

SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE AZTEC HOTEL, BRISTOL
SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT:

Committee:

Jamie Miller	President
Gordon Mather	Chairman
Andrew Lockett	Treasurer
Derek 'Smokey' Cole	Vice Chairman
Debbie Pick	Trustee
Alan Burgess	Trustee

Non Committee Officials:

Joanne Stevens	Association Secretary
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Members

There were 74 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 almost 36 years to the day after the Falklands Islands were invaded by a foreign power. He thanked everyone involved in organising the weekend especially IOW Tours, Paul Nolan who came up with a great location and Jo and Marie in the office, the regional co-ordinators raising funds and recruiting new members. Gary Clements is here representing SAMA Falklands Islands and I would like to especially thank SAMA FI for all the help and support they give to veterans returning to the Falklands. The Falklands Islands Government office represented today by Sukey Cameron was also thanked. Jane and Steve Adams have been made Honorary Vice Presidents.

2. Apologies

The secretary reported that 57 formal apologies had been received from members.

3. To Agree the Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by M Hunt as a true record. Seconded by C Howe MBE. Carried unanimously by those in attendance.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Loyal Greeting

The President Jamie Miller CBE read out the message sent by the President to the Patron, Prince Charles and the Patron's response and hopes to put on a reception for all at some point.

6. Treasurer's Report

AL thanked everyone for raising funds in the last year, especially Les Braby with the 35th Anniversary whisky and Chris Jones for organising both men and women Royal Navy rugby matches against the French Navy, beer sale and band concert, raising in total about £8600.

A number of documents were circulated around the meeting including the Long Annual report, balance sheet and a report for the Tim Parrott the Inspector of accounts.

AL referred to the accounts, explaining where our money is kept and that we gained about £32000 in the year but as inflation had been at 3% this means about £10,000 was lost of this value due to inflation. The SAMA reserve enables yearly expenditure to be paid for a year and some of the fund is used for investment purposes. Over the last 3-4 years about £30,000 per year was raised which we use against our expenditures. Approval is sort to keep the reserve in the Blackrock fund where it is part of a £300 million military investment fund.

Over the last 10 years the office has acquired work baggage and over the next year we will take a close look at our office costs, as we spent over £4000 in overtime during the last 8 months which is a sign that something is not quite right and needs to be resolved. We are looking to improve the office computer systems especially our email and website.

Financially we are in a good place. We have an active grants arrangement and this year intend to grant between £7000 and £8000 to our beneficiaries. Grant applications are sent to the office and we have a grants committee headed by Brian Sherrington.

GM Thanked AL for his hard work and time spent as treasurer.

Proposal to accept the treasurers report was Proposed by M Reed. Seconded by Trevor Wood. All agreed.

7. Resolutions

7.1 To receive and approve the Company Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2017.

Proposed by D Morgan. Seconded by D Page

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

Proposed by P Nolan. Seconded by David Bragg. All Agreed.

7.3 To elect Trustees

D Cole seeking re-election. Alan Burgess and Chris Jones seeking election.

All proposed by S Penfold. Seconded by G Clements. All Agreed

A letter from Robin and Christine Smith was read out giving thanks for receiving the certificate of Honorary Vice President and thanking and wishing SAMA82 well.

8. Place and Date of 2019 Annual General Meeting

The 2019 AGM will be held at Ramada Resort Grantham, Marston on Saturday 6th April, 2019. The weekend will be Friday 5th to Monday 8th April 2019.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm