

**SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE ROYAL BEACH HOTEL, SOUTHSEA**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee:**

Mike Bowles	Chairman
Robin Smith	Vice Chairman
Andrew Lockett	Treasurer
John 'Joe' Erskine	Trustee
Derek 'Smokey' Cole	Trustee
Ann Townsend	Trustee
Paul Nolan	Trustee
Alan Burgess	Trustee
Gordon Mather	Trustee

**Non Committee Officials:**

Sir James Dutton	President
Jane Adams	Association Secretary

**Members**

There were 88 Members in attendance

**1. Chairman's Welcome Address, Introductions and Explanation of Proceedings.**

Mike Bowles thanked everyone for attending. He introduced the President of the Association and announced that Sir James was now the Governor of Gibraltar. He then thanked the office staff for all their hard work throughout the year.

The Chairman stated that John Phillips had edited the newsletter for a number of years but was now standing down from that role. He thanked John for all his hard work and announced that the new editor of the newsletter would be David Kidd. He then thanked David for volunteering to take over as editor. Those attending gave a round of applause for John.

The chairman asked everyone to acknowledge the work done throughout the year but the Trustees and Regional/Branch Co-ordinators. He outlined that the last year had been a consolidation of all the work done for 2012. The memorial continued to receive praise from those who visited it, and the flight scheme was continuing for veterans. He encouraged veterans to use the scheme as it was not known for how long it would continue. He mentioned that he had recently met with the Minister for Veterans, Anna Soubry. She had been very interested to hear about SAMA 82 and what the organisation does.

He then thanked Paul Nolan and Shirley and team at IOW Tours for arranging the weekend.

The chairman announced that 3 Trustees were standing down and information regarding the 3 nominations for these posts had been circulated previously. He stated that Ann Townsend, a Special Member was standing down and thanked Ann for all the work she had done in respect of linking with the Falklands Families Association and with the Veterans Outreach for which she would continue volunteering. Her daughter, Debbie, was one of those put forward as a replacement. He then thanked Joe Erskine for all that he had done for a number of years for SAMA including arranging previous AGMs and as part of the management team. The Chairman then stated that he was also standing down but would continue as an active member.

## **2. Apologies**

146 Apologies were received

## **3. To Agree the Minutes of 2013 AGM**

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Paul Nolan as a true record. Seconded by David Le Rougetel. Carried unanimously by those who were present at the 2013 AGM.

## **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. Loyal Greeting**

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

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Financial information had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Treasurer announced that there had been an increase to the balance of £20,000 in the year. SAMA 82 had invested 2 years ago in BlackRock and had derived about £26,000 from this investment. However he stated that investments can go down as well as up, but for the time being it was a good investment. He encouraged anyone considering making a will to consider SAMA 82, thereby supporting their colleagues.

He stated that the 'life' of SAMA would be about 50 – 60 years following the event, with 32 already passed. He said that there was a need in future planning, to look at and set up formalised relationships with South Atlantic Fund holders for our veterans.

There was a need to invest in Regional Co-ordinators for all the hard work they do keeping SAMA 82 in the public eye. More PR was necessary.

SAMA 82 also needed to manage grant donations effectively and efficiently.

The Treasurer then explained the figures and columns on the papers previously circulated and asked for questions.

## **7. Resolutions**

### **7.1. To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012.**

Proposed by John Phillips Seconded by Martin Reed. All agreed

### **7.2. To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.**

Proposed by Joe Erskine. Seconded by David Bragg. All agreed.

### **7.3. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Auditor**

Proposed by Ann Townsend. Seconded by Peter McWatt. All Agreed

### **7.4. To elect Trustees**

The following persons were proposed as Trustees by Andrew Tween and seconded by Trevor Wood.

Debbie Pick  
Brian Sherrington  
Paul Holling

Agreed unanimously.

Andrew Lockett agreed to stand for a further term. Proposed by Kevin MacDonald and seconded by Andrew Weston. Agreed unanimously.

## **8. Place and Date of 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The 2014 AGM will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Swindon on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.