

**RECORD OF AN RAFSC & TSW ASSOCIATION AGM HELD AT BEACON BARRACKS SGTS' MESS
ON 21 JUNE 2014**

Chairman: David Orr

Treasurer: Tim Newstead

Membership Secretary: Martin Williams

TSW rep: CO TSW Wg Cdr Andy Males

Introduction

The Committee were joined at the table by CO TSW, Wg Cdr Andy Males. Apologies had been received from many members, including the President AVM Graham Howard and Welfare & Publicity Committee Member, David Packman.

Agenda Item	Topic	Narrative	Actions/Remarks
1.	Introduction and Reflections	The Chairman opened the AGM by noting a quorum of Committee and Members (35) and calling for a minute of reflection for "absent friends". In particular, the passing of George Revell and recent death of Joe Ronan were mentioned. The Chairman recorded thanks to all for attending.	ALL
2.	Matters Arising from last AGM	All matters arising from the AGM of 1 June 2013 either had been completed or were included in Agenda Items of this Meeting.	ALL
3.	TSW Report	CO TSW, Wg Cdr Andy Males, delivered an interesting and comprehensive report of TSW's typically hectic year. Operational commitments continued alongside increasing Exercise engagements, with manning and morale holding well. Contributions to charitable works and local communities featured strongly; with the improvements to Ndururi Primary School in Nanyuki, Kenya, meriting special mention.	ALL
4.	Treasurer's Report	a. The Treasurer reported that finances were in good order and had been subjected to independent examination. Details (see enclosure 1) had been distributed with the agenda to the AGM and no points were raised but, in summary, after known commitments, over £5,000 was available. The Treasurer invited suggestions for worthy employment of the funds.	ALL

		<p>b. The Chairman proposed the report be accepted as a true reflection of the Association Account. Seconded: Peter Berry. Carried unanimously.</p>	
5.	Membership Update	<p>a. Tim Newstead and Martin Williams advised the membership position. Membership numbers were declining slightly in the SC, as might be expected, and were holding well within the TSW element of the Association. Overall, Current paid-up Membership stood at 261, a small increase over the previous year.</p> <p>b. The Chairman proposed the report be accepted as a true reflection of the Association Membership. Seconded: Jim Coleman. Carried unanimously.</p>	ALL
6.	Election of Committee Members	<p>a. In accordance with the Articles of Association, David Orr and David Packman were liable for biennial re-election.</p> <p>b. The Chairman offered the opportunity to the enthusiastic assembly to volunteer to replace either of these Committee Members.</p> <p>c. In the absence of any such volunteers, both were confirmed in office for a further 2 years. Proposed: Duncan Grant. Seconded: Des Peters. Carried unanimously.</p>	ALL DO, DP
7.	TSW Paving Stone at the NMA.	<p>a. Following a proposal by Bob McBey at the 2013 AGM, the Committee had pursued a permanent memorial to TSW at the NMA in the form of an ornate Memorial Paving Stone in a new entrance to the main building on the site.</p> <p>b. A £1000 deposit had already been committed and £2000 of further cost was required and available within Association funds. £1000 of these monies had been secured by specific donations and a TSW Cycle Ride to Normandy was expected further to contribute to the total.</p> <p>c. Following a question about ongoing, future maintenance costs from Mr Richard Lennard (not</p>	ALL ALL TSW

		<p>expected to constitute material depletion of funds) the Chairman sought the approval of the AGM for the Committee`s continuing pursuit of this project. Proposed: Andy Lawty Seconded: Pete Berry Carried unanimously.</p>	ALL
8.	Arrangements for 2015.	<p>a. The Chairman thanked TSW for facilitating the Association activities over the weekend, commenting on the usual, faultless effort by all concerned at the Wing and Beacon Barracks Sgts` Mess. In a traditional general murmur of contentment, the AGM indicated that the format was good and should be maintained if possible.</p> <p>b. CO TSW indicated that similar arrangements would be possible next year; and that similar calendar dates would be likely to match local school holidays.</p> <p>c. The Chairman undertook to advise members as soon as precise dates were available.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TSW</p> <p>DO</p>
9.	AOB.	<p>a. The Chairman outlined some of the achievements of the Association in the past few months; with particular mention of the Ndururi Primary School work and President`s Award for this year to SAC Luke Cooper - who was to be a guest with family at the Annual Dinner that evening. A copy of Luke Cooper`s citation is at Enclosure 2.</p> <p>b. The Chairman spoke of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and Association efforts to recognise the event. Thanks were recorded to Alan McQuillan for laying a wreath on behalf of the Association at the B3 Airfield SC Memorial at St Croix sur Mer. Further, a service was to be held at the SC plinth, NMA on Sunday 22 June 2014 to lay a wreath there. Photos and a short narrative would be distributed to members in due course. It was also noted that Gwyneth Pritchard had laid a wreath on behalf of Typhoon Pilots killed in the Operations.</p> <p>c. The Chairman thanked Tim Newstead for his technical and administrative expertise, patience</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL TN</p>

		<p>and good humour in issuing another fine Newsletter at Christmas. Further, the Chairman called for submissions for this year's Newsletter; topics could be professional, social, sporting or charitable - anything would be considered!</p> <p>d. Mr Alan McQuillin raised a topic from the floor. He suggested that the Association present a plaque to the Mayor of St Croix sur Mer in recognition of his enduring support of veterans and specifically the SC. After discussion about how best to achieve this, the AGM was asked to approve Committee investigation and pursuit of this project. Proposed: Alan McQuillin Seconded: Jim Coleman Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>e. Alan Robinson proposed a most gracious vote of thanks to TSW for their continuing support to the Association and particularly, to the memory of the Servicing Commandos. He reflected on the value of the union between TSW & the SCs and the significance placed upon it by the remaining SCs. Proposed: Alan Robinson Seconded: Gwyneth Pritchard Carried unanimously.</p> <p>e. VP (SC), Duncan Grant, proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work on behalf of the Association. Proposed: Duncan Grant Seconded: Alan Robinson Carried Unanimously.</p>	<p>AMcQ ALL CTTEE</p> <p>AR TSW ALL</p> <p>VP(SC) CTTEE ALL</p>
10.	Chairman`s Note	<p>a. Following a successful and well-attended event weekend, the Chairman would like to extend his thanks on behalf of the Association to all who worked so hard to make it a success.</p> <p>b. In particular, TSW Wg WO Mark Farrell again must be singled out for his tireless assistance and unfailing good humour.</p> <p>c. Two further notes of thanks have been issued by the Chairman on behalf of the Association:</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CO TSW MF</p>

		<p>Tillington Hall Hotel, which again proved a most appropriate venue for the Meet & Greet, accommodation and friendly, helpful staff; and the Sgts Mess, which although coping with the influx from the Officers` Mess, provided exceptional support for the AGM, lunch and Annual Dinner.</p>	ALL
		<p>d. The President has written to JCB, thanking them for their continuing sponsorship of the Airman of the Year Award; and for their wider support of TSW and the services in general.</p>	ALL
		<p>e. The Association records its gratitude to all.</p>	

*David Orr
Chairman
Glenbeagles
Dorset
Jun 14*

Encls:

1. Receipt and Payment Account for year ending 31 December 2013.
2. SAC Cooper Citation - Airman of the Year

Distribution:

President
VPs
Committee Members
All Members (on request)
CO TSW
TSW LO
TSW Wg WO

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2013

	<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>
Balance of Current Account at 1st January:	£ 317.76		£ 437.14
Balance of Savings Account at 1st January:	£ 7,913.00		£ 9,009.36
Balance of PayPal Account at 1 st January:	£ 133.85		£ 84.09
	<u>£ 8,364.61</u>		<u>£ 9,530.59</u>
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Subscriptions	£ 2,589.80		£ 2,329.41
Reunion	£ 1,462.85		£ 1,284.27
Donations	£ 246.53		£ 467.30
Memorabilia	£ 139.28		£ 180.90
TSW Paving Stone	£ 63.24		£ -
Interest	£ 3.64		£ 120.00
St Clem Danes	£ -	£ 4,504.51	£ 3.64
			<u>£ 4,385.52</u>
 <u>Less PAYMENTS</u>			
Reunion	£ 2,154.42		£ 2,044.73
Miscellaneous	£ 1,261.51		£ 739.19
TSW Paving Stone	£ 1,000.00		£ -
Donations	£ 730.00		£ 602.10
Memorabilia	£ 392.47		£ -
Travel	£ 264.00		£ 115.00
Postage	£ 246.30		£ 198.65
President's Award	£ 140.12		£ 27.09
Stationery	£ 74.36		£ 61.12
Subscriptions	£ 29.66		£ 39.92
St Clem Danes	£ -		£ 1,589.30
Welfare	£ -	£ 6,292.84	£ 135.00
		-£ 1,788.33	<u>£ 5,551.50</u>
		<u>£ 6,576.28</u>	<u>£ 8,364.61</u>
 Represented by:			
Balance of Current Account at 31st December:	£ 408.74		£ 317.76
Balance of Savings Account at 31st December:	£ 5,915.81		£ 7,913.00
Balance of PayPal Account at 31 st December:	£ 251.73		£ 133.85
	<u>£ 6,576.28</u>		<u>£ 8,364.61</u>

