

**T.S. Vindicatrix
Association
of
Western Australia**

**Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, 16th April, 2008
at the
Fremantle Workers Social and Leisure Club, Henry Street, Fremantle**

Present: Doug Amor, Dave Bell, Derek Butler, Ken Cliff, Dave Douglas, George Douglas, Ken Gray, Tony Harben, Ron Howells, Terry Pickett, Mike Seats, Jim Spratt, Chas White

In attendance: Dot Bell, Moira Butler, Irene Cliff, Brenda Douglas, Jack Edwards

Apologies: Alan Creasey, George Griffiths, Joe Mann, Rob Ozanne, Fred Reid, Lionel Shephard

1. Opening of Meeting

The President, Tony Harben, declared the meeting open at 12.40 pm and welcomed Jack Edwards, Secretary of the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association.

The President further announced that Moira Butler would record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting but could not stand for the office of Secretary.

The President reminded those in attendance that the ladies present did not have the right to vote during the proceedings.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th April, 2007.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th April, 2007, were read by the President and a motion for the acceptance of the minutes was moved by Ken Gray, seconded by Ron Howells and passed by those present:

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th April, 2007

3.1. Constitution and Incorporation

Following acceptance of the Constitution, the Vindicatrix Association of WA was incorporated in April, 2007.

3.2. Newsletter

The vacant office of Secretary had restricted the number of issues of the Vindicatrix Association of WA Newsletter which were able to be published during the year.

3.3. Website

Alan Creasey surrendered the position of Website Bosun of the TS Vindicatrix Association of WA website to Tony Harben, who successfully arranged for the website to be restructured.

4. President's Report

The President reported on the events of the previous twelve months, including the Incorporation; the receipt of a \$2,500 grant from Lotteries West for the bronze plaque engraved with the poem "Heroes", which will be mounted on a limestone plinth at the Fremantle Cenotaph; and the very successful hosting of the 2007 "Down Under" reunion which was attended by 94 people.

The President thanked everyone for their assistance during the year and, in particular, the Committee members who he considered had performed their duties above and beyond what was expected of them.

Sincere condolences were expressed to Irene Cumming at the passing of David Cumming, whose smiling face will be missed.

A motion for the acceptance of the President's Report was moved by Dave Bell, seconded by Ken Gray and passed by those present.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the Vindicatrix Association of WA's bank account as at 15th April, 2008, was \$4,548.70.

A motion for the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Terry Pickett, seconded by Derek Butler and passed by those present.

6. Social Report

Derek Butler reported that a number of social activities had been held during the year, these included a visit to the Swan Brewery; a bus trip; two BBQs on the Swan River foreshore in Fremantle; and two visits to the Fremantle Goal.

A motion for the acceptance of the Social Report was moved by Ken Gray, seconded by Tony Harben and passed by those present.

7. Election of Office Bearers

Moira Butler, as Returning Officer, requested and received nominations for Office Bearers and Committee Members resulting in the following being unanimously elected to Office.

President;	Tony Harben
Vice President:	Derek Butler
Treasurer:	Dave Bell
Committee Members:	Doug Amor George Douglas Ken Gray Ron Howells Chas White

As no nominations had been received for the office of Secretary, Tony Harben agreed to continue to informally combine the roles of President and Secretary.

8. ANZAC Day Parade

Vindicatrix WA members have been invited to march with the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association during the 2008 ANZAC Day Parade. The Parade will muster on the Esplanade Park, Fremantle, at 9.45 am with the 'march off' at 10.15 am.

The President urged as many members as possible to attend the March dressed in grey trousers, white shirts, navy blue blazers, berets and medals.

A new outdoor banner has been purchased at a cost of \$350 to prevent further rain damage occurring to the embroidered banner. Guide ropes will be attached to the top of the new banner.

Following the March, arrangements have been made for Vindicatrix and Allied Merchant Seamen's Association members to lunch and swinging the lamp at the Fremantle Workers Club.

MacDonald's restaurants will support the "Diggers eat for Free" program on ANZAC Day.

9. "Heroes" Bronze Plaque and Plinth

Four reconstituted limestone blocks have been cut to form two plinths which will be erected at the Fremantle Cenotaph on Monument Hill by Tony Harben and Dave Bell by mid July, 2008. The "Heroes" bronze plaque will be mounted on one plinth and the second plinth will be donated to the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association.

Jack Edwards will contact the Fremantle City Council with a view to the limestone currently in place at the Cenotaph being cleaned prior to the erection of the plinths, if necessary arranging for the anti-graffiti sealant to be removed prior to the cleaning and replaced afterwards. The cleaning and resealing of the memorial to be a joint effort between the Allied Merchant Seamen's Association and the Vindicatrix Association

10. Flag Ceremony at Funeral Services

Advice has been received that Alan Bridle is in the final stages of a terminal illness and his wife has requested that Vindi members attend his funeral service and perform the flag ceremony. Chas White will inform members when arrangements are made for this sad event.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.25 pm.