

**National Executive Meeting of the Malayan Veterans Association Incorporated, held at the Hamilton Services Club (RSA) Hamilton at 11 am, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Present: National President Mr Len Knapp  
National Vice President Mr Terry Bennett  
National Secretary Mr Hiro Hamilton  
National Communications  
National Q Store, and  
National Selamat Editor Mr Barry Allison  
National Executive Members Mr Howard Wilson  
Mr Ray King Turner

Guest Speaker: Mr Allan Soon  
Guest Speaker support: Mr Frank Browell

Observers: NZMVA Members Mr Tom Te Apatu (Hamilton)  
Mr Pukepuke Peawini (Gisborne)  
Mr Dick Sturgeon (Thames)  
Mr Russell Byrne (Tauranga)  
Mrs Nadia Byrne (Tauranga)  
Mr Muka Mayes (Christchurch)  
Mr Bill Gudgeon (Hamilton)

Apologies: National Executive Members Mrs Barbara Allison (Gisborne)  
Mr Mike Cooney (Hamilton)  
NZMVA Members Mr Ratu Reedy (President Gisborne Branch)  
Mr G Hall (President Bay of Plenty Branch)  
Mr Rangi Burrows (Wairoa RSA Executive)  
Mr Peter Brady (President Mahia RSA)  
Mr Harley Hooper (Gisborne)  
Mr Peter Gallacher (President Rotorua RSA)

Welcome: National President Mr Len Knapp

Karakia: Mr Pukepuke Peawini (Observer from Gisborne)

Last Post: Mr Barry Allison (List of 25 names read out) attached

Ode: Mr Len Knapp

Guest Speaker: Mr Allan Soon (From Taiping Malaysia now resident in NZ)  
Presentation re Semi Tapu history in Taiping during the Japanese occupation  
Outcome: Mr Soon to work in partnership with Mr Russell Byrne in providing a report to enable the NZMVA to support this research project. The NZMVA has a good relationship with the Malaysian High Commission NZ Office, and in this respect this can be seen as a positive direction for this research.

Confirmation National Executive Meeting Minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010:

**“It was resolved and seconded that the above minutes of that meeting, having previously been recorded and matters identified, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting”**

**Terry Bennett / Len Knapp**

**Carried**

Matters arising from those minutes:

- Name tags no further progress
- BGMeeting 2009: It was suggested that these minutes as previously distributed be re-visited by the National Executive Members. If discussions or otherwise able to be identified these be added to these minutes, and then these minutes be available for the 2011 BGM.
- Dates for the National Executive Meetings 2011. Confirmed.

5 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	National Executive Meeting Hamilton RSA
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	National Executive Meeting Manurewa RSA
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	National Delegates Meeting Hamilton RSA
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	National Executive Meeting Manurewa RSA
21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	NZMVA National Reunion Hamilton RSA
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2011	National Executive Meeting Manurewa RSA

**Note:** National Secretary to contact Manurewa and Hamilton RSA re bookings for 2011

- Richard Webber Trophy No further progress
- Registration of the NZMVA Logo. National President confirmed gave the Application forms to the National Treasurer and an explanation of the same what needed to be done.

National Secretaries' Report: 6 x page report tabled regarding NZMVA administration

Matters highlighted:	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tony Clark-Stewart President Carterton RSA Setting up NZMVA Carterton Branch
	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 x new member recruitment applications having been sent, received no response
	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	\$500 dollar donation to the Earth Quake appeal confirmed having been received by the RNZRSA
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch Financial subs Baz Allison acknowledgement 90% subs from Branch received
	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bruce Wesley “Black Feet” National Secretary Sent Bruce a card and visited in October not looking good
	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	DPB Report received from Ray King-Turner and sent to the RNZRSA National HQ

31<sup>st</sup> Oct Australian Malayan Veterans. Receiving very good cross communication relations between each other.

**Report moved by the National Secretary and seconded by Howard Wilson as being received. Carried**

**National Treasurer's Report:** Written Report tabled by National Executive Member Barry Allison in the absence of the National Treasurer

As at 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 our current ASB Account No: 123063020122500 shows a confirmed credit balance of **\$10780.78**

Term Deposits: 72 Term deposit **\$22,550.00** 3.55% matures 14/03/11  
86 Term deposit **\$6435.99.02** 3.75% matures 9/01/11

**Matters for discussion:**

Accounts for payment: **\$4509.75**  
Membership resident in NZ ) Identify as per NZMVA constitution 596 total  
Membership resident outside of NZ ) 30 overseas members

**Report moved by Mr Barry Allison and seconded by Mr Ray King-Turner as being received, including "that all accounts are paid" Carried**

National Q Store Report: Verbal report by Mr Barry Allison including a tabled A4 single page Q Store Order Form, Sub Renewal Form, New Member Application. Followed by a Selamat report.