I have examined the above accounts and can confirm that they accurately reflect the records of the Association.

C A HIGGINBOTHAM
Independent Checker

THE RAF SERVICING COMMANDO AND TSW ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR 2013 CITATION – SENIOR AIRCRAFTSMAN LUKE COOPER

Senior Aircraftsman Cooper has performed superbly throughout 2013, with his dedication to duty and professionalism being key to both his personal success and that of Tactical Supply Wing as a whole. The extremely high turnover of Junior Ranks within Tactical Fuels Squadron has led Cooper to find himself at the forefront of a continuous mentoring programme. This allowed less experienced personnel to develop under his watchful eye and ensured that they were able to operate effectively when deployed. Operating as the Second-in-Command on numerous UK based exercises; he has demonstrated inspirational leadership and admirable managerial capabilities far in excess of that which is expected from an SAC. This was aptly highlighted during Exercise OPTASS when he showed great mental agility when faced with an ever changing plan and despite being under extreme pressure, was able to remain flexible and produce meticulous logistic planning. As an accomplished operator, he was specifically selected ahead of his peers to lead two capability demonstrations for the benefit of Joint Helicopter Command HQ and Joint Special Forces Aviation Wing; on each occasion he delivered a flawless presentation to the assembled delegates, accurately describing TSW's current equipment and capabilities in the contingent battle space.

When deployed on Operation HERRICK, Cooper operated as part of the Joint Aviation Group (JAG) and provided a 24/7 rotary refuel capability. In particular he facilitated an extensive training package for the newly re-instigated Forward Refuelling Point capability in support of a discrete 'customer' set. His work in this vital area meant TSW was now ready to operate 'outside the wire' well within the specified readiness timelines. He always remained composed and able to deliver highly informative tuition to his fellow team members culminating in a successful deployment to test the concept. His ability to think on his feet was further endorsed when refueling a Lynx aircraft at Camp Bastion, identifying a significant problem with the aircraft, Cooper swiftly alerted the aircrew and prevented what potentially could have been a catastrophic incident. His foresight and eye for detail was rewarded with the presentation of a Flight Safety Award from Commander JAG(COMJAG); a laudable recognition for his action that day. Cooper's expertise and bearing also made him the obvious choice to deliver operational briefs and demonstrations to the plethora of ISAF visitors to the TSW detachment; each group commenting on his professionalism, subject knowledge and dedication to duty. In short, Cooper was instrumental in the detachment being awarded the COMJAG Team Commendation 'in recognition of exceptional service to the Joint Aviation Group'.

Senior Aircraftsman Cooper personifies the modern airman, both loyal and committed to the Service, he maintains a high profile in his primary role and also within the wider civilian community. Cooper's desire to continually raise the RAF's profile within the local area has been exceptional and as a 'Project Officer' for the TSW 'Stafford to Normandy' charity bike ride, he was integral to the overall success of an event which raised a considerable sum of money for the Royal British Legion. He was also pivotal in the formation of a 3 man team who selflessly gave up their free time to support a local school in order to develop life skills, communication and teamwork. The resulting letter of appreciation received from the Headmaster, extolled his professionalism and thanked the team profusely for the effect they had on all the children present.

His achievements have been an inspiration to all. He has shown excellent leadership through his integrity, morale courage and unwavering dedication to duty, particularly when deployed on operations. He is without doubt an exceptional airman and an outstanding ambassador for TSW. Senior Aircraftsman Cooper is fully deserving of the RAF Servicing Commando and TSW Association President's Award for 2013.