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RECORD OF BUSINESS

TRANSACTIONED

BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2009

CONDUCTED IN

THE FREYBERG LOUNGE

MANUREWA RSA

MAICH ROAD

MANUREWA

*He ara whakapiri, engari he mate whakatakariri.
There is strength in unity, but defeat in anger.*

Jim Perry
National Secretary

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONED AT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MVA
13 June 2009-06-13

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| Present: | Len Knapp | President | | |
| | Jim Perry | National Secretary | | |
| | Hiro Hamilton | Funding/Fundraising | | |
| | Ray King-Turner | Welfare | | |
| | Barry Allison | Publicity/Selamat | | |
| | Bev Jones | National Treasurer | - | late |
| | Trevor Dean | Merchandise | - | late |
| | Theo Brunt | Manurewa Branch | - | late |

OPENED: Len opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
KARAKIA: Hiro Hamilton asked for blessings on the meeting.
LAST POST: Len read 23 veterans who had answered the last call. He recited the Ode and a minutes silence was observed. Jim added the name of Jock Wikaira – deceased 29 May 2009. Malaya / Vietnam
APOLOGIES: Russell Byrne (in Malaysia), George Smith – ill

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| Motion: That apologies received be accepted. Ray / Hiro Agreed |
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MINUTES: 18 April 2009: Distributed by email 21 April 2009.

Business Arising:

Page 5: Financial Report. Jim reported as Bev not at meeting. She had investigated moving money into another higher interest investment account, but would have been penalised too highly with the break fee. There is little gain in the present climate. She decided to leave it where it is.

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| Motion: That the minutes of the meeting 18 April 2009 be received and adopted. Hiro / Ray Agreed |
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CORRESPONDENCE:

In: Australia: National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association: Geelong Sub-branch. Reply (and correction) to greetings.
Gt Britain: Ron Blain International Liaison Officer- copy of four page magazine: "Jungle Green".

Emails:

Bev:

- She was concerned at who was not financial, and the problems with those who demanded Selamat and other things. The subscription take was at least \$6500 down.
- A discussion ensued about who issues cards for subscriptions:
- Len read out the rule in the Constitution whereby the Branch Secretary / Treasurers were responsible for collecting National subscriptions and issuing membership cards then sending the subscriptions to the National Treasurer. Jim stated that Canterbury branch and Kaitaia were good at adhering to this rule.
- Barry stated that Bob Kingsley is preparing for the time when everyone will have a password to access the website and read Selamat. This will nullify the need for printing so many copies. Bev concerned at those who were unfinancial and were able to access Selamat., We need a foolproof system.
- Len said Barry needed to explain at the AGM & BGM how the system would work and spoil unfinancial persons from accessing the website.
- Jim read the email from Russell. Barry said it restated what we had been talking about.

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| Motion: That the Correspondence be accepted and adopted. Hiro / Ray Agreed |
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REPORTS:

Finance: **Bev Jones: 04 April 2009 to 4 May 2009** (Summary by National Secretary)

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| As at 4 April | Balance | 1 483.83 |
| | Income | <u>1 917.00</u> |
| | Total: | 3400.83 |
| | Less: Expenditure: - | <u>1572.63</u> |
| As at 4 May | Balance | 1 828.20 |
| | Income | <u>990.00</u> |
| | Total: | 2 808.20 |
| | Less: Expenditure - | <u>1 322.91</u> |
| | Total: | 1 496.29 |

Audit: Urgent! Get it done without delay. It is now two years and has to be completed. We have already been struck off and will become absolute losers
If we keep delaying. Has to be available for Annual Meeting on 11 July. Will meet with Zeen after work one evening.

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| Motion: That the Finance report be received. Bev / Hiro Agreed |
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Merchandise: **Trevor Dean reported.**

Problems with shirt orders. No money to pay with. Take orders with sizes and money before placing orders.
Len suggested Trevor purchase more badges & pins @ new price.
Trevor to come up with new schedule of prices.
Trevor to investigate new design, and ownership of casts, embroidery, etc.
Trevor will uplift shirts etc from Bev.

Funding / Fundraising: **Hiro Hamilton: (Written report)**
Report attached. No mention of fundraising or funding.

Salamat / Communications: **Barry Allison (No written report)**
Next copy by end of June to advertise the snooker champs in Rotorua.
Contributions needed urgently.
Not one mention of ANZAC nor photos.
No photos or story on Gus Metzler. Jim has photo in his camera.
Tuatapere: Printed report in RSA Review. Story by Barbara Allison.
Website still getting huge number of hits.

Welfare: **Ray King-Turner (No written report)**
ANZAC Day in Cathedral square operated and organised by Canterbury Malayan Veterans.
10 Year celebration dinner for Canterbury Branch.
Jack Stanaway to be interviewed about DBP poisoning for inclusion in new paper with readership of 400 000. (Query: What about the North Island?)

Secretary: **Jim Perry (Written report)**
Contribution to Selamat – Membership & Delegate’s Meeting.
Report on meeting with Colin Andrews & Dr Wayne Mapp, Minister of Defence.

President: Len Knapp (No written report)
ANZAC Day in Hamilton.
Wreaths in Cambridge, and other centres.

Manurewa: Theo Brunt (Guest report)
Decals shown to Executive.
Plan of Flag for Manurewa branch shown.
Attendance at Reunion needs pushing.
Silver Service dinner will cost \$78-00 per person at no cost to the attendees.
The branch will make money to cover the costs. Trooping the colours will take place. Dinner to be held at Centra Hotel. Army to supply transport.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bev: Books to interest children: Granddad's Medals & Willie Apiata's Story
Will still add Merchandise Order Form with receipts.

Barry Plaques. A supplier from Blenheim 200 units @ \$25.00 (Retail @ \$35.00)
Berets: A supplier in Auckland @ \$15.00 (Retail @ \$25.00)
Single sided flag cost \$700 – to be shown to AGM & BGM for opinion and decision. Is not the official flag yet.

Ray A Remit For BGM:
That the National Executive establish a DPB sub-committee to link with professional researchers.
Jim suggested that it be written so that the Science Department of Canterbury University be approached to carry out research and develop a thesis on the toxin.

CLOSURE: Hiro closed the meeting at 1.40pm with a prayer.