



BOER WAR MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF WA Inc

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting for 2019-2020 held on Thursday 15 October 2020 at Claremont Bowling Club, 64 Bayview Terrace, Claremont Western Australia.

Meeting Commenced 6.36 p.m.

Meeting facilitator – Mr. David Thomas (President)

Attendees: David Thomas, Brendan Cook, Moira Wilson, John Sweetman, Sharon Thomas, Kevin Bovill, Audrey Bullough, Gary Evans, Trish Woodman, Roland Crook, Bill Edgar, Ray Ward, Robert Smith.

Apologies: John Burridge, David Burridge, Noel Strickland, John Adeney, Bill Dunn, Logan Howlett.

2018-2019 AGM Minutes

The President put the motion that the minutes of the 2018-2019 (attached) be accepted. Moved Moira Wilson, Seconded Sharon Thomas, all in favour

Business Arising from 2018-2019 AGM Minutes

Treasurer noted that the resolution to change banks had not been actioned, primarily due to COVID-19, but that the motion would be put again to the membership for 2019/2020.

President's Report

Please see attached

Treasurer's Report

Please see attached

Secretary's Report

Brendan Cook acted as Treasurer and Secretary for the course of the year. There was nothing to report that is not covered in the President's report.

Dissolution of Committee and Election of Office Bearers for 2020/2021

The President dissolved the incumbent Committee and called for nominations for Office Bearers. The President declared his intention not to nominate as President for the current year and stated that he had

received nominations for the position of President from Brendan Cook and the position of Vice-President by John Sweetman. By unanimous vote, the following people were elected to the positions below:

- President – Brendan Cook
- Vice-President – John Sweetman
- Secretary – Robert Smith
- Treasurer – Brendan Cook
- Committee Member – Moira Wilson (Musical Director)
- Committee Member – David Thomas
- Committee Member – Trish Woodman
- Committee Member – Kevin Bovill (Roving Goodwill Ambassador/School Liaison)

A question was put by member Mr. Roland Crook as to whether it was allowable in the constitution to have an office holder serve two roles (e.g. President and Treasurer). David Thomas confirmed that it was and that no payments could be made on behalf of the Association without two signatures on a cheque or a two-step electronic banking approval process. The BWMSWA Inc. currently has this in place in relation to cheques and will have the appropriate EFT arrangements in place when the new account is opened at the NAB.

Special Resolutions put forward to the new Committee and members in attendance at AGM

1. *That the Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia Inc. close their bank account with the ANZ Bank and open a new account with the National Australia Bank with the initial signatories to be the Office Bearers elected at this AGM.*

Moved – Brendan Cook
Seconded – Kevin Bovill
Vote - Unanimous

Initial signatories to be Brendan Cook (President/Treasurer) and Robert Smith (Secretary).

General Business

David Thomas requested that the BWMSWA Inc. officially join the Claremont Sub-branch of the RSL as an affiliate to formalise the existing relationship between the two organisations. Brendan Cook will prepare a cheque for \$25.00 as payment.

John Sweetman brought in the Memorial Plaque for Trooper Albert Eagle who lays at rest in an unmarked grave at Fremantle Cemetery. Brendan Cook advised that a grant application will be made to Lotterywest to help cover the costs of a plinth and memorial service. David advised that the Claremont Sub-Branch of the RSL and Military History Society of WA had both pledged financial support.

Trish Woodman spoke of the work both she and the late Matthew ('Midge') Carter had done in documenting Boer War battlefields and memorials. Trish has collated all of the photos she has on to a website at www.battlefieldwanderers.net and Brendan will arrange for the Association's website to have a linkage to this site. Trish also kindly donated a copy of 'We Wander the Battlefields' along with a pronunciation guide to the Afrikaans language for use in fundraising by the Association.

Kevin Bovill kindly donated three Boer War Commemorative 50 cent coins minted in 2014 for use in fundraising by the Association.

