

**MINUTES OF THE RAF CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AFCC AMPORT HOUSE – 24th OCTOBER 2014**

Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action
1. Opening Prayer.	The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer and a silence was observed in memory of former chaplains and members of the Branch who had died in the past year. Members noted with regret the deaths of Charles McNeil, Tom Goode, John Knowles-Brown and Rayner Harries.	All.
2. Apologies for absence.	Apologies were received from: John Carvosso, Dennis and Hilda Clark, Graham and Edna Corderoy, Alistair and Helen Davies, Rhoda Drummond, Ticia Goode, Brian and Hazel Halfpenny, Des and Jeanne Harvey, Bill and Pat Holland, Sheila Jenkyns, Howard and Jenny John, Gareth Jones, Malcolm Jones, Roger and Ann Kenward, Pamela Knowles-Brown, R Alan Knox, Chris and Elizabeth Ledgard, Richard Lee, Giles Legood, Brian and Joy Lucas, Brian and Lottie McAvoy, Peter and Sheila Mills, Christine Mortimer, Ray and Christine Pentland, Mary Renowden, Herbie and Adrienne Stuart, John Thomas, and Joan Wilson.	Secretary
3. Minutes.	The Minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Robin Turner, seconded by Ray Hubble, passed nem con.	Secretary
4. Matters arising.	The Chairman reported that the costing of the RAF Chaplains' Memorial proposed for the National Arboretum was being revised and donations already received would be returned to the donors in the meantime. Further details of the design and costings will be announced in due time. He also said that the new Chaplain-in-Chief is keen to encourage new entrant chaplains and those about to leave the Service to join the Association. The Rev'd Peter Lee who had been asked to be our speaker for this meeting had been unable to come on the date we required.	
5. Chairman's Report.	The Chairman, as in past years, said that he had nothing to report as the work during the year has been done by the Treasurer and Secretary. He also thanked Robin Noble in his role as Welfare Officer for his care of the widows and Ian Thomas for creating and managing the Association's website. He also stressed the role of members in continuing to pray for the RAF and its chaplains in both peace and war.	Chairman
6. Secretary's report and news of members.	The Secretary stated that membership stands at 85 members of whom 14 are widows. New members are John Carvosso and Jonathan Chaffey.	Secretary
7. Treasurer's report.	The Treasurer presented the accounts which show a balance of £4863.42 however this will be considerably reduced by the costs of this AGM and dinner. Full details will be published on the website. Proposed by John Morley, seconded by Ron Hesketh, passed nem con.	Treasurer
8. Welfare Officer's Report	The Welfare Officer has been in touch with the widows by telephone at least twice since last year's meeting and this contact has been much appreciated.	Welfare Officer
9. Constitution and Election of Officers	The AGM last year resolved that the Officers should not all retire from office in the same year in order not to lose their experience from the Committee. Therefore Para 4.1 of the Constitution now reads "The Officers of the Association shall be elected and retirement from office should be staggered over a period of three years. They are not to serve more than three years consecutively". Ron Hesketh was proposed as Chairman by Robin Turner, seconded by Ray Hubble, passed nem con.	All
10. Any other business	<p>1. Is it possible to have a current prayer list for the Branch?</p> <p>2. Vote of thanks to Bob for his time as Chairman was agreed by all.</p> <p>3. It was suggested that a Gallery of photos and stories/reminiscences be placed on the website, proposed by Malcolm Weisman, seconded by Melanie Greenhalgh, passed nem con. Members should submit their material directly to Ian Thomas at imt50@hotmail.com (Secretary's note – or contact the Secretary for Ian's address if material not able to be sent electronically)</p> <p>4. Malcolm Weisman informed the members about Donald Wallace who had recently received the Arctic Star medal for his time on the Russian Convoys.</p>	Chaplain-in-Chief All
12.	The next reunion and AGM will take place at the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy Centre, Amport House from Wednesday 21 to Thursday 22 October 2015.	All

Ron Hesketh Chairman	David Mackenzie Secretary
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