

**WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA**  
**Western Australian Division**

**Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday 6th May 2003**  
**Held at CWA House, Hay St., West Perth**

The meeting commenced at 7.25pm with the President Neil VK6NE in the Chair.

**PRESENT:** Neil VK6NE, Mal VK6LC, Neil VK6BDO, Trevor VK6HTW,  
Dennis VK6KAD, Cliff VK6LZ, Tony VK6TS, Christine VK6ZLZ,  
Eddie VK6ZSE, Ex Officio Bruce VK6OO and Roy VK6XV.

**1 MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April meeting, having been circulated, were accepted as is.  
VK6TS/VK6HTW

**1.1 Business arising:**

1.1a Chris VK6TNC is unable to continue as AR Correspondent due to work commitments, Eddie VK6ZSE was nominated and accepted.

1.1b Dennis VK6KAD reported that Robyn VK6XRE has volunteered her services to the Kalamunda Volunteer Fire Brigade as a Radio operator.

1.1c Reimbursement of \$1000 from the SEANET Convention has still not been received.

1.1d The Secretary has replied to a letter from a Major Woods seeking advice on taking up the hobby.

**2 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2.1 Correspondence In**

2.1a A few membership applications have been received.

2.1b Bill VK6ZX has sent application forms for Exam Team leader and invigilators.

2.1c A few survey forms have been received.

**2.2 Correspondence Out**

2.2a The Secretary has replied to a letter from Major Woods.

**3 REPORTS:**

**3.1 Treasurer:**

3.1a Bruce VK6OO requested approval for payment of the following items:

P16 CWA House meeting room rental for April	\$ 33-00
P17 Alternate Federal Councillor's Air Fare	\$ 587-52
P18 Secretary's Phone	\$ 144-03
P19 Membership Secretary/Web Masters' phone	\$ 130-05
P20 Alternate Federal Councillor's parking	\$ 42-00
P21 CWA Board Room hire for AGM	\$ 132-00
P22a CWA Dining Room hire for AGM	\$ 55-00

P22b CWA Refreshments for AGM	\$ 240-00
P23 Additional refreshments	\$ 35-17
P24 Postage of Video Library	\$ 28-45
P25 CWA House meeting room rental for May	\$ 33-00

3.1b The Treasurer reported the receipt of an anonymous donation of \$1,000.

3.1c The Treasurer recommended that a reserve amount of \$16-20,000 be maintained at all times.

3.1d Motion proposed by VK6ZSE and seconded by VK6BDO  
 "That Membership fees not be increased until there was less than \$20,000 in the reserve". Carried unanimously.

Note: This means that the forthcoming increase in the Federal component would be absorbed by the Division.

3.2 Broadcast:

Dennis VK6KAD advised that there were no panics and equipment was working well.

3.3 Membership:

Christine reported that there are five new applications for membership;

VK6PF	Fred Parsonage
VK6YIJ	Richard Wasiun
VK6CJI	Leslie Edmondson
SWL	Hendrik (Henk) Heuvink
SWL	Simon Illingworth

Proposed VK6ZSE/VK6LC carried.

The above members were warmly welcomed.

It was noted that the two SWL's were enrolled for the new AR Course.

The membership secretary reported that the current membership stood at 410 + 5.

3.4 Examinations:

Trevor VK6HTW reported that the results from the 12th April NCRG exams had not yet been received (sent 14th April).

Neil VK6BDO reported that exams mailed on the same date for WARG exams also have not received their results.

The next exam (1 candidate so far) would be held on June 26th.

3.5 Federal:

It was reported by Neil VK6NE and Trevor VK6HTW that a full report of the convention had been given at the AGM.

3.5a Work is being carried out on the proposed Entry level curriculum by Ron Smith in VK4.

3.5b David Jones VK4OF is now a Federal Director, replacing Brenda Edmonds.

### 3.6 Masts:

Neil VK6NE reported on the Joondalup Council's attitude to Amateur Masts.

