MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday - 11 June 2024

1. WELCOME - The Chair opened the meeting at 1104 with the Ode.

A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of Robert Wickes (31 May 2024)

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 21 present, 9 apologies, with 2 guest/visitor(s) as per the attendance book

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held 4 Jun 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING - Nil

Moved: Don Molloy Seconded: Chris Jones 'that minutes be received and adopted' CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING held 14 May 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING - Nil

Moved: Mick Allen Seconded: Steph Pucek 'that minutes be received and adopted' CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence was tabled, and members invited to peruse and ask questions.

BUSINESS ARISING - Nil

Moved: Frank Latham Seconded: Mick Allen

'that correspondence be received' CARRIED

5. NEW MEMBERS

Paul O welcomed Mark Freeman and presented his RSLNSW membership card, RSL badge, and Davo name badge. Mark made reference to his service, being Air Force, but the members welcomed Mark with a round of applause anyway.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION

Paul O advised that at a recent Committee meeting Steph Pucek was nominated by Steve Laing and Chris Jones to a position of Committee member. Paul O put this to the members for ratification, with members voting 'for' unanimously. Paul O welcomed Steph as a Committee member. Members showed their support with a round of applause.

7. MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT

Paul O called on trustee, Steve Laing, to speak on the Morgan Stanley investment. Steve provided background and latest information regarding our investment and its lack of performance. Based on the information, it was recommended by the trustees that the investment be retained, and that the portfolio be changed from the current 'conservative' model to the 'balanced' model. There were several questions/comments from Kevern Rowe, Mark Freeman, Ron Derley, Noel Murphy, and others, which generated discussion addressing various pros and cons. Paul O suspended this item and will return to it in general business.

8. **REPORTS**

a. **TREASURER** – Kerry H provided a report on accounts for the period ending 31 May 24.

A copy of the Davistown sub-Branch Periodical Financial Report for the month was tabled and is available on request to the Secretary.

This month's collection (door donation) was \$30

b. **WELFARE** – Paul O:

- Welcomed 'Vic' Morrow back to the fold. Peter is still hanging for some back scans next month.
- Visits to John Mathers and Kay are on hold during a bout of Covid.

- Ken Whetton was not at home during a recent visit, but left a 'Get Well' card, and will follow up via a phone call.
- c. **CCDC** Steve L advised that the next meeting is on Mon 17 Jun at 1400 with venue being Ourimbah/Lisarow RSL. Members welcome to attend, as there is a presentation from RSL LifeCare WRT to the Central Coast Veterans Hub at Wyong.
- d. **BOWLS** Nothing further to add to the report in the previous Committee meeting minutes except:
 - Next RSL & Friends Day is on the noticeboard for Terrigal on Mon 1 July. Please add your names.
 - Very good Patron's Day with 104 bowlers attending.
- e. **DISPLAY** Chris S provided the following:
 - Shirts/polo shirts will be picked up next week, and should be available next Thu (20 Jun)
- f. **President** Paul O had nothing further to add to the report in the previous Committee meeting minutes.

Moved: Ron Derley *Seconded:* Steve Laing

'that reports be received & accounts paid.'

9. OTHER BUSINESS

• **MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT** - On retuning to this agenda item, Steve L withdrew the original motion put to the last Committee meeting which proposed the closure of the investment. On completion of some additional clarification, it was:

Moved: Steve Laing *Seconded:* Don Molloy 'that the Morgan Stanley investment be moved from a 'conservative' model into a 'balanced' model, and that the investment be reviewed in 12 months'.

Unanimously CARRIED

• **THANK YOU -** Pete G tabled a 'Thank You' card sent to Chris S by Barbara Young, which praised Chris "for your assistance in sorting through my dad's war medals. We appreciate it very much. Thank you for what you do. All the best, Barbara Y". The members congratulated Chris with a round of applause.

Next meeting will be at 1100 on SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1126.

P. Osborn President Chair

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