

### **BOER WAR MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF WA Inc.**

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting for 2020-21 held on Thursday 9 September 2021 at Claremont Bowling Club, Bayview Terrace, Claremont, Western Australia.

#### Meeting commenced 6.16pm

Meeting Facilitator- Mr Brendan Cook (President)

Apologies- David Thomas, Peter Lutley, John Sweetman, Trish Woodman, Mike Galvin.

Attendees - Brendan Cook, Robert Smith, Kevin Bovill, John Burridge, Audrey Bullough.

Per the constitution a minimum Quorum of 5 was in attendance and the meeting could proceed.

#### 2020 AGM Minutes

The President, Brendan Cook, put the motion that the minutes of the 2019-20 meeting (attached) should be accepted. Moved Kevin Bovill, seconded Robert Smith, all in favour.

### General Business Arising from the last AGM

The President reported that he and the Secretary, Robert Smith, had opened a new account with NAB to allow for easier internet banking.

President's Report- attached. Moved Brendan Cook, seconded John Burridge, passed.

Treasurer's Report- attached. Moved Brendan Cook, seconded John Burridge, passed.

**Secretary's Report**- mentioned the success of signing members to the Facebook and Twitter pages. Raised the idea of putting out a book of short biographies of some of the WA Volunteers.

Kevin Bovill- Mentioned his attempts to get Boer War Day Gazetted by WA Government. Was encouraged to pursue the matter.

#### **Dissolution and Election of new Committee**

- President- Brendan Cook
- Treasurer- Brendan Cook
- Secretary- Robert Smith
- Committee- David Thomas, Kevin Bovill.

### **General Business Arising**

Brendan Cook mentioned a letter he had received asking for the Society to back the addition of Lieutenant Harry Harbord 'Breaker' Morant's name to the South Australian list of names on the Adelaide Boer War Memorial. After some discussion it was agreed that we would do so.

Meeting closed 7 pm.

Signed:

Brendan Cook (President)

Robert Smith (Secretary)

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## President's Report

# **Annual General Meeting**

Date: 9 September 2021

Our total active members are currently 29 which is a significant increase from previous years. Special thanks to Kevin for following up earlier in the year.

Our Twitter account for the Society which now has 36 followers and a Facebook page with 246 members, the majority of whom live in South Africa.

Our first Newsletter for a while was issued in December 2020 and is available on our website.

This financial year we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$3,000 from Lotterywest to fund our annual commemoration ceremony. There were some funds left over from this grant that we are able to use for next years' service.

The annual commemoration and reconciliation service was held on Sunday, 30 May at the South African War Memorial in Kings Park. Despite the threatening weather we had an exceptional turnout with well over 130 people attending. The weather gods were on our side that day with the rain holding off for the time required to set up, hold the ceremony and pack up. The presentation given by Major-General (Retd.) Chris la Roux was very well received and we were fortunate to get some press in the Western Suburbs Post before the event.

We have managed one General Meeting this year which has been an improvement on previous years, these are quite difficult to arrange as the Claremont Bowling Club is not always available. The new committee will meet to discuss how best to convene these in the coming year.

Our Vice-President and Historian, John Sweetman, has been very busy responding to enquiries from people interested in researching their family's Boer War connections. We have commenced sending out donation forms with John's information and this recently netted us a \$100 donation from a grateful recipient of John's information.

Revenue from the *Containers for change* recycling scheme continues to come in. For the 2020/2021 financial year, the Society has earned \$181.00 from this initiative which is the equivalent of 12 membership subscriptions. If you have any eligible recyclable bottles that you want to hand in please quote registration C10327077 and the funds will be credited to our account.



Despite lodging the grant application, I am most keen for the Society to be mostly self-sufficient when it comes to funding and the Committee are looking at a number of ways to achieve this including the holding of annual quiz night to raise funds.

### **Fianncials**

The 2021 year saw a resurgence in the Society's financial position helped by increased membership, donations, recycling funds and, of course, the Lotterywest Grant.

This year also saw the successful transition to banking with the NAB which now allows us to pay bills electronically, a significant improvement on cheques. Coincidentally, the young lady at the NAB who helped us with this turned out to be related to me and therefore also a descendent of a Boer War veteran.

As at the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 the Society has 29 financial members.

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021		
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	3,171.63	
Petty Cash	34.00	
Total Assets	3,205.63	
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Raffle costs owed to B. Cook	82.44	
Unpresented cheques	-	
Unrequitted Tied Grants	799.97	
Total Liabilities	882.41	
BWMSWA Equity	2,323.22	

Revenue	of Income and Expense 1 July 2020 to 30		
1A	Membership Subscriptions	605.00	
18	Donations	305.00	
1C	Grants	3,000.00	
1D	Other	241.00	(\$181.00 Recycling Revenue
	Total Revenue	4,151.00	
Less Expenditure			
2A	Running Expenses	192.40	
2B	Event Expenses	2,250.03	
2C	Other	-	
	Total Expenses	2,442.43	
	Net Revenue (Deficit)	1,708.57	

Brendan Cook (President/Treasurer)