## 4 General Business:

4.1 Malcolm VK6LC is seeking the return of the Awards Folder from Will VK6UU after it had been taken to the Federal Convention for viewing.

4.2 Malcolm VK6LC will be helping out with the Traveller's net while VK6BSS takes a break for a couple of weeks.

4.3 Malcolm VK6LC reported on the increased incidence of 20 metre Pirates from Indonesia and said it was time to approach the ACA.

4.4 Roy VK6XV reported that an examination was required in Kalgoorlie, and Bill VK6ZX has sent application forms to be the team leader, with Dianne VK6KYL and Les VK6KGQ as Invigilators. Approved VK6LC/VK6TS carried.

\*\*\* Action VK6XV to send the application forms to the Federal Exam service.

4.5 Roy VK6XV reported that some survey forms re. the entry grade had been received.

4.6 Dennis VK6KAD was building a data base of the survey results.

4.7 Trevor VK6HTW reported that since the CB repeater channel 7 had been stolen, no WIA news had been relayed on the CB network. However CB channel 1 would be used shortly.

4.8 Trevor VK6HTW raised discussion points on the proposed entry level licence. (curriculum, examinations, and call signs)

4.9 Christine VK6ZLZ reported that one quotation for copying the old (1983) video featuring VK6WT/VK6YL/VK6RU "World at their Fingertips" introduction to AR Video is \$95 for master CD, and \$27+ for VHS copies of it.

\*\*\* Action: Christine VK6ZLZ to seek more quotes / options, (can anyone assist ?).

4.10 Christine VK6ZLZ reported that more information is required on the \*necessary computer specifications\* to be able to use the latest version of "IBM Via-Voice" text input to computer program, before possible purchase, (is it available in Australia yet / how much ?).

4.11 Cliff VK6LZ enquired if anyone knew about the problem with the international beacon, it was reported to be off air at the WARG meeting on Monday.

\*\*\* Action: Eddie VK6ZSE offered to take a look if keys to site were available.

4.12 Cliff VK6LZ reported that a request for frequency allocation had been received (and 146.775 has been passed by the Repeater Group), from the Mid West AR Group in Geraldton, this now required confirmation and acceptance in writing by the Division to the ACA to enable the Licence to be processed. This was agreed.

\*\*\* Action: The secretary (on receipt of confirmation from WARG) to prepare a letter to the ACA confirming the Division's acceptance of the frequency of 146.775 MHz and forward it to Ray VK6ET at Geraldton.

4.13 Federal Councillor for 2003/2004.

Neil VK6NE Indicated that in view of Will VK6UU's stated intention to resign as Federal Councillor, a replacement is required.

Proposed VK6BDO/VK6ZLZ That Trevor VK6HTW be so Nominated, carried.

\*\*\* Action: The secretary to prepare a "Form 1" complete with the Common Seal and forward it to the Federal Office, and the form to have Will VK6UU removed, also from the E-Mail list for Federal matters. (VK6ZLZ to send copy of form 1 to VK6XV).

4.14 Thevenard Island

Neil VK6NE reported that the VK6DX Chasers Club would be activating Thevenard Island during 14th to 27th June 2003 to mark the Centenary of the explorer Boudin's Mapping expedition in 1803.

A letter to the ACA supporting the issue of the callsign VI6TI was requested. Agreed  
\*\*\* Action: The secretary to send letter to ACA.

A discussion followed resulting in a supportive motion  
"That a donation of \$250 for fuel required by the DXpedition be paid for out of the VK6FS Endowment fund." Carried.

\*\*\* Action: The Treasurer to write cheque for \$250.

4.15 Handling of Deceased Estates

Malcolm VK6LC led a discussion on the possibility of and problems (insurance in particular, but also Work Safe and mast climbing) associated with the handling of deceased estates by the Division for members.

It was agreed that further work on possible guide-lines was needed and that the matter be discussed further at the June Council meeting.

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm

VK6NE (President) ..... VK6LZ (Min Sec) .....