



**HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2008,
Bribie Island RSL, Queensland, Australia**

1. Attendance

There were 31 members who attended the Reunion and AGM (See attached List).

2. Apologies

There were 27 apologies given (see attached list)

Moved: Reg Corbett

Seconded: Pincher Martin

Carried

A letter from the Patron, Commodore Max McDowell was read by Humphrey Ewens.

3. Presidents Welcome and Report

The Presidents report, which is attached, was read by President Jim.

Moved: Report be Accepted – Dick Scriviner

Seconded: Gerry Wright

Carried

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 21st April 2007

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken to be a true reflection of the meeting.

Moved: Merv Tyree

Seconded: Pincher Martin

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The only matter arising from the minutes was the possible amalgamation of the HMNZS Taranaki Association. President Jim advised the meeting that despite goodwill on the part of the Otago Association this matter had not progressed.

6. Financial Report

The financial report gave the combined audited bank balances of the association as being a total of \$29,200.24.

Moved: Humphrey Ewens

Seconded: Joe Fraser

Carried

7. Membership Report

The membership report showed that the association had a membership of 265 of which 63% held Life Subscription status.

Moved: Viv Rapley

Seconded: Murray Pope

Carried

8. Election of Officers:

President - Jim was elected unopposed

Vice President - Humphrey was elected unopposed

Secretary/Treasurer - Noel was elected unopposed

Committee – as there were more nominations than positions for the committee, a secret ballot was held to determine the new committee. The results of the election were:

- John Bass (New)
- Bruce Lineham (Existing)
- Maurice Mitchell (Existing)
- Dick Scrivener (Existing)
- Fred Wilson (Existing)

9. Subscriptions for 2008/09

It was moved that subscriptions remain at \$10 per annum or \$100 Life Subscription.

Moved: John Bass

Seconded: Dave Hawke

Carried

10. General Business:

Commissioning of the HMNZS Otago

The President stated that there was still no date for the commissioning of the HMNZS Otago as there were still some details to be finalised and that the acceptance trials were taking longer than planned which is not unusual for any "first of class" Ship. The Association will be informed as soon as there is a firm date for commissioning.

What do Members want?

Much discussion centred on co-operating with and having combined reunions with the Taranaki Association. However as the President again pointed out the Otago Association had tried to facilitate this but without any reciprocation from Taranaki. However, after the 50th Reunion there may be a different "feeling" and attitude. It was suggested that those members present who had also served in Taranaki should take this matter up with that Committee. The ball is in their court. There was general acceptance of this suggestion especially from the "Ex Taranaki" men.

2009 Reunion.

In accordance with our long standing "one home and one away" programme, the 2009 reunion will be in the Auckland area and a Sub Committee would be set up to organise it, noting that 2010 is going to be the "big one".

2010 Reunion.

In reply to questions from the floor, the President outlined our "wish list" for late June 2010 in Dunedin. A Sub Committee under the Chairmanship of our Otago/Southland area co-ordinator has already been set up and is making progress. A tentative program has already been developed and the Chief of Navy informed of this. It was also suggested that it would be a grand publicity exercise and subject to the "exigencies of the Service" if the new HMNZS Otago and the Band of the RNZN could be in Dunedin at this time. However, as it is still 2 years away nothing definite can be stated at this time by the Chief of the Navy.

11. Closure 1410

Jim Blackburn
President

Noel Davies
Secretary/Treasurer