

RECORD OF A RAFSC & TSW ASSOCIATION AGM HELD AT BEACON BARRACKS SGTS' MESS ON 30 Jun 18

Chairman: Wg Cdr (Retd) David Orr
 Treasurer: Sgt Chris Furlong (AOD – report presented by Membership Sec)
 Membership Secretary: Cpl Luke Kirwan
 TSW rep: CO TSW – Wg Cdr Jamie Miller
 Welfare Secretary: Gp Capt (Retd) David Packman
 28 Association Members

Introduction

The Chairman noted from attendance that the AGM was quorate and the committee were joined at the table by CO TSW, Wg Cdr Jamie Miller and TSW 'B' Flt Cdr, Flt Lt Dan Russell (A/Sec). Apologies had been received from many members, including President AVM Graham Howard, VP Duncan Grant, WO Gaz Barlow, Sgt Chris Furlong. Apologies had also been received from SC Members Ernie & Cynthia Deighton, who had placed two crosses at the Runnymede Memorial to mark the 2 SCs lost at sea during the Normandy Landings.

Agenda Item	Topic	Narrative	Actions / Remarks
1.	Introduction and Reflection	<p>The Chairman opened the AGM by thanking all members for attending the Annual Dinner the previous evening, noting the excellent mix of ranks and the atmosphere of the occasion. The Chairman also thanked the staff of Beacon Barracks Sgts' Mess for the efforts put in to making the night memorable.</p> <p>The Chairman requested members to consider those no longer with us, and emphasised the thoughts expressed for 'absent friends' at the Annual Dinner. A Full list of those who have passed was read as a cue for reflection.</p>	ALL
2.	Matters Arising from AGM	All matters arising from the 2017 AGM either had been completed or were covered at this Meeting; and the previous Minutes were accepted as a true account of the 2017 AGM. Supported by <i>proposer</i> : Gp Capt (Retd) Packman and <i>seconder</i> : Mr McBey. Carried unanimously.	ALL
3.	TSW Report	<p>CO TSW, Wg Cdr Miller, opened with a remark on why he is a CO and not an OC, highlighting the technicalities linked to his Powers of Punishment. He concluded his introduction by thanking the committee as although it was only his 2nd AGM in Command, it will also be his last.</p> <p>A 2017 update was given, emphasising that 2017 was the busiest year on record, however 2018 is set to be even busier. This was stressed by the 96 exercises that TSW supported; including those in Germany, Italy, Belize, totalling manhours equating to 11.5 years away for deployed personnel. Op RUMAN was a large focus of TSWs efforts with lots of lessons for future humanitarian operations.</p> <p>Numerous statistics on HLS operations, public engagements and the ongoing work to the Welfare Facility</p>	ALL

		<p>added weight to the fact that the past 12 months was significant in TSW's development.</p> <p>Wg Cdr Miller finished the report by looking to the future, TSW's 50th Birthday in 2020 and the ongoing importance of keeping both refuelling and TSW relevant.</p>	
4.	Treasurers Report	<p>Due to Sgt Furlongs deployment on Op SHADER, he sent a written report for the Membership Secretary to read to the committee.</p> <p>The key components of the Report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31 Dec 17 were in good order. • Thanks were given to Tim Newstead for his 11 year tenure of the Association Treasurer, and the excellent work and dedication he carried out. • Donations received totalled £35. • The main expenditure for 2017 was the Reunion weekend, with additional expenses including: Christmas gift boxes to TSW deployed personnel; Farewell drinks for the late Gp Capt Craven-Griffiths Donations to the Burma memorial and Association Wreath for B3 Airfield Memorial. <p>The Chairman <i>proposed</i> the report and figures as a true reflection of the Association Account. <i>Seconded:</i> Gp Capt (retd) Cromarty <i>Carried:</i> unanimously.</p>	ALL
5.	Membership Update	<p>Cpl Kirwan presented the membership figures for 2018 highlighting the successful year the association has had – this was helped by RAF 100.</p> <p>The main points from the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 new members, generating an upward trajectory in recruiting members. • Total membership increased from 233 to 259. • There were 12 lapses in payments and unfortunately 8 bereavements. <p>This report was <i>proposed</i> by Andy Marsh as a true reflection. <i>Seconded:</i> Martin Williams <i>Carried:</i> unanimously.</p>	
6	Election of Committee Members	<p>There were two re-elections due at this year's AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman • Welfare member <p>There being no volunteers the current incumbents were re-</p>	ALL

