

help and organisation to make the visits of the individual veterans and their families run smoothly. Enormous gratitude to Gary Clement and his large team of helpers for their invaluable organisation during the Official 30th Anniversary Pilgrimage last November.

He explained that the President, Sir James Dutton, was unable to be present as he was working out of the country and that whilst he wished to remain as President he would stand down if required as he was aware that he was unable to contribute much at present.

Sukey Cameron was also unable to be present this year due to the Referendum, to which she was committed.

The Chairman outlined that 2013 was the 30th Anniversary year for the Falkland Families Association and details of their annual service at the Guards Chapel was on the website. They do a wonderful job and SAMA 82 fully supports them.

The Chairman announced that Falklands Veteran [not yet a SAMA (82) member!] Air Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford KCB CBE, had been promoted to Air Chief Marshal and appointed Chief of the Air Staff.

The Chairman referred everyone to the YouTube clip last year, that coincided with the Olympics and the Falklands 30th Anniversary events, where an Argentine athlete was shown training in the Falklands using the memorials for step ups. He explained that the company responsible for the advert had made contact with him. As a way of an apology, and to make amends, had made a large donation of \$50,000 to SAMA.

Shepherd Neame brewery were also making a donation of £4,000 from the sale of their special edition 2012 Falkland Islands Commemorative Ale.

2. Apologies

204 Apologies were received

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2012 AGM

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Eon Mathews as a true record. Seconded by Stephen Penfold. Carried unanimously by those who were present at the 2012 AGM.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Loyal Greeting

The Chairman read out the message he had sent to the Patron and his reply.

6. Treasurer's Report

AL outlined the Financial Report (previously circulated). He stated that at the moment an average of £4.72 per day goes into the account and £3.20 goes out. So things are quite healthy.

He pointed out that he had increased the Fixed Assets to include the Memorial and that current assets were £255K and Capital - £326K. He is still waiting to receive the financial reports from the Christchurch Branch. An early AGM has meant that the books are still with the auditor and that he would be asking for the draft accounts only to be approved this year. The full accounts for this year will have to be approved at next year's AGM.

AL further explained the columns on the sheets circulated and explained the investments with BlackRock Armed Forces Common Investment Fund [AFCIF].

7. Resolutions

7.1. To receive and approve the draft Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2012.

Proposed by John De Bathe. Seconded by Ann Townsend. All agreed

7.2. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Auditor

Proposed by Peter McWatt. Seconded by Paul Nolan. All Agreed

7.3. To elect Trustees

Martin Reed proposed that Steve Wiggins be made a Trustee. Seconded by Alan Burgess. All Agreed.

Ann Townsend agreed to stand for another year. Proposed by John Phillips. Seconded by Derek "Smokey" Cole. All agreed.

John 'Joe' Erskine agreed to stand for another year. Proposed by Doug Page. Seconded by Ann Townsend. All agreed.

The Chairman thanked Alan Burgess for his commitment and enthusiasm and hard work throughout his period as a Trustee. He was thanked by all in attendance.

The Chairman explained that Kathryn Nutbeem (daughter of Roger Nutbeem KIA) had stated an interest in becoming a Trustee. He stated that as she was unable to attend this AGM he would like to co-opt her for a year before her formal application next year. This was proposed by Richard Jones and Seconded by Robert 'Dickie' Dawson. All agreed.

Alan Burgess proposed that John Phillips and Malcolm Hunt ~~were~~ be made Life Vice Presidents of the Association. Seconded by Paul Nolan. All agreed.

8. Place and Date of 2014 Annual General Meeting

The 2014 AGM will be held at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea on Saturday 29th March 2014.