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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 20th JULY 2011

MEETING OPENED: 2005 hours with Chairman Ian HICKS presiding. The Chairman welcomed members including Colin LEE and John INGHAM to their first meeting and guest speaker Tim HAYWARD.

PRESENT: Ian HICKS, Geoff WOODMAN, Peter HENRY, Rob AITKEN, Peter FERGUSON, Glen BAKER, Steve PERRY, Frances WOODMAN, Dick PELLING, Sandy PELLING, Colin LEE, Graham GALLAGHER, Richard MACIOL, Val JONES, Geoff BURNNARD, Trevor O'SHANASSY, Ivan SMITH, Peter ROBERTS, Wendy MILNE, Rob BURNS, Mick HOLLOWAY, John INGHAM, Doug LAPHAM, Alan HALL, John JARVIS and Lindsay JARVIS (WA Region).

APOLOGIES: Chris FERGUSON, Cally KWAS, John READER, Pat READER, David LEARY, Max HAYES, Ken DWIGHT, Marlene COFF, John MARTIN, Christine THOMAS, Dave KAY, Clif HARDY, Kevin VIDLER, Bob MICHELL, Nicole WARNER, Grant LAZENBY and Colin HALLAM.

VISITORS: Dorothy LAPHAM, Andrew BURNS, Kirsty HARTWELL, Marie MAKOHON, Lee LEE, Laureen HALL, Jane BURNNARD, Tim HAYWARD, Denese O'SHANASSY and Wendy VEERHUIS.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of May meeting circulated. Ivan SMITH moved that the minutes be taken as correct. Seconded Richard MACIOL. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Geoff BURNNARD reported on behalf of the I/D badge Sub-Committee that the best price to date was \$14+ for a minimum of 60 badges. Further enquiries to be made as recommended by Dick PELLING.

NEW MEMBERS:

Pete HENRY moved that the following members of Vic Pol be accepted as members, William COBURN Rosebud CIU; John FOOKS, Yarra Ranges CIU; Graeme NASH, Ret ex Maribyrnong CIU and pending payment of fees: Greg HOOK and Graeme ARTHUR, Horsham. Seconded Steve PERRY. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Pete HENRY)

Treasurer's Report to 30 June 2011, tabled. Pete HENRY moved that the report be accepted and the payments made be ratified. (Report attached) Seconded John JARVIS. Carried.

RECEPTION REPORT:

WA Chairman Paul LaSpina and Kim at IPA House from 8 to 11 July. A short notice meet and greet was held at Pascoe Vale RSL with 8 persons attending.

PENDING VISITORS: (Ag House Mgr Pete HENRY)

Don Raynes from New Zealand at IPA House from 22 to 27 August. No request for assistance.

SOCIAL REPORT: (Rob AITKEN)

The invitation to Cyprus Club Family Night on 2 July was supported by IPA with 38 attending. The dinner and dancing made for a great evening. A similar night will be held on 30 July. Rob will again be attending, interested members please contact him.

Seppelts Winery has been booked for the Ghost and Gourmet BBQ Dinner on Sep 17/18 vacancies for only 2 couples left. Contact Rob ASAP.

Enquiries regarding the Queenscliffe Blues Train indicate the all inclusive cost to be \$190 p/p. NFA. Titanic Restaurant (Steerage) is \$70 p/p. NFA.

Ian Hicks to make enquiries on availability of Croatian Club for Christmas Dinner.

WELFARE REPORT: (Frances WOODMAN for John MARTIN)

Reporting sick are John MARTIN with shingles, very, very nasty.

Phil SWINDELLS undergoing a course of treatment and requests that he is **NOT** to be contacted at this time.
Ron CURRIE at Hastings is going for the record after his fifth hip replacement. This will be a slow recovery.

CORRESPONDENCE:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Pete HENRY advised members that the Executive Committee had voted to donate \$1,000 to the appeal funds initiated by the International body for support of the Australian Flood Appeal and Japan Tsunami Appeal. He moved that the funds be evenly divided between the two appeals. Following discussion the motion was seconded by Ivan SMITH. Carried.

Discussion followed as to appropriate assistance to be provided to two, Victoria IPA members who were severely effected by the Victoria flooding and still residing in caravan accommodation. A number of options were canvassed. Moved Dick PELLING that the final decision to be made and enacted by the Executive Committee. Seconded Rob AITKEN. Carried.

Geoff BURNNARD recommended that investigation be undertaken with a view to installing a split system in place of the present A/C unit as neither heating nor cooling of the meeting room are very effective and sufficient funds are available.

Peter HENRY reported that member and past Region Chairman Rod Johns has retired after 40 years and 5 months service. His retirement function at Seymour was well represented by IPA via himself, Frances and Geoff WOODMAN, Paul NAYLOR, Peter McDONALD and our Patron, Kieran WALSHE.

The Chairman presented John INGHAM with his membership badge.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2039 hours

GUEST SPEAKER: 2050 hrs.

The Chairman introduced Sgt Tim HAYWARD, currently stationed at Williamstown but formerly with a squad investigating Clandestine Drug Laboratories. Assisted by a power point presentation, Tim detailed some reasons for the police target based program and as this particular person was not in custody, it was decided to conduct a covert operation to ascertain the legality of his current activities. As his whereabouts were unknown, a lengthy period of surveillance of close associates, lead to the property currently in use by the suspect being identified. The property was found to have numerous lighting and alarm systems in place making a covert inspection extremely difficult. However it was clear that the premises were suitable for operating a drug lab and the numerous security devices created reasonable suspicion. Further surveillance was in progress to ascertain the source of supplies and distributors but was compromised due to the unexpected return of suspect to his vehicle, necessitating immediate apprehension. Inspection of his vehicle and premises disclosed numerous firearms ready for instant use and precursor drugs. The suspect kept himself in peak physical condition, was well versed in counter surveillance and constantly practiced those procedures. Prosecution is pending. The usual appreciation was shown, along with a Guest Speaker "Red" from the Chairman.

MEETING CLOSED: 2142 hours

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Ian HICKS
Chairman

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Geoff WOODMAN
Secretary