Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 6 September 2003
Venue: HMNZS Ngapona
Time: 7pm

Present: Tony Woolford, Jerry Payne, Denis Kean, Bruce McPike, Barrie Chivers, Vic St Clair, Sandy Watson, Dennis Powell, Kerry Hamilton, Brian Henman, Dan Warrington, Colin Burgess, Peter Mitchell, Jim Blackburn, Arthur & Joan Venus, Dave Robertson, Jan & Bill Luttrell, Nancy Puti Coneglan, Jan Harding, Cliff Hodgman, John Titmus, Janice O’Neill, Peter Smith, Ken Begg, Rod Berry, Frank Rands, Barry Jordan

1. Welcome
The meeting was opened by the Associations Chairperson, Frank Rands by thanking the members for their attendance at the meeting. He asked for a minute silence to remember those Members who have passed on during the last year.

2. Apologies
The Chairman referred the meeting to the list of apologies compiled from emails. The list was circulated for those in attendance to read. A copy can be found at Annex A. In addition, apologies from the floor were accepted from Dave Wistrand, Harvie Graeme, Michael Dinwiddie, Lynley Beard, Laurie Leaf, John Steer, Gary Kingdon & Ruby Dolman.

3. Minutes from the AGM held on 14 September 2002
The minutes of the previous AGM were presented and accepted.
Proposed: Arthur Venus Seconded: Bruce McPike.

4. Matters Arising
Association Business Cards
The Association business cards were not mailed out. They will be available for distribution after the AGM from the Secretary.
5. **Chairman’s Report**
The Chairman provided an overview of the Associations activities over the past 12 months. A copy of the Chairman’s report can be found at Annex B.

6. **Financials**
The Treasurer presented the Associations financial position to the meeting. There were no outstanding financial issues. The financial report can be found at Annex C.

   **Proposed**: Barry Jordan  **Seconded**: Dennis Powell.

6 **Correspondence**
The following correspondence for the AGM was presented

IN: Ben Bryant, Cdr RNZN Retired – Thanking committee for continuing the good work, and providing news of other communicators in his area. He also tendered his apology for not attending the AGM.

7. **Election of the Association Committee**
The committee to take the Association through to the next Annual General Meeting comprises the following members:

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The meeting ratified the new committee.

8. **General Business**

   a. **Changes to the Constitution**
The Chairman on behalf of the Committee presented the remit for changes to the Constitution. After some lively discussion, amendments were made to the remit. A copy of the new constitution with amendments highlighted in bold is attached.

   **Proposed**: Barry Chivers  **Seconded**: Arthur Venus

   b. **Reunion 2004**
The programme for the 2004 Reunion, which is to be held Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September 2004 at RNZN Sports Complex, Ngataringa Bay was outlined by the Chairman. The Association has been invited to open the Reunion with a welcome on the RNZN Marae at Ngataringa Bay. This would commence at approximately 4.00pm on the Friday. Visits are planned to the Naval Base, NAVCOMMSTA Auckland and possibly an ANZAC Frigate.
After an invitation from the Chairman the following suggestions were received from the floor:

- Pilgrimage to North Head to visit the remaining communications buildings - Peter Mitchell.
- Visit to the Bridge Simulator and the Communications Training School – Arthur Venus
- Ceremonial sunset – Jan Harding
- Ship at sea between 10 am and 2 pm – Brian Henman

The new committee would consider all suggestions as they continue to finalise the programme. The Chairman also confirmed that all activities, except the Meet & Greet and Cabaret Night, are open to the families of members attending the Reunion.

c. The Future of the Website

The chairman invited Dave Robertson, the Webmaster, to update the meeting on the status of the RNZN Communicators website and what was programmed for the future.

Dave described the configuration of the website and provided a forecast of possible new development and how this would relate to a new experimental website site he is trialing called www.theship.co.nz. Dave explained that the new site had been started to explore the possibility of providing a common resource and hub for the different associations, who have independent websites, with a connection to the RNZN. The site could also be developed to be the de facto history source for all associations connected with the RNZN. It may also assist those associations without websites who, if they were more easily obtainable might consider going on the air. The Deputy Chief of Navy (DCN), Commodore David Anson RNZN has initiated a project which seeks to bring serving and ex members of the Royal New Zealand Navy more closely together. A better understanding of the modern RNZN and a better exchange of news, views should result. Currently the RNZN official website is their 'shop window'. DCN has recognised that there are a lot of people out here doing our thing for the 'cause'. While it would be great to have everything in one place it is totally impractical for the RNZN website to carry all of the contents of our websites. The Ships Co is therefore exploring how a PORTAL or HUB could link the NAVY TODAY and OLD NAVY websites together. An example of what is envisaged is the US Coast Guard site www.fredsplace.org.

The chairman thanked Dave for his presentation and continuing work with website.

d. Nomination for the Association Patron

A nomination was received from Dave Robertson for Rear Admiral E.C Thorne CB, CBE, retired to be granted Patron of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Peter Smith. Rear Admiral Thorne had already been approached and was agreeable to being nominated. This was the only nomination. The meeting agreed unanimously with the nomination.

Action 1: Chairman to send letter to Rear Admiral Thorne.
Action 2: Committee to decide on the length of the term of the patron.
e. Nomination for Life/Honorary Membership
The nomination of Anne Smith for either a life or honorary membership was received from Pat Harding. After much discussion the chairman agreed that the committee would consider the nomination at the next committee meeting.

f. Membership Numbers
To date 1 September 2003 there are 197 paid members of the Association.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and all were invited to remain and participate in a light snack and conviviality.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman……………………… Secretary…………………………

Date …………………./………………./……………………