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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION VICTORIA REGION HELD AT THE IPA HOUSE, PASCOE VALE SOUTH ON 17th AUGUST 2011

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**MEETING OPENED:** 2007 hours with Chairman Ian HICKS presiding. The Chairman welcomed guest speaker Daniel BAULCH, member Brian BIRCH and his two guests, also Kevin BURKE and partner Anita, all members.

**PRESENT:** Ian HICKS, Geoff WOODMAN, Peter HENRY, Rob AITKEN, Steve PERRY, Richard MACIOL, Brian BIRCH, Frances WOODMAN, Colin LEE, John MARTIN, Rob BURNS, David LEARY, John JARVIS Clif HARDY, and Kevin BURKE.

**APOLOGIES:** Chris FERGUSON, Cally KWAS, John READER, Pat READER, Max HAYES, Marlene COFF, Trevor O'SHANASSY, Peter ROBERTS, John INGHAM, Wendy MILNE, Christine THOMAS, Kevin VIDLER, Alan HALL, Geoff BURNNARD, Clyde LOURENSZ, Dick PELLING, Sandy PELLING, Mick HOLLOWAY, Graham GALLAGHER, Steve JORDAN, Bob MICHELL, Greg HOOKE, Grant LAZENBY and Colin HALLAM.

**VISITORS:** Andrew BURNS, Barbara HARDY, Lee LEE, Anita KENNEDY, Glen MARSHALL, Murray THORN and Daniel BAULCH.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of July meeting circulated. Richard MACIOL moved that the minutes be taken as correct. Seconded Frances WOODMAN. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Geoff BURNNARD being an apology, no report available from the I/D badge Sub-Committee. Treasurer advised that payments have been made to the Australian Flood and Japan Tsunami Appeals.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Nil.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Pete HENRY)

Treasurer's Report to 31 July 2011, tabled. Pete HENRY moved that the report be accepted and the payments made be ratified. (Report attached) Seconded Colin LEE. Carried.

**RECEPTION REPORT:** No known visitors since July meeting.

**PENDING VISITORS:** (Ag House Mgr Pete HENRY)

Don RAYNES from New Zealand at IPA House from 22 to 27 August. No request for assistance. Barry WOOLVEN from South Australia at IPA House from 2 to 4 Sep. No request for assistance.

**SOCIAL REPORT:** (Rob AITKEN)

Seppelts Winery has been booked for the Ghost and Gourmet BBQ Dinner on Sep 17/18 vacancies for only 1 couple left. Contact Rob ASAP.

Ian Hicks provided alternative dates for Christmas Dinner at Croatian Club, Footscray. Meeting opted for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Approx cost \$35 p/h. Booking will be made and further information provided.

**WELFARE REPORT:** (John MARTIN)

John MARTIN advised he is much improved but declares shingles to be very, very nasty.

Phil SWINDELLS course of treatment is ongoing and he is still **NOT** to be contacted.

Max HAYES will not be enjoying life in the fast lane for some time due to 2 knee replacements.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

O/G: 29 July: Assistance offer to flood victim members Julieanne Barrett and Dennis Carter.

I/C: 12 Aug: From Nat Treasurer requesting review of Vic Pol (16) flood victim's status.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Ian HICKS advised that updating the status of Vic Police flood effected members had been referred to Kaye MURPHY, The Victoria Police Association and results will be provided.

Pete HENRY reported on the current situation regarding souvenirs. A further purchase of 100 souvenir pens to be made. He displayed the latest item, the Australian generic, metal and enamelled, IPA Australia badge. This is a very classy item, suitable for presentation, light and compact. Soon to be displayed on the website.

Geoff Woodman reported on the following:

Tasmania Branch AGM was held at Police HQ, Launceston on 12 August. The meeting was well attended with 14 members present. Elections resulted in change of Secretary and Treasurer only, neither of whom re-contested. New officers are Secretary, Luke NEGRI and Treasurer, Ruth ORR. It was agreed for ease of management that all new member and renewal fess would be paid direct to Victoria Region Treasurer. An excellent program with guest speakers is scheduled for 11 Nov at Police Major Incident Room, Hobart.

Albury-Wodonga Sub-Region AGM will be held on Sunday 28 Aug. Details available from Sub-Region Secretary, George KROOGLIK.

A reminder that our September meeting will include the AGM and a vote will be held to amend our Constitution to include By-Laws. This being necessary to make us compliant with Liquor Licensing requirements. Such By-Laws only relate to simple matters such as requiring visitors to provide name and address.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2030 hours

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 2045 hrs.

The Chairman introduced Sgt Daniel BAULCH, currently stationed at Williamstown, but with considerable CIU experience and a lengthy period with Purana Task Force. With the aid of a well prepared power point presentation, Daniel explained the development of a drug investigation into a major operation coinciding with major crime and murder investigations being run by Purana. The initial drug investigation lead to the four brothers of the Mokbel family, each conducting individual and conjoint drug manufacturing and distribution operations. Drug lab cook ups are a highly dangerous activity, as evidenced by photos of a drug lab explosion. Regardless, such activities were frequently conducted in residential areas. The MOKBELs endeavoured to maintain distance from the supply area of the activity and used their large financial resources for protection, security devices and payoffs. Lengthy periods of surveillance proved successful in providing sufficient evidence on major players, who in turn decided it was in their best interest to provide information on the MOKBEL family and subsequently resulted in the apprehension of Tony MOKBEL in Greece. Essentials for the success of the police operations were inter-agency support and cooperation via Australian Taxation Office, AFP and Australian Customs Bureau, along with multiple units of Vic Police. The usual appreciation was shown, along with a Guest Speaker “Red” from the Chairman.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 2135 hours

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Ian HICKS  
Chairman

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Geoff WOODMAN  
Secretary