

**SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE TILLINGTON HALL HOTEL, STAFFORD
SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2017**

PRESENT:

Committee:

Gordon Mather	Chairman
Andrew Lockett	Treasurer
Derek 'Smokey' Cole	Vice Chairman
Debbie Pick	Trustee
Paul Nolan	Trustee
Brian Sherrington	Trustee
Paul Holling	Trustee

Non Committee Officials:

Jane Adams	Association Secretary
------------	-----------------------

Members

There were 88 Members in attendance

The meeting commence at 3.00 pm

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 organising the weekend.

2. Apologies

The secretary reported that 128 formal apologies had been received from members including the President of SAMA, Commodore Jamie Miller and Major General Julian Thompson.

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by T Lewis as a true record. Seconded by A Weston. 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, Prince Charles and the Patron's response - .

6. Treasurer's Report

AL stated that this was the time of year for reflection. He thanked the SAMA office, the examiner of accounts, donors and the trustees. He explained that the Calling Notices should be amended to say that as there was no requirement for an auditor, therefore there would be an examiner of accounts in the future. He explained that the financial information in the calling notice was incomplete as at the time the newsletters went out not all the information was available. In future they would be put onto the SAMA website.

He then referred to the Income and Expenditure accounts circulated (AL1) and explained that the Armed Forces Common Fund was still doing very well and the investment had brought in £37,000. He explained, however, that this was likely to fall in the future. He stated that the main expenses were the administration but he had identified costs against the association's objectives and as this was currently in the region of 74%, this was the test of success.

AL identified that a number of accounts were kept – Current, PayPal, Deposit, BlackRock and that an emergency cash fund was held by the office should there need to be an immediate payment to someone in need. The shop continues to turn over quite well, but office costs in its administration must be taken into account. He then explained the restricted funds, some of which have to be supported by the general fund.

The anticipated future of SAMA 82 is around 25 years. The £326,000 liquid assets currently held is probably not enough to support it so SAMA must continue to seek income. Major General Malcolm Hunt added that he would like to see younger family members joining who may then be able to take over the association. AL stated that from June this year associate members will have full voting rights.

AL then raised the issue of using Isle of Wight Tours to deal with the AGM's. Since they have been on board, AGM's have been self-funding and have even made a profit. He added that for those wishing to attend the AGM only was free and there were only charges for those wishing to attend the social events. Paul Nolan added that Isle of Wight Tours do a tremendous amount of work for us at their own expense. They deal with all the administration, dietary and mobility etc needs and without them the weekends would not be the successes they are.

The treasurer then asked for questions. Malcolm Hunt stated that in the early days SAMA had struggled, then Tony Davies had come on board and managed to get the association on a financially sound footing. He applauded his work and those of the successive chairmen,

trustees and treasurer. John Phillips asked about the decision to give Associate members full voting rights. AL stated that this had been decided upon in 2014. GM added that trustees had a fundamental responsibility to take the association forward and younger members were needed to do this.

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 2016.

Proposed by R Dickie Dawson. Seconded by Doug Page. All agreed.

7.2. To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Examiner of Accounts

Proposed by Martin Reed. Seconded by David Bragg. All Agreed.

7.3 To elect Trustees

Paul Nolan was standing down as a trustee. Tim Lewis proposed that Tom Herring become a Trustee, seconded by David Morgan. Agreed unanimously.

The following persons were proposed for re-election by Joe Erskine and seconded by Chris Howe and agreed unanimously.

Debbie Pick

Paul Holling

Brian Sherrington.

8. Place and Date of 2018 Annual General Meeting

The 2018 AGM will be held at Aztec Spa Hotel, Bristol on Saturday 7th April, 2018. It was hoped that the service on Sunday 8th April would be alongside SS Great Britain.

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm