

7 March 2022

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHREWSBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE HARLESCOTT CLUB ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022 AT 1230 HRS.**

Present: J Burke President  
J Tisbury Secretary

And 23 members:

A Allen	R Armitage	N Barrett	M Bradbury	R Davies	R Ellis
G Fellows	A Griffith	L Haid	N Hall	B Hestry	C Houch
G James	J Keeping	M Keeping	J Kennedy	G Knight	B Males
S Marston	D Morgan	T Payne	P Small	G Summer	

And 6 Associate Members:

A Barrett	P Burke	B Fellows	H Lewis	A Madeley	J Marston
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Apologies: 10 Members and Associates:

P Butler	I Davison	B Haines	H Haines	P Martin	K Parry
M Parry	M Revell (Area Councillor)	P Sharp	K Tidy		

**ITEM 1 – DEDICATION**

1. The Chair welcomed everyone, and invited all to stand for the parading of the Branch Standard. The Chair read the Dedication and a moment of reflection was observed.

**ITEM 2 – APOLOGIES**

2. Apologies had been received from the members and associates listed above.

**ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

3. Copies of the Minutes of the last AGM, which was held on 1 March 2021, electronically on Zoom due to Covid restrictions, had been circulated, and placed on the Branch website. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Treasurer that the Minutes of the last AGM be accepted.

4. **Decision:** It was agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the last AGM

**be accepted.**

#### **ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING**

5. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### **ITEM 5 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

6. The Chairman was unable to attend and his Report to the Branch was read by the Secretary.

#### **ITEM 6 – SECRETARY'S REPORT**

7. The Secretary drew attention to the report on the Branch's 2021 activities that had been circulated to all members just before Christmas. The report was also on the website. The Secretary advised that he had nothing further to add to that report.

#### **ITEM 7 – TREASURER'S REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

8. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated to members and displayed on the Branch's website. No points of concern were raised in relation to the Accounts. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by N Hall that the Accounts be accepted. **Approved unanimously.**

9. The Treasurer informed members that the accounts had been audited by Azets. A vote of thanks to the Auditors was proposed by the Treasurer who also proposed that Azets be reappointed as Auditors for the coming year; A Allen seconded the proposal.

10. **Decision: The vote of thanks to the Auditors, and their appointment for the coming year was agreed unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 8 – WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT**

11. The Welfare Officer was unable to attend. The Chair read his report.

#### **ITEM 9 – STATEMENT BY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

12. The Membership Secretary was unable to attend. The Chair read his report.

#### **ITEM 9 – ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

13. After many years distinguished service as Branch President Air Cdre (Ret)

John Burke wished to step aside. The Committee had considered possible replacements, and on their behalf the Chair proposed Alex Madeley to become Branch President. The proposal was accepted by acclaim.

### **ITEM 10 – ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

14. Recent deaths had resulted in the Branch only having one Vice President in post; the splendid Rose Davies. Whilst wonderfully spry and fully engaged Rose is however 105 and the Committee considered that it would be wise to appoint a second Vice President to assist Rose. On behalf of the Committee the Chair proposed Sqn Ldr Gary James as a Vice President. The proposal was accepted by acclaim.

### **ITEM 11 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

15. The outgoing President took the Chair and addressed the Branch, thanking everybody for their support during his tenure. He noted that he had joined RAFA 49 years ago, and had completed 12 years as Branch President. He had had much pleasure in representing the Branch at many functions and events during the first 10 years – however activity had been much reduced during the last 2 years due to the Covid pandemic. The President thanked the committee for their continued efforts on behalf of the Branch and in closing thanked all the members for their friendship and support, and indicated that he and Peggy would still be attending meetings.

16. The following individuals had been proposed and seconded as shown:

<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Proposer</u></b>	<b><u>Secunder</u></b>
Chairman	P Sharp	J Tisbury	P Small
Secretary	J Tisbury	P Sharp	P Small
Treasurer	P Small	P Sharp	J Tisbury
Committee Member	P Martin	M Farmer	M Bradbury
Committee Member	M Farmer	M Bradbury	P Small
Committee Member	M Bradbury	P Small	J Tisbury
Committee Member	H Lewis	J Tisbury	P Small

17. **Decision:** The nominees were elected unanimously.

## **ITEM 12 – ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO AREA AGM**

18. The Chair advised that S Marston had agreed to attend the Area AGM as the Branch Delegate and therefore proposed that he be so appointed. Seconded by A Allen.

19. **Decision: The proposal was carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM 13 – ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

20. The Chair advised that S Marston had agreed to attend the Annual Conference as the Branch Delegate and therefore proposed that he be so appointed. Seconded by P Small.

21. **Decision: The proposal was carried unanimously.**

## **ITEM 14 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

22. No other business had been notified.

## **ITEM 15 – NEXT MEETING**

23. The next AGM of the Shrewsbury and District Branch of the RAFA will take place on Monday 6 March 2023.

P Sharp  
Chairman  
6 Mar 23

Enclosures (to file only):

1. Chairman's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Copy of Audited Accounts
4. Welfare Officers Report
5. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Committee Nomination Form
7. President's Address