

**RECORD OF AN RAFSC & TSW ASSOCIATION AGM HELD AT BEACON BARRACKS SGTS'  
MESS 11 JUNE 2016**

Present:

**Chairman: David Orr**

**Treasurer: Tim Newstead**

**Membership Secretary: Martin Williams**

**Welfare: David Packman**

**TSW: CO TSW Wg Cdr Tim Moss**

And 27 members

**Introduction**

The Chairman opened the AGM by welcoming all members and thanking them for attending. APOLOGIES had been received from the President, AVM Graham Howard, VP SC, Gp Capt Duncan Grant, Air Cdre Pete Whalley, Neil Cromarty, Nick Atkinson, Bob McBey, Jim Davies, Blue Nuttall, Tony Powell, Paul Gates, Don Taylor, Alan Robinson, Jim & Celia Aitken, Lyndsay Gordon, Len Metzner, Seymour Morgans, George Parke, Norman Humphrey, Ronald Trigger and Percy Lackey.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Actions/Remarks</b>
1.	Introduction and Reflections	The Chairman noted a quorum of Committee (5) and Members (27). The Chairman told the AGM that a minute of silence would be held to reflect on the memory of those who had passed since the last AGM, focussing on the legacy of inspiration they have left to us. The Chairman called on Mr Steve Turner to say a few words about Andy "Bart" Lawty to lead us in this reflection.	ALL
2.	Matters Arising from last AGM	All matters arising from the AGM of 13 June 2015 either had been completed or were included in Agenda Items of this Meeting. The minutes were agreed an accurate reflection of the AGM. Proposed: Gp Capt (Retd) David Packman Seconded: Wg WO Gaz Barlow Carried unanimously.	ALL



		<p>c. The Chairman proposed the report be accepted as a true reflection of the Association Account.  Seconded: Jim Coleman  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 245, 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: Steve Turner.  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 (with unseemly alacrity): Tim Newstead  Seconded: Mike Milne  Carried unanimously.</p> <p>d. The Chairman reiterated the call for a successor to Tim Newstead in the role of Treasurer. Further, the Chairman offered richly deserved praise for Tim Newstead for an exemplary performance in post.</p> <p>e. Miss Pauline Lockett made a speech and presentation on behalf of the Servicing Commandos to illustrate their gratitude to Tim Newstead for exceptional service. She presented a Rose Plant named "Absolutely Fabulous" in recognition of his work.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DO, DP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>TN  PL  ALL</p>

7.	Arrangements for 2017	<p>a. The Chairman explained the rationale for the trial separation of the Reunion weekend from the TSW Families Day and the informal feedback received which indicated a preference, from both the membership and the Wing, to re-combine the events. Discussion followed which echoed the feedback received. It was agreed that the Dinner should be held on the Friday evening, rather than the Saturday, to enable personnel to enjoy the Saturday night Hangar Bash.</p> <p>b. There being no contrary views, the Chairman proposed that, for 2017 and until further notice, the annual dinner would be held on the Friday evening at 1930 for 1945 hrs, the AGM would be held on the Saturday at 1100 hrs followed by lunch. Members would then be free to join the Families Day during the afternoon and the Hangar Bash in the evening.  Seconded: Pete Berry  Carried unanimously</p>	
8.	AOB	<p><u>TSW History Book</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman called on Sgt Russ Watson of TSW to outline plans he and Jim Coleman had for the next instalment of a book on the history of TSW.</p> <p>b. Sgt Watson briefed the AGM on plans and called in particular, for stories, anecdotes and memorabilia to be contributed by Members to assist the undertaking. An e-mail address had been created to facilitate the provision of such offerings:  <a href="mailto:tswbook@outlook.com">tswbook@outlook.com</a></p> <p>c. The Chairman encouraged all members to contribute.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TSW</p> <p>ALL</p>

		<p><u>JCB Relationship</u></p> <p>d. The Chairman outlined recent correspondence with JCB regarding our association with the Company. In recent years, it had become increasingly apparent that TSW &amp; the Association offered little to JCB in terms of business, relevant publicity or opportunity. Equally, JCB had repositioned its` military arm in USA, where greater opportunities existed. Mutual agreement had been reached to put our relationship in “suspended animation”. The AGM noted its thanks for JCB support over the years and Jim Coleman asked if the Committee could investigate a new relationship with another Company. Chairman undertook to examine this possibility.</p> <p>e. The Chairman outlined the plans, notwithstanding para 8d, to proceed with the award of Airman of the Year Award at the Annual Dinner that evening; and sought AGM approval for the inclusion of a cheque for £100 alongside the award and signed certificate for SAC Scott Exelby, winner 2015. (A copy of SAC Exelby`s citation is attached at Enclosure 2).</p> <p>Proposed: Chairman  Seconded: Gary Priddle  Carried Unanimously.</p>	Chairman
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David Orr  
Chairman  
Glenbeagles  
Dorset  
Jun 16

Encls:

1. Receipt and Payment Account for year ending 31 December 2015.
2. SAC Exelby Citation - Airman of the Year

Distribution:

President

VPs

Committee Members

All Members (on request)

