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"MEHC - AGM"

The following content is a brief summation from the recent MEHC AGM held at the SME on 07 Nov 09.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – OPENING ADDRESS (Greg Bowyer)

MEHC Board Meetings: Currently the board meets every 2 months, this frequency has been better from a board perspective.

Corps Shop: Opened more often now due to SGT Pat Doherty being employed solely for the shop.

Community: The AAMME has been getting out and about in the broader community via displays and newsletters. To all personnel assisting in getting the AAMME to the wider community – Thanks very much.

Thanks: Thanks offered to all respective personnel, special thanks to the SME, AAMME and Volunteers.

CO SME REPORT (LTCOL Mark Coyle – Apology, however report submitted via Chairman)

SME Relocation: Original scope didn't include the Heritage Precinct – this is now not the case. Work around this site (the SME) may start next year. Looking at the first 200m from the road (ie from Moorebank Ave) – lose the golf course.

CO Brief on Relocation: Offered in near future. Potential time might be the AAMME / MEHC BBQ.

On Relocation: Move into Holsworthy Barracks and form an Engineer Precinct (including 17 Const Sqn, 21 Const Regt, 19 CE Wks, the SME and RAE Heritage. The aim is to achieve the best outcome.

Lost Rifle: A lost rifle belonging to 3Tp (Vietnam) has been found at Singleton, there is a move to obtain the weapon and have it within the RAE collection.

Support: There is potential for support to the AAMME, maybe for rotation of displays etc.

TREASURERS REPORT (Peter Raue – Director)

Current Position: Sound financial position. Many donations have been made ie primarily to assist funding of the AAMME theatre.

Auditor: Changed auditor due to respective guidelines for fundraising etc.

Thanks: Many thanks to John Pendergast for his day to day assistance.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS (Required by rotation IAW constitution)

Mr Greg Bowyer and Mr Craig 'Shine' Summerfield: Both re-elected.

RETIREMENTS FROM BOARD

The following board members have retired: Mr Calumn Graham, Mr Geoff Steen and Mr Simon Furness.

The chairman (re-elect) indicated that there was room for additional board members if there is any interested parties.

MUSEUM MANAGER REPORT (MAJ Bob Petrenko)

Staff: WO1 Mick Dunne will be on board next year and WO1 Michele Russell has started in the admin role.

Operating Agreement: New agreement signed as at 10 Oct 09.

Xmas BBQ: Planned for 05 Dec 09.

Asbestos Management Lecture: New mandatory requirement, planned presentation is the xmas BBQ morning.

Volunteers Required: It would be good to have more volunteers for library, photo and film type activities. At present Carol is doing a great job; a little more assistance would be great.

Museum Advisory Committee: Up and running, all respective stakeholders represented. 1st meeting in Sept 09. Bi-monthly. Advise on RAE museum matters and chaired by AAMME Manager.

Strategic Plan and Collection Policy (Acquisition and Disposal): In place.

Education: Many thanks to Pam Brown, we now have an education program in place – (the only museum in NSW)!

Thanks: Many thanks to the volunteers, AAMME staff, MEHC board and of course the SME (staff and trainees).

(The chairman also endorsed the effort by all involved, including the Museum Manager)

AWTA UPDATE (Cec Weeks – MEHC Director & AWTA President)

Display: 4 years in residence now, and a great display. On a recent Long Tan Anniversary tour many positive comments were forthcoming from the group.

Future: The AWTA group are always looking forward and many thanks were offered.

NEWSLETTERS (Shine Summerfield – Director)

Newsletters: 18 newsletters produced since last AGM, all placed on AAMME website. Thanks to all personnel that contributed with pictures and text. Thanks to volunteers, AAMME staff and the SME personnel for their effort.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Membership Card: John Pendergast briefed attendees on the receipt for membership payment. The receipt will have a membership card attached at the bottom, this can then be separated and form a membership card.

Financial Members: Currently the MEHC is migrating to a new PC for the membership database, it is estimated that there are 70 members.

Membership Cost: Currently the cost remains at \$15.00. At this stage there is no increase on the immediate horizon.

Next AGM: Scheduled for the 06 November 2010, 10.00am start.

A Quick Summary

There were 16 attendees and several apologies submitted.

AFTER MEETING CLOSURE

BBQ: Once the meeting closed (11.50am), personnel were invited to attend a BBQ at the RAE SGT's Mess.