**Report moved by Mr Barry Allison and seconded by Mr Terry Bennett as being received. Carried**

**National Executive Reports:**

- National President: Report tabled, matters for discussion.  
In the last 12 months we have moved forward thank you all. For the next 12 months recruitment will be essential and invite other campaigners to join us. Welfare for our veterans is an ongoing issue and Pension Officers need to be more aware of their situations.  
Comment: Barry Allison possibly looks at open membership similar to the RNZRSA

**Lunch Break:**

- National Secretary Report re-South Island visit during October. I was able to touch base with a number of branches, and will do so for others in the future.  
Apology re-non contact with Tauranga and Christchurch branches, including others.  
This matter has been included in the previous Selamat News Letter for branches to contact me with address and email details.  
National Secretary Administration. Unfortunately the NZMVA computer technology badly needs up-dating, so as to meet the requirements of the Webmaster i.e. our National Executive minutes and other business needs to be available on the website. Branches need to be familiar with this technology as well because we are in the computer age and communication is much easier to access and communication with the National Secretary is essential to enable a two way communication channel to be effective.

Howard Wilson: Comment: I want to thank the National Secretary for his comprehensive report. I have also spoken to the Secretary regarding NZMVA members based in Australia, I have his contact details and will convey this on to our Australian comrades.

Barry Allison: Selamat News Letter. Information of all descriptions is needed to keep the news letter alive, and this is very much reliant on the membership. A substantial Quartermaster report tabled.  
Purchase of two flags. I am seeking the approval to purchase the New Zealand Flag, the Malayan flag and the flag staff that goes with both of these flags.

**Moved by Barry Allison and seconded by Ray King-Turner “that the purchase of both these flags be approved”** **Carried**

Ray King-Turner: 3 months since the Earth Quake struck Christchurch, just now beginning to get back to normal, although we have a number of one way streets, and continue to have mini after shocks  
We have 60 members in our branch recently 3 new signings (Navy)  
The funeral for Lt/Col John Masters, attendance probably in excess of 400.  
DBP Report has been tabled and I now believe that the RNZRSA has a copy of this report. The NZMVA National Secretary has a copy of this report on file.  
NZ Veterans Badge. I wish to bring to the attention of this meeting

- that a group of veterans have initiated a grey beret with an enlarged copy of the NZ veteran's badge. I am not sure if this is appropriate.
- Travel recommendation for Pro Ian Shaw to the 2011 BGM in Hamilton Cost \$595:00 Note that this is in regards to his DBP Report.
- Muka Mayes: Paul Tau Secretary of the Christchurch Branch NZMVA  
Elaine Tau Minute Secretary  
Muka Mayes Branch Treasurer
- Terry Bennett: Western Bay of Plenty Branch Whakatane. We continue to have our meetings shared around the district.  
NZMVA Welfare matters: I am requesting that our association write to the RNZRSA Recommending that "Doug Belsham" receives a "Merit Award" for his welfare work with NZMVA members.
- Russ Byrne: I am in full support of this recommendation.

**Moved by Terry Bennett and seconded by Howard Wilson "That the NZMVA National Secretary Writes to the RNZRSA approving that Mr Doug Belsham be considered for a RNZRSA Merit Award"**

**Carried**

- Pukepuke Peawini: Organiser of the Tairāwhiti Gisborne East Coast & Wairoa NZMVA 2013 National Reunion  
Tabled a written report.  
Matters from the report:
- Held 3 x meetings during the year, one meeting marginal attendance
  - Sponsorship Gisborne Warehouse, Gisborne Pak-In-Save, Ngāti Porou Runanga, Turanganui Runanga, Wi Pere Trust, DB Hotel, Turanga Health, Whakatohea Trust
  - Possible future projects Train rides, Marae visits, Kaumatua karaoke.
  - Gisborne RSA has approved one night per week as a NZMVA Branch fund raiser
  - Contacts Mr Pukepuke Peawini 50 Dalton St Kaiti Gisborne (Organizer) (06) 8683497
  - Mr Ratu Reedy NZMVA Branch President 97B Salisbury Road Gisborne (06) 8633904
  - Russ Byrne. I was in Gisborne last weekend (27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Nov) met with a group of veterans. Trade marking coffins at \$600 dollars each.
- Howard Wilson: I am a member of the NZMVA Rotorua Branch. Mr Peter Gallacher is our Branch President and Mr Aidan Donner our Branch Secretary. I work in Western Australia and due to my job at times I will not be available for these National Executive meetings.  
In Tauranga Moana we try to hold our Anzac Day celebrations moving around different Marae each year.  
NZMVA Welfare issues are on-going much the same in all areas.

President Len Knapp: Reunion Report:

Fund raising seems to be on track.

Venue for Saturday Evening. We have managed to secure a good Venue

Accommodation: We have secured 4 motels.

Contact for the Reunion is Tony Wood Ph (07) 8381769

National Secretary: The following Branch Reports have been received.

NZMVA Marlborough Branch

NZMVA Hutt Valley Branch

NZMVA Wanganui Branch

NZMVA Rotorua Branch

NZMVA Mid-Canterbury Branch

NZMVA Southland Invercargill Branch

NZMVA Tairāwhiti Gisborne East Coast Wairoa Branch

NZMVA Western Bay of Plenty Branch

NZMVA Christchurch Branch

NZMVA Hamilton Branch

NZMVA Far North Branch

**Moved by President Len Knapp and seconded by Howard Wilson “that all reports be received”**

**Carried**

General Business:

Barry Allison: Selamat Design. Seeking sponsorship to produce our News Letter in the future would be the most practical solution regarding keeping our costs to a minimum. There are many issues to consider when formatting a news letter.

Closing Prayer: 3.p.m. Mr Pukepuke Peawini