

OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS VETERANS ASSOCIATION

60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at NSW Bowler's Club on Thursday 16 June 2016

Meeting Opened: 12:00 pm by the president

Members present: Peter Bull, Tom Barker, Mick Callaghan, Trevor Clay, Jeff Hinwood, Bill Jolly, Colin Kelly, Allan Hennessy, Tony Lowther, Keith McCredden, John Phillips, David Richardson, Jim Simpson, Robin Tuckfield, Will Whyte, Neil Yakalis.

Apologies: Kevin O'Brien, Ray Hookway, Bernie White, Jim Hulme, Dean Veverka, Mick Quinlan, Roger Boyden, Brian Hoschke, Geoff Oldman, Tony Stuart, Guntis Berzins, Ben McGee, Bill Breeze, Len Wylde, Robert Brand, Les Ayers, Terry Etherington, Bob Dean, John Nematalla, Ted Bastow, Dave Alder, Chris MacMahon, Bob Emanuel, Denis Pickwell, Garry Hausfeld, Ross Craig, Paul Mulcahy, Steve Gray, George Woloszuk, Michelle Robb , John Grosbard, MO'C, Graeme Hanigan, Peter Burgess, Ron Lukin, Peter Trebeck, Trevor Pike, Keith Marshall, Bob Dentskevich, Ted Miles, Paul Gallard, Rob van Gestel, Richard Cleave, George Kennedy.

Welcome: The president welcomed those present thanking members for their attendance.

One minute's silence was observed to remember those members who had passed away in the last year.

Minutes: The minutes from the 59th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2015 were moved by Jim Simpson, seconded by Colin Kelly and adopted.

Matters arising: Nil

Presidents Address: Peter Bull addressed the meeting highlighting the achievements of the association over the past year, especially the long awaited installation of the COMPAC memorial plaque at the Paddington terminal and the completion and distribution of the Contact and Transit magazine DVD. He thanked the committee, mentioning the plans for the Spring reunion to be held on a Sunday to allow those still working members to attend. Peter noted that we continue to attract the wider interest from people looking at our web site which often leads to email correspondence. See attached for the full text.

Treasurer's report: Our new treasurer, Robin Tuckfield, tabled an audited financial report dated 30 April 2016. Our net assets stand at \$31,092.78. Thanks to our auditors, Ken Theaker and Tony Farrugia for once again auditing our accounts. The meeting expressed our appreciation and congratulations to Robin by acclamation.

Life member nominations: David Richardson was nominated by Peter Bull for his services to the OTVA as a committee member since 2001. The nomination was seconded by Tom Barker and unanimously supported through acclamation.

Election of Office Bearers:

Tom Barker acted as Returning Officer.

After declaring all positions vacant, Tom urged everyone to think about offering their services as a committee member. Tom mentioned the rewards of being a Newsletter Editor

and encouraged members to volunteer for this position. There being no other nominations, Tom moved that the following positions be filled by the incumbents. The move was seconded by Jim Simson:

President: Peter Bull
Vice-President: Kevin O'Brien
Secretary: Will Whyte
Treasurer: Robin Tuckfield.
Subscriptions officer: Allan Hennessy
Auditors: Ken Theaker and Tony Farrugia
Newsletter Editor: Vacant
Committee Members: The above office bearers and
Colin Kelly
David Richardson

Incoming President's Address: Peter Bull thanks the meeting for his and the committee's reelection noting the vote of confidence in what was achieved over the last year. Peter outlined our desire to improve the flow of information in the future and reiterated a request for more stories for our Newsletter. See attached for full text.

General Business: 1. Questions about the future of the OTVA were raised and discussed. It was noted that members continue to provide positive feedback and our web site still attracts interest from a variety of sources.

2. John Phillips announced that he has digitized the material he held from the Settlement to Satellite exhibition and he would be happy to share it so that articles could be placed in the Newsletters and on our web site.

3. The committee is reviewing an idea put forward by Dean Veverka to link our website with that of the International Cable Protection Committee.

Meeting closed: The meeting closed at 12:41pm. Lunch in the Red Room followed

Peter Bull
President