

# International Police Association Western Australia Region

## Minutes

**Monthly Meeting held at the WAPU Headquarters, 639 Murray Street, West Perth,  
on Monday November 21 2011 at 6.30pm,**

- Chairman** Paul La Spina  
Welcome to members and visitors  
Paul advised of the death of serving officer Geoff Byleveld and retired Officer Dick Larsen; although not IPA members, they were respected members of the WAP.  
Police Ode read by Paul La Spina
- Item 1**        **Members present**    24  
                 **Visitors**                    10
- Item 2**        **Apologies**  
G. Richards, T. Kurtis, J. Foley, D.Kerferd, Len Simmons, Cameron Buckland, S.Sadleir, P.Zarembo
- Item 3**        **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
A.Voak/V.Smith “That the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated be accepted.” Carried
- Item 4**        **Business arising from the minutes**  
Funding for NT member to attend Canberra. The Treasurer advised that she had re-imbursed Megan Mackay NT Member for a one way airfare to Canberra, cost \$348.00.To advise on return air fare.  
Ulf Engeln German member intended visit to Perth in 2012. Seeking home hosting for his wife and twin children 8 years, or reasonable cost hotel.  
Paul had replied to him and advised inquiries would be made.  
National meeting, Pauline O’Meagher the Delegate for Western Australia advised on the meetings, there had been a surprise visitor at the AGM and Dinner, that of Jodie La Spina, the Chairman’s daughter who had been in Canberra on business.  
At the National Triennial Elections for the NEB, Val Doherty lost the vote and was defeated for the position of Secretary General which she has held for the past twelve years, by Rick Faizy of NSW Region.  
The Queensland House was been discussed, bookings were going well. Face Book was discussed. The issues relating to privacy were raised. It was agreed that further inquiries would be made towards a Face Book page being implemented, but members will not be able to change details etc. It will not be a direct chat forum. Paul Kelly to oversee. More information to follow.  
The National AGM and Meetings for 2012 will not be held in Tasmania. The 2012 meeting will be in Queensland, 2013 meeting South Australia and the 2014 meeting NSW.

The NSW Chairman Brett Wall discussed the NSW Friendship Week. Overseas visitors would be given first opportunity to take the available placements. Details on the Web, brochure tabled.

Ross Pengilly was awarded Honorary Life Membership. Congratulations from all members.

Val had been defeated for the position of Secretary General. Her contribution and efforts over the past 40 plus years had been recognized. A ceremony was held at the National Police memorial on the Sunday, it was a very moving event.

The Secretary advised that the Region was responsible to pay for 3 night's accommodation for Delegate. V.Doherty/V.Smith "That the Delegate Pauline O'Meagher be reimbursed for three night's accommodation at the Brassey Hotel, Canberra" Carried,

The Secretary advised that the Delegate was entitled to taxi fare from Perth Airport to her home. Pauline to submit reimbursement claim along with the receipt to Geoff Rodda National Treasurer.

**Item 5 Correspondence**

Inward

International Newsletter tabled.

Footprints a Special Offer for WA Police members had been received for accommodation at Preston Beach.

Email had been received from a German member Anton Fitz who was coming to Perth for the World Sailing Championships. Would like some contact with local members. Message passed to Travel co-coordinator Jason Brewer for attention

Outward - Nil

Pengilly/Doherty "That the inward correspondence be received ". Carried.

**Item 6 Business arising from the Correspondence.**

Dealt with at the time

**Item 7 The Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Pauline O'Meagher presented her report for October 2011, she then moved "*That the report of the Treasurer be accepted*" *Seconded L. Crew Carried*

**Item 8 Business arising from the Treasurers Report**

Nil

**Item 9 Reports**

Souvenirs-Albert advised that sales had been slow, Required some more wood for manufacture of shields. He had sold the last Jarrah ones. Still had supply of framed badges. V.Smith to make inquiries.

Handcuff tie tacks, Albert advised that he had made inquiries and the cheapest price that he could find was \$4.00 each.

Matter discussed. Finnegan/Pengilly "That 100 gold and silver handcuff tie tacks are purchased.

Social-Alan Voak advised that he had been unable to secure a suitable place for the Christmas meeting, he had made inquiries at numerous

restaurants, all required a set number of members 50 upwards. Members have been very late with their RSVP's for the Wine and Cheese night. The Chairman advised that he would make some inquiries with an Italian Restaurant in North Bridge.

New members-The Treasurer advised that the following applications for membership had been received. Piyaseri D D, Michael Daley, William Taylor, Shane Sadleir, Robert Duffey, Dwayne Skehan, and Alan Hughes.

O'Meagher/Doherty "That all applications be accepted". Carried

**Item 10           General Business**

The Secretary advised that a note and cheque had been received from Ivy Wright for membership, however Ivy was over 80 years of age and was entitled to Region paying her membership. Letter to be sent to Ivy and cheque returned. - Secretary to attend'

The Chairman advised that he wished to acknowledge the contribution that Val Doherty had made to IPA; she had been the backbone of the WA Region since its inception. She had carried out various roles in the National sphere, President, Assistant Secretary General and Secretary General for a considerable number of years. Her dedication to IPA has been ongoing.

The Chairman advised that the current Vice Chairman Albert Finnegan had informed him that if it was possible he would like to step down from the position of Vice Chairman. He is in a very busy area at work, he has a business that is keeping him fully occupied, and he has recently had double knee surgery. The Chairman advised that Jason Brewer has approached him and has expressed a desire to take on the position of Vice Chairperson.

Paul La Spina/V.Smith "That Jason Brewer be appointed as caretaker Vice Chairperson" Carried

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Albert Finnegan for his assistance over the past years and wished him well.

**Item 11           Next meeting**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Western Australia Police Union building 639 Murray Street, West Perth. The meeting will be short (very short) and followed by a Supper and various beverages to celebrate a Christmas.

**Item 12           Close of meeting**

The Meeting closed at 7.25pm

A wine and Cheese night was then held in conjunction with the Retired Police officer's Association. Assistant Commissioner Duane Bell presented members with an extremely interesting 'de-brief' on how CHOGM went and a few peeks behind the scenes of a very well executed operation.