Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 22 September 2007
Venue: Ngataringa Sports Complex
Time: 7.00pm

Present: Wayne Dyke, Yvonne van Geuns, Frank Rands, Rod Berry, Jim Blackburn, Peter Smith, Barry Jordan, John Titmus, Dave Carroll, Brian Henman, Murray Kingham, Neil Cameron, Barry Chivers, Arthur Venus, Graham Cadwallader, Bill Bartlett

1. **Welcome**
The meeting was opened by the Association’s Chairman, Frank Rands. He thanked those members present for their attendance at the meeting.

2. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from
Jim Dell, Wayne & Ally Berry, Jerry Payne, Bryan Cookson, Colin Newport, John Bullock, Ian Jacques, Peter & Marlene Martin, Dusty Miller, Janice O’Neill, Jan Wills, Harvie Graham, Colin Burgess, Jan Stobie, Chris Precey, Dave Jones, Lindsay Glassey, Donald Shaw, Gary Ellis, Ken Smith, Charlie Conroy, Sandy Watson, Carl Moen

3. **Minutes of the AGM held on 16 September 2006**
The minutes of the previous AGM was presented.
**Proposed** : Jim Blackburn  **Seconded** : Yvonne van Geuns

4. **Matters Arising**
See General Business

5. **Chairman’s Report**
The Chairman provided an overview of the Association’s activities over the past 12 months. A copy of the Chairman’s report can be found at Annex A.
6. **Financials**  
The Treasurer presented the Association’s financial position to the meeting. With the large amount of money tied up in our assets it was felt that the committee may look at advertising outside the Association’s website and activities, e.g. other Naval Reunions, within the RNZN. This should be a priority for the new committee. The financial report can be found at Annex B.

*Proposed*: John Titmus  
*Seconded*: Barry Jordan

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7. **Correspondence**  
No correspondence was presented.

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

- **Chairman**: Frank Rands
- **Treasurer**: Rod Berry
- **Secretary**: Yvonne van Geuns
- **Committee**: Jim Blackburn, Sandy Watson, Peter Smith, John Titmus, Dave Carroll, Wayne Dyke
- **Database/Memberships**: Barry Jordan

The meeting ratified the new committee. Barry Chivers thanked the new committee on the members’ behalf.

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9. **General Business**

**a. Reunion 2009**  
Arrangements for the 2009 Reunion in Nelson, on 20, 21 and 22 March 2009 are well underway. The programme with proposed activities is on the website. This will be updated periodically as the activities are finalised/confirmed.

**b. Website**  
The website has been returned to the committee’s administrative and content control from Dave Robertson. Frank Rands has arranged a new webmaster and the site has a new URL of [www.rnzncomm.org](http://www.rnzncomm.org). The old URL is linked to the new one. Each Committee member will be allocated a section of responsibility to maintain. Association members are encouraged to visit the new site and pass any comments to Frank R.

**c. Membership**  
Membership figures for the association are  
- Life Members – 2
- Full Members – 282
d. Association Constitution Amendments
At the 2006 AGM the newly elected committee undertook to investigate additional ways to generate funds. One of the outcomes of this investigation was a review of the membership criteria.

After discussions at Committee meetings during the year Peter Smith volunteered to draft new membership criteria on the committee’s behalf to present to the 2007 AGM.

The main changes were the creation of a Foundation Member category. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was tabled that the once-only fee paid by each Foundation Member was not be used for general administration with each member’s fee being lodged in the Association’s Investment Account. Therefore only the interest accruing from the investment would be used to provide funds for general use thus always providing the association with a nest egg and enough to keep the Communications Association afloat.

The issue of raising the Full membership fee from $20 to $25 was also raised.

As can be seen by the voting on the remits, there was a general acceptance of the new provisions. However lengthy discussion occurred around the name of the new membership class (foundation/chartered/something else) and the eligibility for and privileges afforded to Associate Members.

The remits as passed are attached at Annex C. The new constitution will be displayed on the Association website.

Bill Bartlett advised the meeting that next month, October, would see the 40th anniversary of the original Association being formed.

e. HMNZS Irirangi Association Funds
Rod Berry reported that Peter Smith, acting as the Committee’s representative, was in contact with ex-members of HMNZS Irirangi Association and Westpac and discussions were underway to finalise the transfer. The amount for transfer is $2343.54.

There being no more business the Chairperson thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and all were invited to remain and participate in a light snack, refreshments and conviviality.

The meeting closed at pm

Chairman……………………… Secretary………………………

Date ……………/………………/………………
Annex C – Constitution Amendments

Remit One Alfa – Membership Amendment

Section 3 delete in toto, insert new section 3 as follows

3 Membership to be Life, Foundation, Full, Honorary or Associate.

3.1 There shall be five classes of members, Full, Life, Foundation, Honorary and Associate.


3.2 Full Members:- Full membership of the association shall be limited to serving and non-serving former members of the Communications Branches of the RNZN, RNZNVR and WRNZNS. Applicants will pay a joining fee described in para 7.2 on being accepted as a Full Member.

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Graham Cadwallader. Carried unanimously.

3.3 Life Members:- As recognition of outstanding service to the Association, any Full member may be elected to Life Membership at any Annual General Meeting of the Association, provided that the maximum number of Life Members shall at no time exceed 2 (two) per cent of the total full membership of the Association, as recorded at the previous Annual General Meeting. Life members shall not be liable for any further fees except those levied for attendance at any Association social function or activity.

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Barry Chivers. Carried unanimously.

3.4 Foundation Members:- Any class of member, approved by the Committee, may elect to become a Foundation member of the Association, subject to the limitation that at no time shall there be more than 100 living Foundation members. Foundation members shall pay a one-off lifetime fee of $100 (One hundred dollars) on being appointed and will be issued with a special Foundation Members lapel badge bearing the crest of the Association and the words Foundation Member. An Honour Roll of current and deceased Foundation members will be displayed on the Association web site. Foundation members may be nominated for any elected or appointed position within the Association.

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Graham Cadwallader. Carried 15 for, 1 against.

3.5 Honorary Members:- Honorary membership is awarded to personnel who are currently serving in, or who have served as a member of the Communications Branch of the RNZN and who continue to serve in the RNZN. Honorary members shall not be liable for any membership fee and their membership shall terminate on their retirement or honourable discharge from the RNZN.

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Barrie Chivers. Carried 14 for, 2 against.
3.6 **Associate Members:**– Associate membership may be awarded to any applicant who, while not being eligible for full membership, is considered to have rendered significant service to the Communications Branch from any other branch of the Service. Associate members shall pay the same fees as Full members and be eligible to be nominated for any position within the Association.

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Barry Chivers, Carried 10 for, 6 against.

Section 7, paragraph 7.2 delete $20, insert $25.00

Proposed Peter Smith, Seconded Barry Jordan, Carried unanimously.

**Remit One Bravo – Membership Amendment**

Remit was withdrawn by the proposer with the passing of paragraph 3.6 in Remit One Alfa.

**Remit Two – Frequency of General Meeting**

The remit was withdrawn before the meeting by the proposer.