



MINUTES RAAMC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE
10 MARCH 2009

Attendance:

BRIG Gill	HOC
COL Whelan	DHOC (via teleconf)
COL Perks	Hon COL
LTCOL Holmes	DHOC
MAJ Butt	SO2 Health Trades
MAJ Murfin	SO2 Corps (Health Services)
MAJ Straskye	SO2 Heritage

Apologies:

MAJ King	CA DOCM -A
WO1 Desanta-Ana	Corps RSM

Meeting Opened: 10 March 2009 at 1030 hours.

Opening Address:

1. BRIG Gill opened the meeting.

Previous Business

2. A number of outstanding issues from the previous meeting were discussed.
3. **Item 1.** The Hon COL continued to raise concerns that the HON COL account not be merged into any other accounts and for it to remain separate. The secretary stated that the proposed merger and change of accounts had not happened due to the type of account not paying dividends and the current economic climate slowdown. It was agreed by all that the accounts remain in their current format and no merging was to occur or changing of account type.
4. **Item 2.** HOC requested that following distribution of the Corps magazine, an electronic copy be made available for the Web.
5. SO2 Corps stated this may be in breach of copy write and that further investigation was required.

Action: SO2 Corps to investigate via the publisher if this is in breach of copy write.

6. **Item 5.** DHOC stated that LTCOL Fletcher did not receive the Harkness award prior to departing to the USA. Following discussion it was decided to see if the award could be presented by either his supervisor in the USA or the defence attaché in Washington.

Action: DHOC to investigate having the award presented in the USA.

7. **Item 7.** The new COL in Chief draft package is completed and was tabled for comment. Following further discussion it was decided that committee members take a copy away and report back any comments to MAJ Straskye before the next meeting including any further items to be added such as recipients of Gallantry Awards. It was also raised that a table top book be considered in line with the COL in Chief package. This was new business and is to be raised at the next meeting.

Action: All to read and provides comment to MAJ Straskye before the next meeting. SO2 is to include the discussion of a table top book in the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business

Item 1 – DHOC Reserve Position

8. HOC proposed that the position of DHOC Reserve that the position be a 1 Star Reserve appt and that LTCOL Wright continue as the deputy to the position.

9. HOC directed that a formal vote of thanks be recorded for the exemplary work LTCOL Wright had done in maintaining the current position and the work that had been completed on behalf of the HOC and the corps itself.

Item 2 – GG Banner

10. HOC was to speak to DG PERS ARMY to investigate the financial liability for the GG Banner in the current climate, and if there was a change to the lead time.

11. Hon COL emphasised the need to maintain esprit de corps and what viability there was to repair the existing Banner until such time as a new one has been received.

12. LTCOL Wright requested what formal correspondence had been raised or formally communicated with the COL in Chief and the banner.

Action: HOC to liaise with DG PERS ARMY to assess financial viability. RSM is to investigate repairs to existing Banner. SO2/RSM is to search archives for any previous correspondence.

Item 3 – HOC Report

13. HOC welcomed MAJ Straskye to the meeting in the new established position of SO2 Heritage. He thanked MAJ Straskye for the stalwart efforts in linking the serving members to the retired members through use of the RAAMC Assn website.

14. The HOC went on to speak about the Alignment to the Army as a whole and what the committee can do in this role.

15. The Hon COL responded by saying that there needs to be a mechanism for Corps members to receive information about the direction the Corps was going.

16. In response, it was raised by LTCOL Wright that a news letter from HOC to be released twice a year to include what is happening in the Corps and what the Corps committee is working on, on behalf of its members. The committee agreed this was the right way forward.

Action: HOC to release a news letter by end of May. SO2 to ensure news letter is inserted into the web page.

Item 4 – DHOC Report

17. DHOC raised the need for more representation at Corps committees to include the attendance of SMEs where required.

18. DHOC also spoke about the Officer training at ALTC and a proposed TMP to be more health centric.

Item 5 – DHOC PT Report

19. LTCOL Wright spoke on the RSM Ceremonial role in the nomination of Hon COL appointments. These had been submitted but there has been no reply. In response the HOC stated that the committee should be looking for next years appointments. With this in mind a document is to be made listing who has tenure when, it runs out to include all contact details.

