

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE WARGAMING ASSOCIATION (ADFWGA) ANZAC CUP ON 15 APR 23

Attendees:

LTCOL D. Hill Chair
WO2 A. Thompson Secretary

CMDR A. Crescitelli	SGT A. Moss
MAJ T. McCheane	CPL C. Donaldson
MAJ L. Tracey	CPL D. Price
LCDR W. Ross	LS C. Long
LCDR Wright	CPL K. Sullivan
LT L. Thorpe	CPL A. Williamson
OCDT W. Elias	SIG S. Livori
SGT B. Bowell	SIG Z. Lattimer
SGT A. Collier	SIG H. Witherspoon
SGT R. King	Mr E. Sykes
SGT M. Long	Mr S. Veitch
SGT D. Morris	Mr D. Whitehead (HM)

Apologies:

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

Item 1: Opening

1. At 1615h on 15 Apr 23 the Chair declared the meeting open and members were welcomed to the ANZAC Cup 2023 General Meeting of the ADFWGA. 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 HEROCON 2022; however, the minutes of this meeting had not been produced by the note-taker. The Chair explained that the key outputs of this GM were:

a. The following members were appointed as Life Members of the ADFWGA:

- (1) Ben Clarke: in recognition of his continued assistance to the ADFWGA over the last 11 years.
- (2) SGT Ty Casey: in recognition of his service to the ADFWGA as one of the inaugural committee members.

- (3) LTCOL Dave Hill: in recognition of his service to the ADFWGA as one of the inaugural committee members.
- b. There were no outstanding action items from the last ADFWGA GM.
3. The committee will seek to annotate the outcomes of the last GM and publish these separately via the ADFWGA website.

Item 3: ADFWGA update

4. The Chair noted that over the last 12 – 18 months there had been a concerted effort within Army to reinvigorate wargaming. While the initiatives as part of the COMD FORCOMD Directive Army Wargaming have focused on serious / professional gaming, the efforts to affect cultural change WRT the perception of wargaming will provide benefits to the ADFWGA. The Chair specifically mentions that DG TRADOC publically recognised HEROCON 2022 and the ADFWGA's fundraising contributions via Linked In. 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.
5. The Chair explained that the Army Sporting Association Council had approached the association last year to explore the potential of the ADFWGA being recognised as an Army sport. Having looked into what the ADFWGA needed to do to qualify for recognition and in consultation with the committee it was decided that this was not appropriate. The Chair explained that the association is an ADF level organisation not a single service association and that the additional governance did not generate a tangible benefit. The Chair did note though that the ADF Cyber Skills Association was recognised by the ADF Sports Council and this was an avenue he would continue to research.
6. The Chair noted that there was interest in conducting more than one event each year; however, it was also noted that with the pending transition of the Vice Chair the membership of the Association would need to step forward to assist with the planning and execution of ANZAC Cup and HEROCON. It was noted that SGT King and SGT Moss were keen to assist.
7. Finally, the Chair noted that the Association is due to have committee elections; these will be conducted as part of the next event whether that is this year or next.

Item 4: Reports

8. **Sponsorship.** For the ANZAC Cup 2023 we have secured sponsorship from the following companies:
- a. House of War
 - b. Aetherworks
 - c. Donations from members
9. **Financial.** The following information was provided to the membership:

- a. The financial statement from HEROCON 2022 is attached at Annex A; in total \$5,499.93 was raised at the event.
- b. The financial statement from ANZAC Cup 2023 is attached at Annex B; in total \$5,750.00 was raised at the event.
- c. To date the ADFWGA has donated over \$105,000 to Legacy and Soldier On

Item 5: ADFWGA Events

10. The Chair noted that it was the intent of the committee to explore the potential for HEROCON 2023 to be conducted at ADFA noting the suitability of the venue and proximity to the long-term storage of ADFWGA equipment. The Chair noted that the venue provided scope to expand the event pending support from the membership in terms of Tournament Organisers and terrain.
11. The Chair explained the intent from next year will be to return to conducting two events per year.

Item 6: General Business

12. The Chair invited the ADFWGA Members present to raise any issues or suggestions. One suggestion was tabled, Mr Danny Whitehead noted that charities such as the ADFWGA's nominated charity expend a percentage of donations on administrating the charity. He suggested that the committee and membership should review this as part of the process of determining which charity the Association supports. The Chair noted this and asked the ADFWGA Secretary to conduct some research of the veteran-based charities and provide information to the membership via the ADFWGA Member's Forum; this would form the basis for a vote on the nominated charity at the next ADFWGA AGM.

Item 7: Close

13. The Chair closed the GM at 1640h. The next ADFWGA AGM will be at HEROCON 2023 or ANZAC Cup 2024.

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17 Apr 23

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ADFWGA Secretary

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Annexes:

- A. HEROCON 2022 Financial Report
- B. ANZAC Cup 2023 Financial Report

Financial Statement
HEROCON 2022 (13 - 14 Aug 23) - Canberra

ANNEX A TO
2023 GM

Expenses			
Type	Item	Cost	Remarks
Event support	Table Hire	\$ 1,750.00	
	Venue hire	\$ 1,508.00	Supplemented by previous credits
Raffle Prizes	2 x 3D Printer	\$ 1,118.02	
Water		\$ 48.00	6 slabs
Website Maint	ADFWGA website	\$ 644.07	2020 - 2021 website fees
Total expenses		\$ 5,068.09	

Incoming			
Type	Item	Cost	Remarks
Entry	Online Entry	\$ 1,414.43	Paypal fees removed (-\$55.57)
2nd Hand Store	Donation	\$ 100.00	
Donations	Donations	\$ 538.00	
Raffles	Raffle tickets	\$ 5,257.59	
Other	DL SIM Sponsorship	\$ 3,258.00	Venue and Table Hire
Total incoming		\$ 10,568.02	

Overall summary		
Incoming		\$ 10,568.02
Expenses		\$ 5,068.09
Dontation (via Soldier On website)		\$ 5,499.93

Financial Statement
ANZAC Cup 2023 (15-16 Apr 23) - Canberra

ANNEX B TO
2023 GM

Expenses			
Type	Item	Cost	Remarks
Event support	BBQ & Drinks	\$ 220.19	As per receipts
	Equip	\$ 35.75	Gas Hose
Raffle Prizes		\$ -	All donated
Dice off prizes		\$ -	All donated
Website Maint	ADFWGA website	\$541	2022 - 2023 website fees
Total expenses		\$ 796.94	

Incoming			
Type	Item	Amount	Remarks
Entry	Online Entry	\$ 2,117.05	Paypal fees removed (-\$83.90)
Drinks	Drinks	\$ 162.42	GST \$7.22
Donations	Donations	\$ 448.14	
Raffles	Raffle tickets + Fees	\$ 3,554.40	
Dice Off	Dice Off	\$ 265.00	
Total incoming		\$ 6,547.01	

Overall summary		
Incoming		\$ 6,547.01
Expenses		\$ 796.94
Dontation (via Soldier On website)		\$ 5,750.07