

**WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA  
Western Australian Division**

**CONFIDENTIAL TO Western Australian Division**

**Special meeting held 16th March 2004  
at CWA House, Hay St., West Perth.**

**To Discuss the VK1 Special Resolution for the  
Federal Convention to accept the New National Constitution**

**Visitors were welcomed**

**Present:**

Neil	VK6NE	President/Convenor
Cliff	VK6LZ	Minute Secretary
Malcolm	VK6LC	Vice President/Federal Awards Manager
Christine	VK6ZLZ	Membership/Web Master
Denies	VK6KAD	Broadcast Officer
Trevor	VK6HTW	Federal Councillor
Neil	VK6BD	Education
*Bruce	VK6OO	Treasurer
*Roy	VK6XV	Secretary

**Apologies:**

Eddie	VK6ZSE	WESTAC
Tony	VK6TS	Councillor

**Visitors:**

Will	VK6UU	(Past Federal Councillor)
Kathi	VK6HKR	
Graham	VK6RO	
Claude	SWL	

Meeting Commenced at 1935

**Due to urgent Council Business the meeting was opened as a Short Business meeting.**

**(1) Correspondence In:**

1.1 Federal Convention Motion No.04.10.04 Proposed by VK2 that Direct Debit for Membership subscriptions be introduced.

**ACTION:** After short discussion Federal Councillor advised to vote YES

1.2 Federal Convention Motion No.04.10.05 Proposed by VK2 that a Discount Card be introduced.

**ACTION:** After short discussion Federal Councillor advised to vote YES

**(2) General Business**

2.1 VK6NE Neil asked that the previous decision to use VK6WIA for News and VK6WI for special events be reversed: after much discussion (and two votes) it was agreed to use VK6WI for News so as to fall into line with other states and VK6WIA for special events.

**At 1945 the Business Meeting closed and the President Suspended standing orders.**

The proposed National WIA Constitution and various other documents recently received either by E-mail or downloaded from the Federal Web site were tabled, these having been previously studied by Council members.

*The following are notes of the discussion as taken by Minute Secretary:*

VK6HTW Trevor Apologised for not bringing up the “Special Resolution” at the last Council Meeting due to not understanding it’s significance - thought it was merely a discussion point for the Convention.

VK6LZ Cliff I assume that the Directors to be named in the new constitution for the first 2-3 Years will be as nominated at the Convention

VK6NE Neil Yes

VK6UU Will Surely the new constitution won’t be accepted at the convention?

VK6NE Neil That is the intention.

## **WHAT HAPPENS TO DIVISION**

VK6UU Will If the new constitution for a National WIA is accepted - what happens to VK6 Division?

VK6LC Malcolm VK6 Division is a private company - we may not devolve - we are entitled to keep assets - we may act as advisers (if invited) - we may pass assets to local clubs.

VK6NE Neil We may keep going with the Council made up of Local Club Representatives

VK6KAD Dennis If we were a commercial company faced with a take over, the shareholders would decide.

VK6NE Neil/LZ Cliff If VK6 members did not renew and joined the National body, the division would eventually “wither on the vine” (unless supported by the National body - no guarantee)

VK6KAD Dennis Members do not know the detail (of the proposal) at present - no feed back.

VK6HKR Kathi How will we be represented (at national level)? What funding will we get? (with one member, one vote) they (eastern states) will outnumber (vote) us.

VK6NE Neil We would be out on a limb - membership will no longer be state based. However what does the east get that we don’t at present? Directors don’t last forever.

VK6HKR Kathi There will be more members in the east to vote for their local candidates (for Director).

VK6UU Will What are Non voting members?

VK6NE Neil/HTW Trevor Clubs (i.e Non-paying members).

VK6UU Will (Concrete) proposals are finally on paper!

VK6KAD Dennis With reference to request for comments on Marketing Plan by 9 am (EST) next day - have not had time (WST) to download let alone comment.

VK6HTW Trevor The email was too short and sharp. We need a permanent VK6 director (position on the board)

VK6UU Will How are directors to be elected (after first 2-3 years)?

### **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

VK6KAD Dennis Getting back to the constitution wording, I am not happy with the clause allowing the institute to get rid of members in 48 hours.

