bill Mayor and seconded by Mr Len Knapp “That the BGM Minutes 2009 be received as a good record of the proceedings of that meeting”

Carried

Matters arising from those minutes: nil

NZMVA 2011 BGM Audit Report:

Moved by Mr Bill Mayor and seconded by Mr Hemana Cliff Waaka “that the 2011 BGM Audit Report be received and that all accounts be paid”

Carried

Matters arising from the audit report

Bill Mayor, “It has been many years since this organisation has finally received an audit report that shows our business finances is in order”

Selamat and Quarter Master Report Mr Barry Allison:

Barry thanked the membership for the support and contributions made and continue to seek stories and photographs for the selamat newsletter. Q store sales continue to be available for purchase. Barry also spoke about the flag costs and thanked everyone for the \$175 dollars donations collected.

Moved by Barry Allison and seconded by Oriwi Haddon that his report be received.

Carried

William (Bill) Russell proposed Malaysian Veterans Day Presentation:

This was a “Power Pont’ presentation that covered why? examples of the Korean, Vietnam and East Timor conflicts and the Malayan campaign that was never fully recognised for what it had achieved. The mission is to seek support from the NZ Government to gazette September 16th as Malaysian Veterans Day. Why that date? The advice received from the Malaysia High Commission is that the 16th September is the day that Malaysia was founded. Where to from here? The lobbying begins Veteran affairs, Minister of culture and Heritage, Minister of Defence, Minister of Internal Affairs and others. Publicity by branches to set targets to generate publicity about the Malaysian Campaign, “what was it all about” Budget for this project unsure, not sorted yet, no format finalised. After match function still to be decided.

Matters arising from this presentation:

Mr Hemana Cliff Waaka thanked William Bill Russell for his presentation and fully supported the ethos of the project. Hemana went on to express his already many discussions that he has had with other high profile dignitaries including MP’s. The membership present was also in support of this presentation and gave Bill Russell a standing ovation for his project presentation.

1 NZ Regt Terendak Marae:

Mr Hemana Cliff Waaka then confirmed and supported the issue of the 1 NZ Regt Terendak Marae now based around the Linton Camp Parade Ground. This matter was raised by Mr George Kereama initially to look at forming a working group to research the back ground on this Marae and see if this can be re-established. Mr Kereama went on to back ground his own involvement in his Marae after being discharged from the Army, and what he has learnt and achieved from being involved. Mr Hemana Waaka went on to explain the background and research that he had achieved in identifying what had transpired during the dismantling of the Marae during its transitional moving from Malaysia to NZ.

It was moved by Hemana Cliff Waaka and seconded by Puke Peawini “that Mr George Kereama be the coordinator for this project”

Carried

It was further supported that “Mr Hemana Cliff Waaka” be also part of this project along side Mr George Kereama. Mr Kei Merito further supported the formation of this working group.

NZMVA Life Membership:

National Secretary:

Two nominations have been recommended by the NE Committee to be brought before this 2011 BGM. Those two members being, Mr Brian Frost Wanganui Branch, and Mr John Millar Christchurch Branch.

Mr Brian Frost was asked to vacate the meeting during this debate session.

Discussion: The President asked for support for and against if anyone wanted to speak in regards to these two nominations.

Mr Russell Byrne stood in support of Mr Brian Frost, outlining his past history and commitment to the NZMVA over many years. Brian Frost meets all the requirements for life membership.

Mr Barry Allison stood and gave a back ground history on why Mr John Millar did not qualify for NZMVA Life Membership. His reasons being that John Millar had not served on any NE Committee and that his military back ground was not a requirement for life membership.

Mr Muka Mayes stood and gave his reasons why Mr John Millar should be considered supporting John Millar given the work he and his wife have been doing over many years regarding his "Last Post data information" made available to all organisations throughout NZ.

Moved by Mr Len Knapp and seconded by Mr Jim Keremeta "that life membership be approved for these two nominations"

Carried
Against 1

Mr Colin Tester had earlier stood and spoke on the issue of life membership that should firstly be recommended by branches.

NZMVA Patron/s nomination and Policy:

This matter has been included in the Presidents Report and highlights the issue that the word Patron/s is not mentioned in the NZMVA Constitution.

It was moved by Mr Teach MacCown and seconded by Mr Kei Merito "that the issue of Patron/s be developed and included in the Supplementary Rules of the NZMVA (Inc)"

Carried

Moved by Mr George Kereama and seconded by Mr Doug Smith "that Mr Eru Manuera 73 Beverly Road Timaru be Patron of the NZMVA (Inc)

Carried

National Secretary: Next NE Meeting at 11 am Saturday 3rd December 2011 at the Manurewa RSA.

BGM Closing:

As there was no further business the President closed the 2011 BGM at 3 pm thanking everyone with a Karakia taken by Tainui Kaumatua

President: _____

Date: _____