Brendan Cook, as the newly-elected President, advised that the activities of the Association had been very quiet for the past couple of years, primarily because we lacked a 'home' to have regular meetings and then the COVID-19 situation.

Brendan stated that now the facilities of the Claremont Bowling Club are available to the Association it will be possible to hold more regular meetings and presentations. The principal project, as in previous years, is to conduct the annual Commemoration Ceremony in late May/early June and that planning for that event will commence soon.

Brendan expressed a desire to see the Association become more financially sustainable by generating its own revenue from activities such as a quiz night, which recently proved successful for SAMVOA. Grant monies are difficult to obtain at the best of times and organisations such as Lotterywest expect associations to partially fund the activities for which they are applying for a grant, hence the need to build operational revenue.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Signed

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David Thomas (President)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brendan Cook (Secretary)

BWMS WA Presidents Report October 2020.

It has been my honour and privilege to have served as your President during 2019 / 20 but at the AGM I intend to stand down from the President's position after several years at the helm. The journey has had its ups and downs over the last few years with steady progress but during 2020 going into a holding pattern.

Due to the COVID 19 period there has been no progress for the Boer War Memorial Society during this unprecedented year. The annual South African Memorial commemoration was cancelled to comply with crowd gathering restrictions that were in place on the Sunday 31st May 2020. It was to be the 118th year since the signing of the Peace Treaty at Vereeniging to end the Boer War on the exact date Sunday 31st May. This was an opportunity lost to align with this important date on the Boer War calendar and shall be some time into the future for this to occur again.

There were several donations made to support the commemoration in 2020 and these have been retained to hopefully be able to hold the commemoration in 2021.

As a society we have been asked to attend several related commemorations and thank you to the committee members who were able to attend and represent the society. These events strengthen our existence in Western Australia. Just a few days ago several of the society attended a SAMVOA Quiz night and we were able to hold our own amongst the well-educated groups. Our Vice President was on the Western Australian Historical Society winning team on the night.

The BWMSWA must maintain pressure on the Minister of Veterans Affairs, of Western Australia, to have the state government gazette Boer War day. To date Kevin Bovill has maintained that pressure but with no traction to date. Thanks, Kevin, for continuing this pursuit to have the day gazetted.

During 2020 our Treasurer and myself have maintained the society's existence and at the AGM hopefully all the positions shall be filled once again to raise the profile of the society to a greater level and into the future. I thank Brendan for his ongoing support and enthusiasm that he has for the society and for its betterment into its future.

Today all positions are open on the society's committee, so I encourage you all to consider and apply for a position that ensures the future good work of the society as we move into the next phase of its existence.

The society, being an NFP organisation, relies on funding from limited sources which is hard to come by and scarce for a society such as ours. Grants such as Anzac Day trust fund-grant applications do not fit within Boer War presence. The society does recognise the valued contribution by Chevron who last year committed \$1K to our society and we are utilising these funds for 2021 commemorative service. I thank Brendan on behalf of the society for applying and securing the grant. Chevron has been a major sponsor over the last few years and hopefully this funding is available into the future.

The society has achieved a permanent home and is an affiliated member of the Claremont RSL Sub-branch where we are holding the AGM this evening. This is a welcome linking of likeminded groups and I can only see mutual benefits for both entities into the future. If I am to be remembered for one thing during my position as President this would be the one achievement, I am pleased to leave this as my legacy. I welcome you all to attend the

Presidents Report December 2020.

Claremont RSL Sub - Branch meetings and enjoy the fellowship and comradery that is offered being affiliated with the RSL branch.

My sincere thanks to the BWMS WA existing committee for their support during this unprecedented time and their dedication in maintaining the momentum. Also, in recognizing and remembering the Boer War so it is not forgotten by upholding the significance it has in Western Australian history.

I wish all society members good health and future growth of the society into the future.

It is my objective to remain a member and committee member of the society and support where possible and wish every success to the new elected President of the society and the ongoing development of the BWMS of WA.