VK6NE Neil This is no different from the old (existing articles).

VK6LZ Cliff We are discussing the new, forget the old, we need to get it right, if we don't get it right we could lose even more members which will totally and finally destroy the WIA. There is no guarantee that existing divisional members would join the National body.

### **REPRESENTATION FOR VK6 MEMBERS**

VK6UU Will We (VK6) may end up with no representation. Under current constitution (articles) the Federal Council hold the power and instruct the Directors.

VK6OO Bruce Representation can't be guaranteed. But would other state members harm VK6? (member's interests).

VK6HKR Kathi What is available to VK6 to represent us? Nothing.

VK6NE Neil Later we can have reps.

VK6UU Will They (Directors) will have total control of fees (amount).

VK6LZ Cliff If unhappy with fees for perceived service, the members will walk.

VK6NE Neil The (current) Federal Component is the same for all divisions. The difference is the divisional component.

VK6NE Neil Produced a comparison chart which showed wild fluctuations between divisions over such items as Audit fees, bank charges, and Insurance. \$000's could be saved by having only one office.

VK6NE Neil There should be lower costs therefore lower fees.

VK6LZ Cliff But we are yet to see a financial plan. We are told that it is being produced.

### **COSTS and FUNDING**

VK6NE Neil/HTW Trevor Commented on costs.

VK6NE Neil Main problem with current set up is that we don't have a very good (proficient) office. We should bring in another Bill Roper (Past Office Manager)

VK6HTW Trevor How do we stand at present?

VK6LZ Cliff Some years ago VK6 offered \$10,000 to help fund a professional manager if the other states did likewise -no one took up the offer.

VK6UU Will We (VK6Council) sitting round this table do a lot for VK6, (Under new set up) who will do it? Where will money come from for "Local awards, local Web site, xmas dinner, et al."

VK6OO Bruce Maintenance of International beacon is carried out here, but we must not assume that they won't pay in future. Other organisations get grants from federal bodies.

VK6LC Malcolm If we work as a representative of VK6 members, we could still run on the interest from investments. (some doubt was expressed)

VK6LC Malcolm Who will pay for repeaters (we currently pay towards the licenses for some beacons and repeaters - VHF & WARG pay rest of costs). Don't see us disappearing, club reps could form committee.

## **WHAT IF WE DO NOT LIKE IT**

VK6HTW Trevor If we have problems (with proposed constitution) we should raise an amendment motion (for the Federal Convention)

VK6LC Malcolm The proposed motion (Constitution) must be better than we have now, we must try.

VK6HTW Trevor Once we go National, our funds will be taken!

VK6NE Neil Can't without our say so.

VK6OO Bruce We can continue to function.

VK6LZ Cliff We are a separate registered company.

VK6HTW Trevor If passed (at Convention) they can't force us to join.

VK6HTW Trevor Can see the convention getting lost on first item.

VK6HTW Trevor Getting back to amendments to constitution - suggest that one of the directors is permanent VK6 rep.

VK6UU Will You will not get that through it will be voted down by other states

VK6KAD Dennis If resolution to accept new constitution is passed, it will have no effect until the new constitution is registered.

VK6LC Malcolm Produced an E-mail indicating that a certificate (to change) has already been lodged with the Victorian Attorney General.

VK6UU Will If we vote for motion without going through the proposed constitution, we won't be able to change it later.

VK6RO Graham As an ordinary member I have not gone through the proposed changes, I shall be relying on the (VK6) News to tell me what changes we are proposing.

### **AMENDMENTS TO BE PROPOSED BY VK6**

VK6HTW Trevor Proposed amendments to Constitution so far are:

1. Page 6 5.7 Change so that board must give reason for expulsion.
2. Page 7 5.8(a) Change 48 hours to 14 days.
3. Page 9 8.3(b) Change 100 members to more reasonable number.
4. Include a clause to the effect that any Director who misses three (consecutive) meetings without leave will be retired.
5. Include a clause that there shall be a Director to represent each State, this would mean more Directors.

VK6NE Neil We have agreed to the above amendments? Agreed.

