

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE WARGAMING ASSOCIATION (ADFWGA) ANZAC CUP ON 03 DEC 23

Attendees:

LTCOL D. Hill Chair
WO2 A. Thompson Secretary

MAJ G. Gepp	CPL Z. Campbell
CAPT O. Dyer	CPL S. Maiocchi
CAPT S. Ellis	CPL N. Matthysen
LT S. Marning	CPL K. Ryan
LT L. Thorpe	CPL R. Smith
FLGOFF A Luiten	CPL K. Sullivan
OCDT M. Bonnitcha	CPL A. Williamson
OCDT W. Elias	LCPL S. Chamberlain
SCDT B. Heyn	LCPL S. Livori
SCDT T. Pieters	LCPL L. Stephens
SCDT C. Rastock	LAC D. Charlton
SCDT J. Wright	ABCSO J. Collen
SGT J. Ash	CFN J. Nixon
SGT P. Hunt	SIG Z. Latimer
SGT R. King	SIG A. Makara
SGT D. Miller	SPR J. Inwood
SGT A. Moss	TPR T. Draper
SGT T. Weston	
SGT J. Whichello	

Apologies:

COL A. Gunder	ADFWGA Patron
SGT T. Casey	ADFWGA Vice Chair (outgoing)
SGT M. Cantrell	ADFWGA Ordinary Member

Item 1: Opening

1. At 0800h on 03 Dec 23 the Chair declared the meeting open and members were welcomed to the Annual General Meeting of the ADFWGA held as part of the HEROCON 2023 event. The Chair explained that the meeting was an opportunity for the ADFWGA Committee to update the membership on recent developments and initiatives as well provide a forum for the membership to present ideas to the committee.

Item 2: Acceptance of previous minutes

2. The Chair explained that an ADFWGA GM was held at ANZAC Cup 2023; the minutes of the meeting were published to the ADFWGA Website in Aug 23. The minutes have been published on the ADFWGA Website and copies of the minutes have been circulated at this event for review.

3. The previous minutes noted that:
 - a. Committee elections would occur at the ADFWGA AGM held at HEROCON 2023. The Chair explained that the elections would occur as part of the AGM agenda.
 - b. A review of the ADFWGA nominated charity would be conducted. The Chair explained that the Committee had not had the opportunity to complete this review and the new Committee would take this as an action item. The Chair also invited the membership to provide suggestions to the Committee to inform the review of potential charities to support.
4. The Chair requested that the GM minutes from ANZAC Cup 2023 were accepted. This was proposed by SGT Adrian Moss and seconded by LCPL Scott Livori. The minutes on the ANZAC Cup 2023 GM were accepted as a true and accurate record of the GM conducted in Apr 23.

Item 3: ADFWGA update

5. The Chair noted that the reinvigoration of wargaming within Army continues based on the initiatives contained in the COMD FORCOMD Directive Army Wargaming. While these initiatives focus on professional or serious gaming there are tangible benefits to hobby gaming. There are opportunities for ADFWGA members who are interested to support Army Wargaming through playtesting and other lines of effort such as the BDE Tactics Competition.
6. Following the last GM and discussion regarding the Army Sports Council the Chair had sought to make contact with the Cyber Sports Association. Unfortunately, this Association has not responded to any attempt to reach out; further, the limited funding across Defence will continue to reduce potential funding support. That said, the Chair also noted the establishment of a number of gaming groups and wargaming has been recognised as an alternate activity to sport in some units.
7. The Chair noted that HEROCON had seen strong interest in 40K, steady interest in Flames of War and reduced interest in other systems. While there was capacity to run more systems it was dependent on Tournament Organisers stepping forward to assist and attract participants. To assist the Chair, as part of the committee elections, the Chair will propose an expansion of the current Committee to include an additional Ordinary Members.

Item 4: Reports

8. **Sponsorship.** For the HEROCON 2023 we have secured sponsorship from Aetherworks.
9. **Financial.** The financial statement from ANZAC Cup 2023 was attached at Annex B to the GM minutes; in total \$5,750.00 was raised at the event. To date, excluding HEROCON 2023, the ADFWGA has donated over \$110,000 to Legacy and Soldier On
10. The financial statement from HEROCON 2023 is attached at Annex A; in total \$4,273.28 was raised at the event.

Item 5: ADFWGA Events

11. The Chair noted that it was the intent of the committee to conduct ANZAC Cup 2024 and HEROCON 2024 at ADFA; the date for these events will be confirmed ASAP. The Chair explained the opportunities exist for members to run local events leveraging the expertise and experience of the ADFWGA Committee; however, these events will be conducted independently of the ADFWGA brand. The Chair also noted that the Committee is available to provide advice to support the establishment of local clubs, again independent of the ADFWGA brand and that Land Simulation and Wargaming (Battle Lab) are available to support these activities.

Item 6: Elections

12. Prior to conducting the 2023 Committee elections the Chair noted the contributions of the two outgoing Committee members, Mr Ty Casey and WO2 Andy Thompson. Both have provided invaluable support to the Association and in particular the dedication of significant time and resources to enabling the ADFWGA to run high quality gaming events. The Chair acknowledged that Ty's contribution had been recognised with a Defence People Group Bronze Commendation. Finally, the Chair briefed the membership on the Life Membership provision within the ADFWGA Constitution and noted that Ty had already been appointed a Life Member. The Chair proposed that Andy was also appointed a Life Membership, SGT Moss seconded this and the motion was carried by the members present.

13. As previously mentioned the Chair proposed that the expansion of the ADFWGA Committee from four members to six members through the creation of an additional two Ordinary Committee Member positions. WO2 Thompson seconded the motion and the motion was carried by the members present.

14. The Chair explained that three nominations for the three Ordinary Committee Member positions had been received and all three nominees were elected unopposed. The Ordinary members of the ADFWGA Committee are:

- a. SGT Michael Cantrell
- b. SGT Richard King
- c. LCPL Scott Livori.

15. The Chair explained that two nominations for the ADFWGA Secretary and ADFWGA Vice Chair had been received. The results of the vote were as follows:

- a. ADFWGA Secretary – CAPT Tim Myers
- b. ADFWGA Vice Chair – SGT Adrian Moss

16. There was only one nomination for the ADFWGA Chair position and LTCOL David Hill was elected unopposed.

Item 6: General Business

17. The chair noted two AAR points from the conduct of HEROCON 2023, as follows:
- a. Inclusion of the ADFA Map in the Event ADMININST
 - b. The Committee to explore the possibility of a coffee/food van attending the event to provide an alternate lunch option. This will require clearance from ADFA.
18. The Chair opened to floor to the ADFWGA members present, one suggestion was that the ADFWGA Committee explores the potential of using the 3D Printers available in the MakerSpace facilities to make 3D printed terrain. The Committee agreed to explore this option.

Item 7: Close

13. The Chair closed the AGM at 0834h. The next ADFWGA GM will be at ANZAC Cup 2024.

D. Hill
LTCOL
ADFWGA Chair

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A. Thompson
WO2
ADFWGA Secretary (Outgoing)

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A. Moss
SGT
ADFWGA Vice Chair

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Annex:

- A. HEROCON 2023 Financial Report