		<p>elected. However the Chairman invited applications for his job prior to the next biennial review.</p> <p>Chairman: Wg Cdr (Retd) Orr Welfare member: Gp Capt (Retd) Packman</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted that the Vice President the SC would remain as Gp Capt (Retd) Duncan Grant; however due to the loss of Gp Capt Craven-Griffiths the Vice President position for TSW is vacant. The Chairman explained that it was intended to combine these Vice-Presidencies in the person of Gp Capt (Retd) Neil Cromarty in due course.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tim Newstead for his continuing assistance within the Committee, referring to him as the “corner stone of the Association”, and thanking him for keeping his expertise within the organisation by undertaking the Newsletter / Webmaster role.</p> <p>Thanks were also given to Cpl Kirwan and Sgt Furlong for their new input into the committee.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed all the above was correct and true. Seconded: WO McKnight Carried unanimously.</p> <p>A Special event member was introduced to the Committee, with Wayne Shelton being proposed due to his dedication, interest and energy. This was <i>proposed</i> by The Chairman <i>Seconded</i>: Gp Capt (Retd) Packman <i>Carried</i>: unanimously.</p>	
7.	Arrangements for 2018-2019	<p>The format for the Annual Dinner continued to be a success and is to follow the same format and timelines for the 2019 Reunion weekend.</p> <p>The Special Events member proposed a 4 day trip to Normandy beaches in May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 personnel – costing around £300 per person. • Specific site visits will include the British and USA D-day landing sites, Pegasus Bridge. <p>This was <i>proposed</i> by Special Events member – Wayne Shelton. <i>Seconded</i>: Cpl Kirwan. Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Royal British Legion: It highlighted that TSW Association have secured 50 tickets to march on the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph in London on 11 Nov 18. Given the significance of the event this year (RAF 100; Centenary of the WW1 Armistice; 1st appearance by the RAFSC&TSW Association) there was</p>	

		<p>huge interest and the contingent would be drawn by lottery, save President & Chairman.</p> <p>This was <i>proposed</i> by Wayne Shelton <i>Seconded:</i> Cpl Kirwan. Carried unanimously</p> <p>It was agreed that £100 from the fund would be released from the Association Fund, However, Mr Mcknight suggested that all current serving TSW Officer's and SNCO's would fund this wreath. This was accepted and thanked by the Chairman.</p> <p>Association Members are due to march alongside current serving TSW personnel on 16 Sep at the Freedom of Stafford Parade. Secretary`s Note: This event was well supported and a Contingent marshalled by Mr McBey & led by Sqn Ldr (Retd) Peter Berry, supported the Chairman laying wreaths at Town & Borough War Memorials, and afterwards at a reception at TSW.</p>	<p>ALL TSW Officers & SNCO's</p> <p>ALL</p>
8.	AOB	<p>Wg Cdr Miller mentioned the aspiration to get the TSW Flts named after the Servicing Commando numbers, however this needed authority from the Air Historical Branch. SC Member Alan McQuillin asked the AGM to approve a letter of support to VP SC, Gp Capt (Retd) Duncan Grant, following his recent health issues. This letter to be composed and sent by the Chairman.</p> <p>Secretary`s note: This letter was sent by the Chairman and gratefully received by Duncan Grant.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support to the Association; and closed the Meeting.</p> <p>Chairman`s Postscript: TSW and the Committee have identified Friday 28 – Sunday 30 June 2019 as the best available dates for the 2019 Reunion Weekend. The Chairman has signed a Contract with Tillington Hall Hotel, reserving 24 Double Rooms for the Friday & Saturday nights at £64.45 B&B per room per night single occupancy; £78.90 double/twin. Quote "RAF Reunion" or "David Orr" when booking.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Chairman</p>

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