

Retired Prison Governors Association

A section of The Prison Governors Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at The Radisson Blu Hotel, Castle Donnington on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 13.30hrs.

The RPGA Chairman, Graham Smith, welcomed members to this years' Annual General Meeting.

1. Present: (10 in total)

Committee:

Graham Smith (Chairman)
Ray London (Secretary)
Harry Brett
Jan Thompson (Minutes)
Paul Laxton
Graham Mumby-Croft
Dave Taylor

Members:

John Berry
Chris Duffin
Flo Herbert

2. Apologies:

Apologies notified to the Secretary from:

Roger Outram
John Rumball
Lynn Bowles

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th June 2018

These were distributed to attendees at the meeting and were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Harry Brett
Seconded by: Paul Laxton

4. Matters arising

Reference	Action	Responsibility	Progress
7.6.18	Agenda Item: 'Social Events' to be taken off future AGM agendas	Ray London	Completed
8.6.18	Harry Brett to contact James Bryant (PGA) with a view to the CSPA having a stand at the PGA conference.	Harry Brett	Completed
10(i).6.18	To produce an article in the newsletter explaining how to access the website and the benefits of it.	Roger Outram	Completed
10(ii).6.18	A small committee to convene to decide on the content of the website.	Roger Outram/ Paul Laxton/ Graham Smith	Completed
12.6.18	GDPR to be sent to members.	Harry Brett	Completed

5. Treasurers' Report, including Benevolent Fund

The main points that were highlighted from the 2018 accounts were as follows:

Total Income for the year was £5712.00 (a decrease of £483.00 from the previous year) which was all made up of membership subscriptions.

Total Expenditure was £4834.36 (a decrease of £730.95 from the previous year)

Surplus of Income over Expenditure was £877.64 (an increase of £101.26 from the previous year)

Cash Balance at the end of 2018 was £10,775.25 (an increase of £877.63 from the previous year). This figure includes the transfer of £2050.43 from the closure of the Lloyds current account.

In a breakdown of the main costs, the newsletter for 2017 cost a total of £2546.62 which represents 52.7% of the total expenditure of the RPGA. Travel and Subsistence amounted to £743.50; Room Hire and Catering was £557.50 and Donations amounted to £175.

At the end of 2018, **The Benevolent Fund** account stood at £5653.36 (a £75 increase on the previous year).

The Treasurer informed the AGM that, as of the 2nd September 2019, the current Account stands at a total of **£13,611.62**.

Graham Mumby-Croft addressed the members about his wish to transfer the Benevolent Fund back to the PGA, although this would require an amendment to the PGA Rules and Regulations (Rule 30, Para H), and sought the memberships' permission to open discussions with the PGA Treasurer to this effect. The Benevolent Fund Trustee, Terry Bone, is to be informed.

Proposed by: Graham Mumby-Croft

Seconded by: Ray London

This motion was carried.

Action Point: i) Graham Mumby-Croft to communicate with the PGA Treasurer with a view to transferring the Benevolent Fund back to the PGA.

A discussion took place on a proposal to ask members whether they would prefer to receive the Newsletter via email or post. During the discussion it was pointed out that newer members would probably opt for an email version whereas older members would probably still prefer a hard copy. It was noted that if more members preferred the email option the costs would not initially be reduced due to the higher cost of printing a lower number of copies.

Proposed by: Ray London
Seconded by: Dave Taylor

Action Point: Ray London and Paul Laxton to write an article for the next newsletter reference the digitisation of future Newsletters on the web page and to invite comments on what members think of this proposal, prior to further discussion.

6. Membership Report

Harry Brett distributed a current membership report to the members. The breakdown of the membership was as follows:

At the AGM in June 2018 there were 416 members.

At the AGM in October 2019 there are 416 members.

There have been 15 new members joined in this time, three resignations and three members who have been untraceable. Unfortunately there have been 9 members who have died during this period and the Chairman led a one minute silence for our deceased members.

Deceased members:

Brian Baldwin
J R Penson
Brian Hayday
Peter Leonard
Cyril Jones
Denis Marsden
Kenneth Debenham
Roland Adams
Gary Dadds

7. Civil Service Pensioners Alliance.

A discussion took place on what topics were currently in vogue in respect of today's pensioners. These include the removal of the free TV licence for over 75's; the Triple Lock for State pensions (which will remain in place until the end of 2019); Social Care and Intergenerational Fairness.

In respect of the CSPA, the AGM is to take place on the 9th October 2019. Harry Brett and Paul Laxton will be attending on behalf of their respective branches and will pass on any items of interest to Graham Smith and other committee members.

8. Newsletter

The editor mentioned that the timing of the newsletter has been altered slightly due to a draft copy being forwarded to committee members before its' publication. Newsletters are now due around April and October, the latter to include the PGA Presidents' Conference address.

Action Point: i) Paul Laxton to contact James Bryant from the PGA to enquire if they have access to an archive of RPGA Newsletters.

ii) Paul Laxton to contact RPGA members to ask the same question.

9. Website Update and email Register.

Unfortunately Roger Outram was unable to attend this AGM although he did send an update to the effect that his only input regarding the website was that it is in good order and working well and the next Newsletter will contain instructions on how to access the website.

10. Date of next Annual General Meeting

To be discussed with the PGA Chairperson with a view to holding the next AGM at the same time and venue as the PGA Conference. Finally, the Chairman thanked those who attended and the meeting closed at 14.45hrs.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

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5i.10.19	To communicate with the PGA Treasurer with a view to transferring the Benevolent Fund back to the PGA	Graham Mumby-Croft
5ii.10.19	To write an article for the next newsletter reference the digitisation of future Newsletters on the web page and to invite comments on what members think of this proposal, prior to further discussion	Ray London & Paul Laxton
8i.10.19	To contact James Bryant from the PGA to enquire if they have access to an archive of RPGA Newsletters	Paul Laxton
8ii.10.19	To contact RPGA members to ask the same question as above (AP 8i.10.19)	Paul Laxton