CO TSW

TSW Wg WO

**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2015**

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
Balance of Current Account at 1st January:	£	1,099.66	£	408.74
Balance of Savings Account at 1st January:	£	6,918.53	£	5,915.81
Balance of PayPal Account at 1 <sup>st</sup> January:	£	223.38	£	251.73
		£ 8,241.57		£ 6,576.28
 <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
Subscriptions	£	2,427.51	£	2,214.75
Reunion	£	1,551.12	£	1,166.77
TSW Paving Stone	£	843.95	£	1,487.43
Memorabilia	£	595.17	£	47.91
Donations	£	110.00	£	319.46
Interest	£	2.59	£	2.72
		£ 5,530.34		£ 5,239.04
 <b><u>Less PAYMENTS</u></b>				
Reunion	£	3,143.05	£	2,446.74
TSW Paving Stone	£	2,000.00	£	-
Memorabilia	£	489.00	£	-
Miscellaneous	£	471.68	£	33.20
Welfare	£	300.00	£	370.00
Donations	£	200.00	£	510.00
Postage	£	129.72	£	123.07
Stationery	£	82.92	£	59.57
Subs (Refunds)	£	19.32	£	19.17
President's Award	£	-	£	12.00
		£ 6,835.69		£ 3,573.75
		£ 6,936.22		£ 8,241.57
 Represented by:				
Balance of Current Account at 31st December:	£	1,251.15	£	1,099.66
Balance of Savings Account at 31st December:	£	5,421.12	£	6,918.53
Balance of PayPal Account at 31 <sup>st</sup> December:	£	263.95	£	223.38
		£ 6,936.22		£ 8,241.57

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

**TSW Airman of The Year Citation – SAC Exelby**

Senior Aircraftsman Exelby personifies professionalism, loyalty and dedication. Specifically selected ahead of his peers to work in the TSW Ops Room, he has contributed to the Wing's operational output to such a high degree that the successes TSW has enjoyed this year are directly attributable to the work he has undertaken. He sets an extremely high benchmark that other airmen and airwomen should aspire to match. In no sphere is this more directly demonstrated than in the estimate and planning processes that are undertaken pre-deployment as a key Operations Room function. On receipt of a sanctioned tasking from Headquarters Joint Helicopter Command for TSW deployed support, Exelby is the initial person to interrogate the request. He conducts a planning estimate and using his extensive subject matter knowledge of all phases of a TSW deployment has excelled in the apportionment of both manpower and resources to the task. Such is his level of expertise in this process that no input has been required by his line management whom have total trust in his ability to always make the correct planning assumptions.

TSW was activated to deploy personnel and equipment in support of Operation LAYLAND following the devastating earthquake in Nepal. Exelby took the lead in organising, manifesting and loading the critical fuels equipment required. Driven by the very tight timeframes associated with the United Kingdom's contribution to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Nepal, the work he undertook during this time involved co-ordinating MT and Engineering personnel, liaising closely with SNCO Movements, managing and leading the manpower tasked with the loading of the equipment, and producing very detailed equipment lists. This resulted in an extreme level of extra workload in addition to an already demanding primary role. The extended work days and levels of responsibility this entailed were easily absorbed by Exelby who flourished during this time and demonstrated unwavering dedication to the unit and abundant potential for a full and successful RAF career.

Exelby is a trusted 'go to' for many tasks outside the normal remit of a Senior Aircraftsman and his efforts have gone far beyond that expected of his rank. As the TSW representative at the Joint Helicopter Command monthly Battlefield Helicopters Allocation Meeting, he often finds himself as the only representative below the rank of Warrant Officer. Nevertheless he still commands respect and delivers thorough and precise briefings with regard to the levels of support TSW can offer for specified periods, seeks clarification on taskings, and conducts a cross check of all agreed support. Without his assured intelligence, meticulous attention to detail and proven leadership and management capabilities, the output from the Operations Room would be severely compromised.

As well as performing exceptionally in his primary duty, Exelby dedicates much of his time to wider Service engagement. He volunteered to organise the TSW display for the Air Combat Power Visit at RAF Coningsby. In addition to the standard planning associated with deploying manpower, vehicles and deployed fuels equipment, Exelby produced a point brief for inclusion in the events briefing programme. This point brief was of such an exceptional level that he received a laudatory letter of appreciation from the Senior Officer in charge of the event organising committee. He then took the lead in briefing a total of 400 visitors including senior officers of Air Rank and the students of the Advanced Command and Staff Course.

Further to all he achieves within his primary role, Exelby also excels outside of work with his extra curricular activities. He was instrumental in the planning of the TSW Families Day; as the event Publicity Member he produced an exceptional programme that would not have looked out of place at an event of a much larger scale. His desire to continually raise the profile of the RAF is also evident as he volunteers as a Service Instructor for the Stafford detachment of the Staffordshire Air Training Corps where, in the words of the Officer Commanding, he has made a 'massive impact on the unit in terms of skills and training'.

Exelby is the model TSW airman – immensely capable, hard-working and unreservedly devoted he absolutely represents what the unit has strove to instil from its very inception.