

SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, DONCASTER

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2016

PRESENT:

Committee:

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

Non Committee Officials:

Jane Adams	Association Secretary
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Members

There were 75 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 thanked everyone involved in putting together the weekend and welcomed Gracie Pick who is the youngest family member.

2. Apologies

The secretary reported that 120 formal apologies had been received from Members including Major General Malcolm Hunt, Life Vice President Martin Reed, the President of SAMA, Commodore Jamie Miller and Major General Julian Thompson.

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2015 AGM

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The secretary asked that one amendment be made to the minutes of the 2015 AGM and that was the attendance of Steve

Wiggins (Trustee). Proposed by C Keeble as a true record. Seconded by T. Lewis. Carried unanimously by those in attendance.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Loyal Greeting

The Chairman read out the message sent by the President to the Patron and the Patron's reply.

6. Treasurer's Report

AL confirmed that prior to the meeting he had circulated the following documents:

AL1 Long Annual Report

AL2 Short Annual Report

AL3 Auditor's Breakdown and Balance sheet

AL4 Table showing evaluation of money spent against objectives.

AL5 Assets and Depreciation

AL6 Valuation of Stock

The Treasurer explained the income and expenditure. He outlined the fact that £24,340 was held in the SAMA account following the closure of the Falkland Families Association. This money was only to be used in line with the FFA rules and Sara Jones signs each application for funding. He explained the investment in BlackRock and the likelihood of a low return this year due to the financial market. He asked members to consider making a legacy to SAMA 82 when they made wills. He spoke about grants made and how decisions are made in respect of giving grants. He then thanked all those who had donated and all those who volunteered, together with Branch treasurers. He explained that Rod Devoy who had audited the books since SAMA was set up was now retiring.

He then asked for questions: Chris Howe asked what would happen if the investment failed. AL said that there were contingencies in place to run SAMA for one year as required in the documentation.

The chairman thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work in keeping everyone informed and the documents produced.

7. Resolutions

7.1 To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2015.

Proposed by Joe Erskine. Seconded by Chris Howe. All agreed.

7.2. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Auditor

Proposed by Trevor Wood. Seconded by Kevin Greathurst. All Agreed.

The Chairman reported that this was the last time Rod Devoy would audit the books. He was retiring. Member Tim Parrott had agreed to stand in and audit the books for 2016. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Rod Devoy.

7.3 To elect Trustees

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

Robin Smith

Andrew Lockett

Steve Wiggins.

8. Place and Date of 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 2017 AGM will be held at Tillington Hall, Stafford on Saturday 1st April, 2017 followed by a Service at the Falklands Memorial.

Before the meeting ended, Life Vice President John Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the Trustees, and the office staff.