Action: LTCOL Wright to produce a table listing those who have tenure as at 31 Dec and when that expires.

Item 6 - Hon COL Report

20. The Hon COL stated that he was enjoying the job however was likely to relinquish the position at the end of 2009. He went on to discuss the role of the Hon COLS and mentioned that the last meeting of all the Hon COL's was conducted in 2003, that the committee should consider another meeting of all Hon Col's.

21. There being no funding for the regional Hon COL's to get together in one area it was suggested that teleconferencing or video conferencing should be investigated to see if this could happen.

22. The Hon COL requested an update of the Strategic Plan activated in 2007.

Action: LTCOL Holmes to look at a review of the strategic plan to see what remains extant and what requires review before the next meeting.
SO2 is to look at the role of the Hon COL and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Item 7 – SO2 Health Trades Report

23. The SO2 Health Trades spoke on a five year cyclic review of the medical trades to be completed by 2010, this then being reviewed every 5 years.

24. The SO2 also spoke about the development of a TMP for care under fire.

Item 8 – SO2 Corps

25. HOC had to leave to attend another meeting and handed over the Chair to DHOC
26. The SO2 Corps raised the issue of the need to gain subscriptions into the Corps funds. With the current economic climate the Corps was in danger of expending more than it was collecting in subscriptions.
27. The SO2 Corps and the RSM have taken a proactive stance and are targeting all medical courses and Basic Officers courses to emphasise the need for members to contribute to corps subscription and develop Esprit de Corps. PMKeyS now has the ability for members to make an allotment direct from their pay on a fortnightly basis for as little as a dollar, this should be the accepted method of payment as members can have visibility that their money is in fact going to Corps funds and provides them with a receipt in the form of their SVA.
28. The SO2 Corps went on to speak on behalf of the RSM. In particular the rewrite of Corps standing Orders to reflect current changes including methods of payment into corps funds and awards. A Draft Copy has been received by HOC.

Action: A campaign to promote the need to subscribe to Corps funds and what the Corps does for its members should be actively pursued by all Corps members.

Item 9- Other Business

29. DHOC spoke on the need to be more proactive in the planning of dates and locations for committee meetings. It was identified that a min of 3 committee meetings are to be conducted annually in locations where greater representation could be made by members, subject to funding restraints. Suggestions were that these were held in Darwin, Brisbane and Sydney. This was generally accepted by the committee.
30. SO2 Corps raised the issue of forecasting the date and location for the Corps conference. Following discussion it was agreed to investigate Brisbane as a location over the period 29/30/31 Oct 2009.

Action: SO2 Corps to look at the funding and aim to project to cover these meetings in the next financial period, SO2 Corps/RSM to look at the viability of Brisbane for the Corps conference

Next Meeting

31. The next committee meeting is to be held in Darwin subject to funding in Jun 2009.
32. There being no further business COL Whelan closed the meeting at 1340 hours.



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HOC/Chairperson

6 Apr 2009

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20 Mar 2009

RAAMC Committee Meeting Action Points – 10 March 2009

Serial	Action Point	Action By	Completion Date
1	Investigate having the Harkness Award presented in the USA to LTCOL Fletcher	DHOC	Jun 2009
2	Provide comment on the draft COL in Chief package to MAJ Straskye	All	Jun 2009
3	Liaise with DG PERS ARMY for financial viability of GG Banner	HOC	Jun 2009
4	Investigate repairs and cost to existing Banner	RSM	Jun 2009
5	Seek any previous correspondence relating to the GG Banner	SO2 Corps/RSM	Apr 2009
6	Release of a news letter to the Corps/posted on Web site	HOC/SO2 Corps	May 2009
7	Production of a table stating tenure of Hon COLs	LTCOL Wright	Jun 2009
8	Review of the strategic Plan and what require action before the next meeting	LTCOL Holmes	May 2009
9	Information on The Role of the Hon COLs	SO2 Corps	Jun 2009
10	Financial viability for the meeting and next years budget report back to HOC	SO2 Corps	May 2009

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11	Look at the viability of the Corps conference in Brisbane during 29/30/31 Oct 2009	HOC/SO2 Corps /RSM	Apr 2009
12	Investigate placement of Corp magazine on web and copy write limitations	SO2 Corps	Jun 2009