

**WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA**

**TASMANIAN DIVISION**

**SOUTHERN BRANCH**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Chair:** VK7GL

**Date:** 4 June 1997

**Meeting opened:** 2006

**Attendance:** VK7's RT, WR, HDM, RB, NJB, RR, PP, DG, GL, TS, TRF, FB.

**Apologies:** VK7's JGD, JK, KBG, VV, JF, YP, KBY, ZSP, KV, EB, KSM.

**Visitors:** VK7KOB, Ben Short (member of VK7ACR).

**Minutes of last meeting:**

Moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting:

Proposed: VK7RT

Seconded: VK7TRF

Carried

**Business arising from minutes:**

Nil.

**Correspondence in:**

Letter dated 21 April 97 from Barry Hill advising of election as Divisional Awards Manager for 1997.

Letter dated 10 April 97 from Cora Trevarthen (Friends of the Domain) advising of next committee meeting of the Friends of the Domain.

Letter dated 9 April 97 from TASAR INC. extending thanks for our assistance with the VK7RAF tape.

Letter dated 9 April 97 from TASAR INC re licence fees for VK7RAF.

Letter dated 10 March 97 from Leo Gunther re his subscriptions requesting finalisation of the affair.

**Correspondence out:**

Letter dated 7 April 97 to B Hill, Secretary Tas Division indicating nominations for Divisional EX-OFFICIO positions for 1997 from the Southern Branch.

Letter dated 7 April 97 to Cora Trevarthen enclosing cheque for \$17.00 being membership to the FOD.

Letter dated 14 April 97 to Leo Gunther "finalising" the matter of his subscriptions to ARRL and RSGB magazines.

Moved to accept correspondence:

Proposed VK7WR  
Seconded VK7RB

Carried

### **Business arising from correspondence:**

TRF - re tape for VK7RAF. Tape not heard on R2. Requests a rerun of the tape.  
GL - will contact TASAR and obtain copy of tape and replay on R2.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Executive:**

GL - FOD - Harvey (VK7KSM) who attended the meeting in John's (VK7RT) absence will give a report at the next general meeting.

R2 - Negotiations are being held with the property owner to install a full sized container on the property. Owner is currently considering the proposal. Other ideas put forward may involve approval from the relevant Council.

Radios - there may be a possibility of obtaining surplus vhf/uhf radios in the near future. You will be kept informed if it comes to fruition.

#### **Treasurer:**

FB - Bank statement and Hydro bill received from Secretary.  
Allowing for current income and expenditure we still have a healthy bank balance of around \$3,000. A sum of \$289 was received as a result of the auction held last meeting night. Thanks are extended to all who sold and bought equipment and odds & ends.

#### **WICEN:**

TRF - 14th June a recce will be conducted of the Southern Safari course. At the next Safari 2 caravans will be used. We have approximately 10 volunteers staffing 8 separate locations.

#### **Clubrooms:**

WR - Thanks extended to those who have helped with the cleaning of the clubrooms and surrounds.

#### **QSL Bureau:**

Trevor indicated that there was a long list of card recipients. Please collect cards. Trevor also indicated that there were two new documents regarding QSL Bureau and Cards. Please take a copy of them and read them.

### **Tech/EMC:**

RB - Nil report.  
PP indicated that he heard Voice of America on 20 metres recently. Report will be filed.

### **Publicity:**

Nil report

### **Historical:**

Nil report

### **JOTA:**

RB - Nil report.  
KOB indicated that OPTUS down link may be available again this year.  
GL - Talks at Federal level are being conducted. Advice will be forthcoming when more is known.

### **News Collator:**

Nil report

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

A proposal has been put forward:

That a sign be erected on the property of the clubrooms of VK7OTC which states the importance of this heritage site.

Proposed VK7PP

Seconded VK7FB

General discussion followed.

GL - Signage is under the control the the H.C.C.

TRF - Suggests Australian Heritage Council be contacted and advice sought.

In the proposal it was put forwarded that Ben Short (originator) would be responsible for the publication of suitable material to be displayed and the construction of a suitable mount to house the information on the property. He proposed that the WIA [Southern Branch] be liable for any costs involved in the production of this sign. Estimated cost is \$79.

Proposal carried.

RR - Repeaters. Brian put forward the possibility of erecting a UHF repeater along the Midlands Highway which would give coverage between Brighton and Campbelltown. Levels of interest were sought from members. 6 month time frame likely. Expressions of interest would also be requested from the North and Northwest Branches.

GL - As to rationalising of repeaters in Tasmania. Requests members give some thought to this and requested any ideas be aired at the next meeting.

KOB - mentioned possibility of discounts from Ellison and Hawker bookshop.

GL - will look at re-establishing a membership card system

TS - Trevor indicated that he would be away for 5 weeks and was seeking a volunteer to clear the box for QSL cards. VK7RB volunteered. Thanks Robert.

KOB - raised the issue of personalised car number plates. Demonstrated his which is VK7KOB.

GL - contact will be made with the Department of Motor Transport.

RR - suggests that this would be a Divisional matter.

TRF - re format of advertisements on the broadcast. Standardise the format.

GL - will pass on to the broadcast officer.

RT - Awards and Special Events. Scope of interest will be sought at the next meeting as well as being sought from the other Branches. Do we have enough or do we want some more events/awards?

GL - Work roster - working well. Extends thanks to those who have participated in the cleaning and mowing.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2140.

A. J. Dixon

President

J. W. Bates

Secretary