David Thomas

President Boer War Memorial Society of Western Australia. 2020

Date	Description	Folio	Debit	Credit	Notes
2/07/2019	Chq 1122 - Wembley Choir - Annual Service	2B	80.00		
4/07/2019	Chq 1124 - St John Ambulance - Annual Service	2B	184.80		
25/07/2019	R Delaney Membership	1A		15.00	
4/10/2019	Chq 1123 - Boys Brigade	2B	100.00		
21/11/2019	Adam Kestel - 2 years membership (RSLWA Affiliate) - Cash paid 10/9/19	1A		20.00	
21/11/2019	Petty Cash Re-banked		1	60.00	
29/11/2019	Chq 1125 - Flowers for ceremony	2B	60.00		
6/12/2019	Membership - J Sweetman	1A		15.00	
19/12/2019	Membership - Moira Wilson (Cash)	1A		15.00	
19/12/2019	Membership - Brendan Cook (Cash)	1A		15.00	
17/01/2020	RSLWA United and Kindred Membership - chq 1127	2C	25.00		
20/01/2020	SE Mooney chq1126 - Wreath for Jewish Service	2C	50.00		
29/01/2020	Senator Linda Reynolds Donation	1B		100.00	
30/01/2020	Cecilia Hammond MP Curtin Donation	1B		200.00	
18/02/2020	Darren West MP Donation	1B		100.00	
28/02/2020	Chevron Australia Grant	1C		1,000.00	
2/06/2020	Reimbursement Brendan Cook for web hosting costs and domain name registration	2A	137.30		
16/06/2020	SE Mooney chq1129 - Wreath for Boer War Day 31/5/2020	2B	35.00		
	Total		26,017.45	27,480.51	
	Balance at 30/6/2020			1,463.06	
	Bank Statement Balance			1,463.06	
	Variance			-	
	Available Funds			1,463.06	
	Less Unpresented Cheques				
	Nil				
	Sub-Total Funds Available			1,463.06	
	Add Cash				
	Petty Cash	1		-	Re-banked 21/11/19
	Total Funds Available			1,463.06	
	Add additional Grants/Donations				
				1,463.06	

The screenshot displays the ANZ online banking interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ANZ logo and links for 'What's new', 'Contact', 'Mail', 'Post for', and 'Log out'. Below this, there are links for 'Payments', 'Settings', and 'Products & Offers', along with a 'JOIN ANZ SHARE INVESTING' button. The main section is titled 'Account overview' and includes a 'Switch between accounts' dropdown menu. On the left, a 'Cheque Account' summary shows a current balance of \$1,463.06 and available funds of \$1,463.06. Below this are icons for 'Transfer', 'Pay Anyone', and 'Pay Bill'. The central part of the screen shows 'Transactions' and 'Details' tabs. Under 'Transaction history', there is a table with columns for Date, Description, Debit(SAUD), Credit(SAUD), and Balance. The table shows two transactions: one on 16 JUN 001129 for 535.00, and another on 02 JUN 001128 for 5137.30. The current balance is highlighted as \$1,463.06. At the bottom, there is a search bar for older transactions and a download button.

Balance Sheet as at 30/6/2020

Assets

Cash at Bank	1,463.06
Petty Cash	
Total Assets	1,463.06

Liabilities

Un-presented cheques @ 30/6/20

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Unrequitted Tied Grants

Total Liabilities

-

BWMSWA Equity

1,463.06

Statement of Income and Expense 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Revenue

1A	Membership Subscriptions	80.00
1B	Donations	400.00
1C	Grants	1,000.00
1D	Other	
	Total Revenue	1,480.00

Less Expenditure

2A	Running Expenses	137.30
2B	Event Expenses	459.80
2C	Other	75.00
	Total Expenses	672.10

Net Revenue (Deficit)	<hr/> <hr/>	807.90
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