### **INSTRUCTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION OF THESE MINUTES AND BROADCAST DETAILS PRIOR TO CONVENTION**

**VK6NE Neil Instruction that 'Minutes' are to go to attendees only. Broadcasts prior to AGM only to state that the proposed National Constitution had been discussed and that VK6 were happy to support it's adoption subject to amendments. (But see below re 30 day rule)**

VK6KAD Dennis Will not be available for broadcast on the week end of the Federal Convention, VK6BDO Neil will cover.

VK6HTW Trevor or VK6NE Neil To phone convention progress to VK6BDO Neil for "late breaking news".

VK6UU Will When a national organisation was proposed in the past VK2 and VK3 have vehemently opposed it

VK6NE Neil VK2 have 12 clubs for it and they are leaning on their council to support it. VK3 appear to be against it.

### **OUR NEXT STEP - IF NATIONAL PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED**

VK6UU If Special Resolution is passed, what is our (VK6) next step? What do we do at our first meeting after?

VK6LC Malcolm We should carry on until new WIA is up and running - we will then decide if we continue as a division or a Perth Radio Club.

VK6UU Will	First meeting after what do we do?
VK6LC Malcolm	Decision to wind up division has to go to members.
VK6HKR Kathi/LC Malcolm	What happens to member's money already paid?
VK6LZ Cliff	AR Mag has been paid for and should continue OK.
VK6UU Will	We must know where we are going!
VK6OO Bruce	We could live on interest for a while.
VK6NE Neil	Discussed costing for Federal/National office. A Net Income of \$117K has been suggested.
VK6UU Will	What happens to Feds?
VK6OO Bruce	It changes to National WIA.
VK6UU Will	Where is incentive to change?
VK6OO Bruce	Perhaps we should change Federal Office Not Constitution?

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF?**

VK6LC Malcolm (The proposal) is good but there are loose ends, it will cost a lot of money to set up. A paid professional should be engaged to produce a Budget and Financial Plan. Don't reject but it should be planned so that everyone understands what is to be done.

VK6UU Will What happens if VK2 don't join, they will loose the mechanism.

VK6HTW Trevor If the proposal is taken to the ACA they will say you don't have VK2 support.

VK6LC Malcolm The voting has not been thrashed out yet. Not yet designed. Won't suit VK6 with the Tyranny of distance. How are we going to vote? Not going to reject, but how is it going to happen?

VK6HTW Trevor I will come back and tell you, but you might not like it! VK6LC Malcolm to get wording for amendment on voting to HTW don't try to make up as you go along.

VK6LC Malcolm I belong to three similar organisations which use postal voting (could be used as an example).

VK6ZLZ Christine Quoting from the "WHY" document, did not like suggestions on distribution of assets.

VK6UU Will The National Constitution does not talk about distribution of Assets!

*There was some discussion about voting no if we don't get certain things and the complete uncertainty of what was going to happen at the convention.*

### **POSSIBLE USE OF 30 DAY RULE**

VK6NE Neil (Under the Federal Articles) We could withhold our vote for 30 days in order to consult with the VK6 council (and our AGM), however if as a result we are out voted by the rest - so be it. This would allow us to listen to the arguments at the convention and bring them back to our Council.

VK6UU Will. If our amendments are accepted are we going to accept or bring back for 30 days? And if so how will this affect plans for 1st July ?

VK6HTW Trevor What about other Division's amendments 30 days?

VK6NE Neil There should be proper minutes so we should know why an amendment was rejected. (Federal Convention minutes).

VK6OO Bruce The 30 day rule should be used sparingly as it could be seen as a delaying tactic.

VK6UU Will Is this what we want to do?

VK6HTW Trevor We have a Council meeting 2 days after the Convention.

VK6ZLZ Christine Clubs do not pay but get no vote, why bother to affiliate? Asked Neil How does NCRG feel about it?

VK6UU Will In the "WHY" document it suggests divisions should surrender assets, does our treasurer think we should follow up?

VK6OO Bruce Why assume that the National body won't support us?

**It was decided to listen to convention debate and argument and to invoke 30 day rule in order to get Council or AGM instruction.**

Meeting Closed at 2220

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Neil VK6NE ..... Cliff VL6LZ .....