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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 15th JUNE 2011

MEETING OPENED: 2007 hours with Vice Chairman Chris FERGUSON presiding. The Vice Chairman welcomed members and acknowledged with pleasure, National President, Michelle HARRIS, at the meeting.

PRESENT: Chris FERGUSON, Geoff WOODMAN, Peter HENRY, Michelle HARRIS, Bob MICHELL, Rob AITKEN, David KAY, Clif HARDY, Frances WOODMAN, Dick PELLING, Sandy PELLING, Marlene COFF, Mike COLLYER, Graham GALLAGHER, Richard MACIOL, Alan HALL, Cally KWAS, Ivan SMITH, Peter ROBERTS, John JARVIS, Wendy MILNE, Rob BURNS, Grant LAZENBY .

APOLOGIES: Ian HICKS, Geoff BURRNARD, Trevor O'SHANASSY, Simon GLOSTER, John READER, Pat READER, David LEARY, Max HAYES, Glen BAKER, Val JONES, Steve PERRY, Ken DWIGHT, John MARTIN, Kevin VIDLER and Colin HALLAM.

VISITORS: Matt KWAS, Andrew BURNS, Barbara HARDY, Laureen HALL and Catherine MICHELL.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

BUSINESS ARISING:

Pete HENRY advised that the LED panel, lap top and equipment has been provided and fitted for \$2496-95.

NEW MEMBERS:

Pete HENRY moved that the following members of Vic Pol be accepted as members: Lee KENDRICK, Williamstown and Mark TREGALLIS, Mallacoota. Seconded Bob MICHELL. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Pete HENRY)

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

RECEPTION REPORT:

Christopher and Sherrin ENZIN, Qld Region at IPA House from 19 to 21 May.

Phillip ANTHONY & partner from W.A. at IPA House from 25 to 28 May.

Tom and Janet ALLYN, Florida, USA at IPA House from 1 to 4 June. A meet and greet was held at Croatian Club, Footscray with 13 in attendance. They are now travelling by motorhome to Cairns.

PENDING VISITORS: (Bob MICHELL)

WA Chairman Paul LaSpina and Kim at IPA House from 8 to 11 July. No assistance required but Vice Chairman will check on availability for a meet and greet.

SOCIAL REPORT: (Rob AITKEN)

Currently researching potential activities including a Yarra River cruise and a return visit to Great Western Winery.

The Cyprus Club is holding a family dinner night on 2 July for \$20 p/p including dancing. Our members are cordially invited. Rob will be attending, interested members please advise.

Chris Ferguson raised the Queenscliffe Jazz Train as a possible activity.

WELFARE REPORT: (No report)

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Pete Henry reminded members that South Australia was the only Region to have an Australia generic souvenir, in the form of a framed, woven IPA badge. Following the last meeting the Executive Committee has met and decided to purchase generic souvenirs being the heavy enamelled badge from M&L Badges. This will be an oval shape, centred with an enlarged badge as per green, Australia IPA lapel badge, on a white background with gold edge (sample size presented). Cost per badge will be around \$10. Tooling will cost approx \$217. The badges will be able to sit on a small plastic or wire frame, convenient and light weight for presentations overseas. Availability date to be advised.

Working bees for Sunshine (when weather improves) and IPA House to be advised as opportunity arises.

The National President was asked to provide an update on the IPA House, Qld situation. Michelle advised that IPA loan status has been approved and gave a comprehensive report on investigation of multiple premises to date. Prices have fallen approx 10% and many promising premises are on the market. The unit will probably be a self contained 2 bedroom. Of necessity there will be a minimum and maximum occupancy period and bookings will be open to all police, not only IPA members. The delegated “house committee” will be the Gold Coast Sub-Region.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2030 hours

GUEST SPEAKER: 2043 hrs.

The Vice Chairman introduced our member Michael COLLYER who has an extensive UK Royal Military Police background. Whilst performing duties on the Falkland Islands, he was sworn as a reserve police officer. Aided by a power point presentation, Michael provided information on the geography and history of the Falkland and South Georgia Islands including their strategic importance to Briton. Argentina having long claimed a territorial right to the islands determined to take over by force and landed an invasion force in April 1982. The British response force was required to travel over 8000 miles to counter the invasion. The war was over by mid June with total loss of nearly 900 lives and at great expense to both countries. Following the end of the war the population of the Falklands trebled due to the influx of military personnel and civilians required for rebuilding of destroyed and damaged infrastructure. Consequently, the military police were sworn as reserve constables to aid the Falklands Island Police, particularly with regard to the military and non indigenous civilians. The usual appreciation was shown, along with a Guest Speaker “Red” from the Chairman.

MEETING CLOSED: 2145 hours

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Chris Ferguson
Vice Chairman

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Geoff WOODMAN
Secretary