

**ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT THE  
ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL AT 10AM**

**PRESENT:** National Committee: Chairman John Sharpe, Vice Presidents Terry Giles, Diana Mothersole, Dave Arnott Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Jenny Morris National Secretary, Mary Bruce, Wendy Harvey, John Millidge, David Shaw, Tim Kitching, Tony Mills. Portfolio Holders: Edwina Holden Heritage Officer, Jenny Major Arboretum. Michael Marks Web Editor.

Delegates: Bruce Bonham, Peter Brockley, Gordon Johnson, David & Chris Jones, Kathryn Little, Lawrence Holmes, Sheila & Les Mitchell, Pamela Sanders, Chris & Trish Shire, Mike Shinton.

**Apologies:** Hilary Daniel Vice President, Terry & Pam Austin, Terry Armatage, Tony & Ann Maasz, Paddy Malone, Stan Robinson, Shirley Abell, Beverley Harrison.

Guest Speaker: Neil Sturtridge Area Director Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

**The National Standard Paraded by Tim Kitching** presented to the Chairman who placed in the Stand.

**1. Chairman Welcome and Minuet Silence:** John Sharpe welcomed everyone and the support from members attending exceeded the expected numbers earlier in the year. Everyone invited to stand in Remembrance of those members no longer with us especially Joyce Shrubbs, Jim Millington. John explained that Neil Sturtridge needed to be away by 1130 therefore he will present his reports and answer questions but had to leave us to join another commitment. He apologies he will be unable to join us for tonight's dinner. Cliff and Caroline Spink will be at our dinner and stay to circulate the tables to speak to you but is unable to stay and will leave us at the end of the evening.

**2. Accounts Dave Arnott:** The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 and Treasurer report were circulated. Today they are to be agreed corrected. Dave highlighted 2 issues the National Subscriptions income was reducing not unexpected therefore we had to watch our expenditure. During lockdown the National Committee held zoom meetings saving expenditure. The 2<sup>nd</sup> issued raised is the grant made to the Heritage team. Edwina and her team's work had continued all through the year. Collecting archives and memorabilia from across the country incurring travel and in some instances van hire due to the volume. Massive work continued behind the scenes.

No further questions Wendy Harvey proposed acceptance unanimously agreed the Chairman signed the accounts as correct.

**3. Presidents and Vice Presidents:** The Chairman had received confirmation from Cliff Spink that he would be pleased to serve as President for a further year. Diana Mothersole, Terry Giles and Hilary Daniel agreed to serve for a further year.

**4. Area Representation Elections:** The Chairman welcomed Tony Mills as the Midland Area Rep. Mary Bruce Scottish Area, Wendy Harvey, John Millidge Metropolitan Area, Dave Arnott, David Shaw Western Area.

**5. Chairman welcomed Neil Sturtridge to present reports on the RAF/ROC Benevolent Funds.** Summary of Neil's reports attached to these minutes.

Following Neil's departure at 11am a short break taken during which the facilitators set the room for the break-out sessions.

**6. Break-out into small groups.** Collation of the discussions from all the facilitators attached to these minutes.

Following the end of the sessions meeting dispersed for the afternoon.