



**Minutes of the SSAA (NSW) Sydney Branch Inc.
Annual General Meeting Held at the Canada Bay Club
Wednesday, 21 May 2014**

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President opened the meeting at 7.34 pm. The following attendances and apologies were recorded.

Attendances: 240 Members were recorded as being present. See attached list.
All Committee members except for Stan Baranski and Anthony Foate were present.

Apologies: Bill Shelton, Margaret Shelton, Chris Deluca, Maria Lovett, Les Gardiner, Ian Seeto, Richard Harris, Peter Downey

Guests: Deloitte Representatives - Chris Sonego, David Hagger and Adam Cronin
CBRE Representative – Tom Goode

2. Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous AGM and SGM were included in the AGM booklet as circulated.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 2013 AGM and SGM be accepted.

Moved: Bill New **Seconded:** Val New **CARRIED**

3. Matters Arising

The spelling of Mark Worrads name in the minutes should be checked.

4. Reports

The meeting agreed to take all reports as read.

MOTION: That the reports be accepted.

Moved: Mark Ellis **Seconded:** Danny Adcock **CARRIED**

MOTION: That the audited financial report be accepted.

Moved: Mark Ellis **Seconded:** James De Vitt **CARRIED**

Appointment of auditor:

The Treasurer advised that our current auditors, Moore Stephens, have amalgamated with Deloitte.

Motion: That Deloitte be engaged as the auditor for the coming year.

Moved: Mark Godwin **Seconded:** Robert Madell **CARRIED**

Questions were taken from the floor on some items in the financial report, and the Treasurer provided the additional information requested.

5. Elections

It was pointed out that Dave Billingham's nomination had not been signed correctly. The President asked the Returning Officer, Andy Mallen, to take the Chair to conduct the elections.

The Returning Officer advised the meeting that Anthony Foate had earlier withdrawn his nomination for Senior Vice President, leaving Simon Taranto as the only candidate for the position. Simon was nominated by Marianne Allsopp and seconded by Pamela Reeves. Simon stated he had no restrictions under 9.2.2 of the Constitution in his nomination form. The Returning Officer declared Simon Taranto elected unopposed to the position of Senior Vice President.

The Returning Officer advised the meeting that Barry Warwick's nomination for the position of Junior Vice President was invalid as he had not declared an interest in the firearms and allied trades. This left Peter Thomson as the only candidate for the position. Peter was nominated by Richard Harris and seconded by James Walsh. Peter stated he had no restrictions under 9.2.2 of the Constitution in his nomination form. The Returning Officer declared Peter Thomson elected unopposed to the position of Junior Vice President.

The Returning Officer advised that there were six ordinary Committee positions up for election. Anthony Foate, Stuart Foate, David Carnell, Peter Armstrong, and Kerry Richards withdrew their nominations prior to the commencement of the meeting. Barry Warwick and Rob Carnell's nominations were invalid as their interests in the firearms or allied trades had not been declared. Peter Thomson became ineligible to stand as he had been elected to the position of Junior Vice President. With David Billingham's nomination also being deemed invalid as it had not been signed, that left five candidates for the six positions.

The 5 remaining candidates being:

Peter Downey, nominated by James Davidson and seconded by Pamela Reeves

Les Gardner, nominated by James Walsh and seconded by Peter Thomson

Richard Harris, nominated by Peter Thomson and seconded by James Walsh

Ian Seeto, nominated by Peter Thomson and seconded by James Walsh

Marianne Allsopp, nominated by Simon Taranto and seconded by Pamela Reeves

All 5 remaining candidates stated they had no restrictions under 9.2.2 of the Constitution.

The Returning Officer explained that an election would first be held to determine who would be elected to the three 3 year terms. He called for volunteers to assist with the distribution of ballots. Peter Birchall and Bob Madell volunteered and assisted in distributing and collecting the ballots.

While these ballots were being tallied, Tom Goode from CB Richard Ellis gave a presentation on range planning, rating existing ranges in regard to member distributions. Questions were taken from the floor.

The Returning Officer declared that Les Gardner, Peter Downey and Marianne Allsopp were elected to the three 3 year committee positions.

Ballots were handed out to elect one 2 year position and one 1 year position, between the two remaining candidates, Richard Harris and Ian Seeto.

While these ballots were being tallied, our guests from Deloitte gave a presentation on the financial situation of taking on debt.

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The Returning Officer then announced that Richard Harris was elected to the 2 year position and Ian Seeto to the 1 year position.

This left one 1 year position vacant. Nominations were called for from the floor. Dave Billingham was nominated by Barry Warwick and seconded by Bill Collaros. Dave accepted the nomination. Dave had stated on his invalid nomination that he had no restrictions under 9.2.2 of the Constitution. There being no further nominations, Dave Billingham was declared elected to the last vacant 1 year position on the Committee.

MOTION: That all ballot papers be destroyed.

Moved: Dave Billingham **Seconded:** Bob Madell **CARRIED**

Disciplinary Panel

MOTION: That SSAA (NSW) Sydney Branch Inc. not have a disciplinary panel.

Moved: Pam Reeves **Seconded:** James Tegg **CARRIED**

The Returning Officer left the Chair, and the President resumed the Chair.

8. General Business

SFP Donation:

The President asked that all SFP Candidates and Committee members leave the room. He then read a statement on the current position and took questions from the floor. Some discussion ensued, but no motions were moved.

Honorariums:

MOTION: That an honorarium of \$8000 be given to the President, James Walsh, for work performed over and above that expected of an ordinary Committee member.

Moved: Ann Brummel **Seconded:** Mario Vlatko **CARRIED**

MOTION: That an honorarium of \$6000 be given to the Secretary, Pam Reeves, for work performed over and above that expected of an ordinary Committee member.

Moved: Ann Brummel **Seconded:** Rob Bernard **CARRIED**

MOTION: That an honorarium of \$6000 be given to the Treasurer, Mark Godwin, for work performed over and above that expected of an ordinary Committee member.

Moved: Ann Brummel **Seconded:** Karl Paskiewicz **CARRIED**

MOTION: That an honorarium of \$2000 be given to the Junior Vice President, Peter Thomson, for work performed over and above that expected of an ordinary Committee member.

Moved: Ann Brummel **Seconded:** Mark Ellis **CARRIED**

MOTION: That an honorarium of \$2000 be given to the Communications Officer, Simon Taranto, for work performed over and above that expected of an ordinary Committee member.

Moved: Ann Brummel **Seconded:** Rob Carnell **CARRIED**

The Lucky Door Prizes were drawn and the winners were:

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James De Vitt - \$500 voucher for St Marys Indoor Shooting Centre

Joy Kujic – Riflescope

John Lavaring – Coolpix camera

Chris Rose – Riflescope

Phil Laycock – Coolpix camera

The meeting agreed that the next AGM should be held around the same time of the year.

Meeting closed 10.31 pm