

SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE HILTON HOTEL, SWINDON

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2015

PRESENT:

Committee:

Gordon Mather	Chairman
Robin Smith	Vice Chairman
Andrew Lockett	Treasurer
Paul Holling	Trustee
Derek 'Smokey' Cole	Trustee
Ann Townsend	Trustee
Paul Nolan	Trustee
Steve Wiggins	Trustee
Debbie Pick	Trustee
Brian Sherrington	Trustee

Non Committee Officials:

Sir James Dutton	President
Jane Adams	Association Secretary

Members

There were 89 Members in attendance

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

Gordon Mather thanked everyone for attending and said that it was good to see the AGM well supported. He welcomed the President, Sir James Dutton.

He thanked the Regional Co-ordinators and Branches for their hard work throughout the year and the SAMA office staff. He also thanked Steve Adams for his voluntary help and for being the photographer for the weekend.

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

2. Apologies

The secretary reported that 150 formal apologies had been received.

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2014 AGM

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The secretary asked that one amendment be made to the minutes of the 2014 AGM and that was the attendance of Steve Wiggins (Trustee). Proposed by Paul Nolan as a true record. Seconded by Pete Mc Watt. Carried unanimously by those who were present at the 2014 AGM.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Loyal Greeting

The President read out the message sent to the Patron and his reply. He gave thanks to the veterans, the Falkland Islanders for their support and the hard work put in by the Trustees and Co-ordinators.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer outlined the 3 papers that had been circulated prior to the meeting. He explained that the new Charity Commission reporting procedures called for the long annual report. The CC had changed its requirements in light of recent high profile cases of money abuse within charities.

He explained that the main income was donations from members and some corporate donations from the South Atlantic Fund via the Army Benevolent Fund and Seafarers UK. This money was donated to produce the Newsletter. The treasurer further explained that SAMA had received in the region of £14,000 from its investment in BlackRock. This was a long term, well managed investment fund.

He explained that much of the expenditure was in relation to office costs. The Falkland Families Association was closing in June and money would be transferred to SAMA 82. This money would be ring fenced and managed in continuance of their conditions.

He reported that the Trustees should look at increasing income through investment, grants, legacies and The South Atlantic Fund and a grant management system should be put in place.

Malcolm Hunt stated that he had spoken before and whilst it may be that the life of SAMA 82 being age limited, encouragement should be given to veteran's families to come on board so that SAMA 82 could continue to support descendants.

The Treasurer explained that this may require a change to the Articles and Memorandum. This would be looked at by the Trustees.

7. Resolutions

7.1 To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2014.

Proposed by Dickie Dawson. Seconded by John Phillips. All agreed.

7.3. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Auditor

Proposed by Debbie Pick. Seconded by Trevor Wood. All Agreed

7.4. To elect Trustees

The following persons were proposed for re-election by Steve Penfold and seconded by Ann Townsend and agreed unanimously.

Gordon Mather

Paul Nolan

Derek Cole

8. Place and Date of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The 2016 AGM will be held at the Holiday Inn, Doncaster on Saturday 9th April, 2016.