

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 11th October 2022 at 13.30hrs and via Zoom.

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

1. Present:

Committee:

Graham Smith (Chairman)

Harry Brett

Jan Thompson (Minutes)

Roger Outram

Paul Laxton*

Graham Mumby-Croft*

*G M-C and PL only available for part of the meeting due to PGA Commitments.

Members:

None present

Via Zoom:

None present

2. Apologies:

Apologies notified to the Secretary from:

Ray London

Dave Simons

Jerry Petherick

John Pudney

Barbara Treen

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021.

These were published on the RPGA Website. All members present voted and agreed to adopt the minutes as a true record.

Proposed by: Harry Brett
Seconded by: Jan Thompson

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

5. Treasurers' Report - Graham Mumby-Croft

The Treasurer started by bringing the following to the members' attention:

Please be aware that these are the accounts for the 2021 financial year which finished on the 31st December 2021 and were submitted for audit in March 2022. Due to the fact that this AGM is being held in October 2022 this means that these figures are therefore 9-months old.

Graham stated that the accounts for the year ending 2021 had been signed off by the auditors. The audited accounts show a Start Balance of £14,228.52 and an End Balance of £15,218.76 which showed a surplus for the year of £990.24. He continued to say that 2021 was a stable year for the RPGA finances. Our finances remain in good health and the use of ZOOM to hold committee meetings has proven to be a much more economic method of holding meetings and one that we have continued to use as a way to meet as frequently as required yet at little or no cost.

He continued that he was happy to report that his recommendation to the AGM is that he sees no reason for the need to increase subscription rates at this time but with the caveat that the overall cost of living increase, and inflation in general, is pushing up costs for printing, stationery and postage, the coming year will undoubtedly see a significant increase in the cost of producing The Newsletter. He continued to say that the main cost of running the Association, in fact almost the whole cost, is in the production and publication of The Newsletter. This represents 69.5% of the total expenditure of the RPGA for the year 2021.

The Headline figures for the year were:

Total Income for the year: £5745.00 (Increase of £313.00 from 2020)

Total Expenditure: £4754.76 (Increase of £283.45 from 2020)

Surplus of income over expenditure: £990.24 (Increase of £29.55 from 2020)

Cash Balance at year end: £15,218.76

The Chairman thanked Graham and said we appreciated his work in the preparation of the accounts. The accounts were accepted by all members present.

6. Membership Report - Harry Brett

Harry mentioned that we have only lost an overall total of 1 member since the 2021 AGM.

At the AGM in October 2021 there were 399 members.

At the AGM in October 2022 there were 398 members.

In the past year there have been:

17 New Members
12 Deaths
5 Resignation
1 Non - Traceable

After reading out the names (as printed below), the Chairman led a one minute silence for our deceased members.

MEMBERS

Ron Smith
Muriel Keast
John Childs
Gordon Tweedie
Gerry Fagg (2018)
Mike Watson-Jackson (2019)
Jean Marsden
Alf Kirby
Mel Dickinson
Sylvia Brown
Ken Vipond
Colin Honey MBE

NON-MEMBERS

Steve Metcalfe
Bob Howard
Linsey Arnold
Dave Gant
Ann Simons
Graham Clark
John Wilson
John Prince MBE
Ifor Smout
Audrey Davies

The Chairman thanked Harry for his report.

7. Civil Service Pensioners Alliance - Graham Smith/Harry Brett.

The Chairman mentioned that it was very useful to the RPGA to have Harry Brett and Paul Laxton as a link to the CSPA.

Harry Brett went on to say that there was nothing new to report in regard to the RPGA amalgamating with the CSPA, although he gave examples of a few areas that were happening within the CSPA:

i) A number of staff have been overpaid over a period of time and are now being asked to repay the total amount in three instalments. The CSPA have forged an

agreement with the Cabinet Office that the repayments are spread over the same time scale as it was overpaid.

ii) The first AGM for three years is to be held on the 12th and 13th October 2022 in Kenilworth.

iii) There is a motion to increase the subscription to £3 with effect from the 1st January 2023.

iv) Consideration is to be given to a regional structure as opposed to a group structure.

v) The membership figures are down to 47,500 from 50,000 a year ago.

vi) They ran two Webinars to over 500 Civil Servants in regard to the McCloud Judgement.

vii) They are offering a new Travel Insurance Policy from September 2022 which has been agreed by the CSIS.

viii) They have written to the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, reference the targets set for pensioners: the Triple Lock; Help with the cost of living; Social care, etc.

ix) Continue their work with partners Age UK, Later Life Ambitions Group and NPC to further pensioner matters.

x) Continue to argue about digital and financial exclusion of pensioners.

8. Newsletter - Paul Laxton

Paul stated that the Autumn edition of the newsletter would consist of 48 pages and would include an article on the 2022 PGA Conference and also the date of our 2023 AGM. He expects it to be delivered to the membership by the end of October.

9. Website Update and email Register - Roger Outram.

Roger stated that he felt we were in the right place/where we should be and also mentioned that the archive section on the website is very good. A discussion took place reference the contributions to the newsletter from regular contributors and Roger agreed to contact previous newsletter contributors inviting/encouraging them to submit more articles for publication.

10. Election of Officers

Roger Outram was the only Committee member up for re-election and he stated that he was willing to stand again for another term. The Chairman asked those present if they were willing to re-elect Roger and he was duly re-elected by all the members present. Re-election to the committee is for a period of four years.

Graham Smith thanked everyone for their confidence in re-electing Roger.

11. Rules and Constitution Amendments

The Rules and Constitution were amended and updated in 2022. They had been sent to the PGA for ratification at their October 2022 Conference and were duly agreed by the PGA today. The agreed Rules and Constitution were presented at the RPGA AGM for ratification and adoption where they were adopted by all members present. The new Rules and Constitution (October 2022) will now be published on our website.

Graham Smith thanked Jan Thompson for her help in producing the changes to the Rules and Constitution.

Action Point: To email the approved Rules and Constitution to all Committee Members. (Jan Thompson)

Action Point: To publish the new, approved Rules and Constitution on the RPGA website. (Roger Outram)

12. Recruitment of Future Committee Members

It was reported that Kevin Billson had been appointed to the committee by the Committee members at their meeting earlier in the day. A further discussion took place in regard to securing future Committee members and the Chairman asked that we all look at the membership list and suggest any recommendations to him in order that they can be approached.

Action Point: To look at the membership list for recommendations for future committee members and send any names to the chairman. (All Members)

13. Date of next Annual General Meeting

The date of the next AGM is yet to be fixed in stone but it is hoped that it will take place at the same time and venue as the PGA Conference, probably on Monday 9th October 2023 at 14.30hrs.

The meeting closed at 14.40hrs.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

Reference	Action	Responsibility
11.(i).10.22	To email the approved Rules and Constitution to all Committee Members.	Jan Thompson
11.(ii). 10.22	To publish the new, approved Rules and Constitution on the RPGA website.	Roger Outram
12.10.22	To look at the membership list for recommendations for future committee members and send any names to the chairman.	All Members

