



ROYAL ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES
SOUTH WEST BRANCH
Committee Meeting

AGM Minutes
30TH November 2012

Members Present:-As per register Apologies. As per register

Welcome by President Mr Lee Steere. Acknowledge the attendance of RAJWA Pres and Registrar

Minutes of 2011 AGM Received Moved... Alison Companti....Seconded.... Trevor Slater ...carried
Business Arising:-

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Correspondence :-

Received, Moved... Terry Donaldson.....Seconded... Kevin Coote... carried

Business Arising:-

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President's Report:- Received, Tabled Moved. Kevin Coote... Seconded.. Murray Cook....carried.

Business Arising :-

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Treasurers Report :- Received, Tabled Moved. Trevor Slater.... Seconded... Alison Companti.. carried

Business Arising :- Motion to appoint Auditor for 2013. Brian Samsa to be reappointed Pierina

Frisina/Murray Cook. Moved that we present him with a certificate Pierina Frisina/Julie Walton Carried

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Bunbury JP Rooms Report:- Received, Tabled Moved.. Peter Nowland... Seconded.. Roy Kjellgren.... carried

Business Arising :-

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Busselton Report:- Received, tabled Moved. Roy Kjellgren... Seconded... Ross Croft. carried

Business Arising :-

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Collie Report:- Received, Moved.. Alison Companti... Seconded.. Terry Donaldson.... carried

Business Arising :-

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Magistrate Fisher's Report:-

- Introduced Ms Hamilton the new Magistrate. The gratitude of the Magistrates and the community is given to the Justices who fulfil the various duties across the SW. The feeling is that the workload of Justices is going to increase as extra work is passed from higher courts to the Magistrates. It is important that justices maintain their training to ensure that they cover themselves for any possible action against them. It is important that the Signing Centres are maintained and improved so that the "at home" and "at place of work" attendances can be reduced. We are currently looking at the implementation of a JP VRO court in Bunbury on a Monday. Intensive training will be held to assist the Justices on this roster. Thank you for your past efforts and the efforts you will provide in the future.

Moved.. Trevor Slater... Seconded.. Geoff Wilkes. carried

Business Arising :-

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President Rev Barry May spoke on his appointment and spoke on the work done in signing centres that is increasing in part due to the fact that other non judicial officers are charging for their services. White paper is in fact a review and a meeting has been held with the AG. Due to the upcoming elections progress will be slowed. RAJWA is going well, new Registrar has been appointed, Mr Peter Maughan, and is working well with the assistant registrar Julie Potts. Council will soon appoint committee members to fill current vacancies. Be proud of your work and thank you for your efforts.

Registrar Mr Peter Maughan. Thank you for the invitation. I spent the bulk of my working life in the country and am now living in Perth. I am aware that RAJWA have had some problems in the past but I am working on in an open and accountable manner. I am aware of the problems that might arise due to the tyranny of distance and we have allocated a council member to each branch to ensure that they are included in the big picture. The RAJWA is there for all Justices. Our recent meeting with the AG stressed the importance of keeping the lines of communication open so that the RAJWA can be involved in positive change with respect to the duties and work done by Justices. Some Justices do not live up to the promise made on appointment. AC, When dealing with matters of jurisdiction the Journal sometimes does not illuminate the differences between City and Regional Justices. The articles that appear in the journal should be much better and input needs to be improved. A journal committee is to be formed to develop ways to produce a better product. A call is out for interested persons to put themselves up as a member of that committee. AC need statistics from the SW that are collected by RAJWA to assist us in advertising our services.

General Business

Matter brought up by a number of Justices when responding to the invitation to this seminar. What is the possibility of conducting JP training on a Saturday or of an evening at least once a year to cater for those Justices who are unable to attend during the week?

Business Arising :- Discuss the request with the Magistrates

Election of Office bearers

Magistrate Fisher performed the duties of returning officer.

Elected or appointed unopposed were.

Jnr Vice President:- Mr Slater, Secretary:- Mr Mills, Treasurer:- Mrs Frisina, Committee Members:- Mr Wilkes, Mrs Potter and Mr Nowland

AGM Concluded