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RAFSC & TSWA Annual General Meeting

29th June 2019

Venue: MOD Stafford

Present:

Wg Cdr (Ret'd) David Orr – Chairman
Wg Cdr Tom Stevenson – CO TSW
Mr Chris Ryan – Secretary Stand In (minutes)
Sqn Ldr (Ret'd) Elizabeth MacKinnon Treasurer
Mr Wayne Shelton – Events Secretary
Mr Cliff Whiteley – Membership Secretary
Mr Geordie Lumsden – Membership Secretary
WO Gaz Barlow – Wing Warrant

Gp Capt (Ret'd) Neil Cromarty – Vice President (incoming) Gp Capt (Ret'd) Duncan Grant – Vice President (outgoing)

Sqn Ldr (Ret'd) Kit Ayers Mr David Perry Wg Cdr (Ret'd) Nick Atkinson Mr Bob McBey Miss Sarah Bosworth Mr Ben Ronson Mr Brian Marriott Mr Carl Ronson Mr Steve Turner Mrs Jenny Orr Mrs Charlotte Henderson Mr Mike Reid Mr Mal Quick Mr George Parke Mr Dino Dash Mr Mick Williams Wg Cdr (Ret'd) Tim Newstead Mr Dave Nichol Mr Brian Jones Mr Bob Husdell Mr Paul Miller Mr Granny Campbell Mr Kev Wynn Mr Jim Coleman

Mr Hank Hancocks Sqn Ldr (Ret'd) Pete Berry

Mr Rae Taylor Ms Pauline Luckett

Apologies:

AVM Graham Howard – President
Gp Capt (Ret'd) David Packman – Welfare Member
Mr Dave Christophi – Association Secretary
Mr Alan McQuillin
Mr & Mrs Deighton
Gp Capt (Ret'd) Chris Markey



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Agenda

- Introduction
- Previous Minutes
- TSW Report
- Treasurer's Report, Membership Report, Finance & queries
- Forward Planning & Events
- Association Committee Structure
- AOB

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action(s)
Introduction	 David Orr (DO) welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance DO gave apologies for Dave Christophi (DC) who was called away and thanked Chris Ryan (CR) for stepping into the breach as acting secretary. DO gave apologies from AVM Graham Howard, David Packman, Alan McQuillin, Ernie & Cynthia Deighton and Chris Markey DO asked all present to observe a minute's silence for members no longer with us 	
Previous Minutes	No matters arising	
TSW Report	 Wg Cdr Tom Stevenson gave an overview of current operational and exercise activity across the Wing DO expressed his thanks and gratitude to Wg Cdr Tom Stevenson, WO Gaz Barlow and Sgt Gav Sandell for their continued efforts and support of the Association 	
Treasurer's Report	 Elizabeth MacKinnon (EM) gave an overview of the current account status, expenditure and challenges. All account information had been emailed to all members via the newsletter for review and no issues have been raised. DO proposed the newsletter is used to provide members with Association finance documents and records and this would be accepted as a true record. Bob McBey seconded the proposal, and all 	EM to liaise with custodian of the Newsletter to ensure financial updates are included going forwards.



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	 voted in favour unanimously. EM thanked Tim Newstead (TN) for his comprehensive handover DO thanked EM for the work she had done taking on the Treasurers role
Membership Report	 Cliff Whitely (CW) provided an overview on current membership. 277 on record with a further 15 applications pending. CW will continue to work on the membership and drive for new members. DO thanked CW for picking up on the membership portfolio and working with EM.
Future Events	 Wayne Shelton (WS) gave an overview of past and future events. Cenotaph March Nov 2018 - RBL thanked the Association for its full attendance of allocation. WS stated that any nonattendance results in the loss of 4 places at any future events. The Association has applied for the Cenotaph March 2019 and hoping for a greater allocation based on last year's success. Presidents Dinner April 2019 - The first event of its kind at the UJ Club London. A great success and looking to do the same in 2020 but later in the year September due to a close run of events. Op Banner 50th Anniversary - RBL event to be hosted at the National Arboretum 14 August 2019. Open to all members with a NI GSM medal. Normandy May 2019 - The second Association trip to the battlefields of Normandy. Well attended and enjoyed by all attendees and a wreath was laid at the B3 airfield Flanders trip for April 2020 in the pipeline and interest is high.



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		Company margin Michigan
	 Presidents Dinner 2020 looking at September with the Flanders trip in April and hoping for an event to mark VE day May 2020. DO suggested committee closely liaise with CO TSW and Wg WO regarding any event for VE day & 2020 Reunion Weekend. All agreed. WS asked everyone to check their spam and junk email boxes to ensure any emails from the Association are not getting caught up. DO thanked WS for the tremendous efforts in organising all the events and future events for Association members. DO proposed events as accepted. Seconded TN, all voted in favour unanimously. 	WS to liaise with CO TSW & Wg WO regarding any arrangements for VE Day & Annual Reunion event
Association Committee Structure	 DO gave an overview on the current cycles of committee membership and areas of responsibility which is currently 2 years. After a discussion amongst members it was agreed the 2-year commitment would remain with an option of a rollover DO stated David Packman is looking to stand down and thanked him for his support and continued efforts over the years. WS proposed Geordie Lumsden (GL) as the welfare representative for the Association. GL has a wealth of experience dealing with welfare support and gave an overview of what he has done in the past and currently. CW seconded the proposal, and all voted in favour unanimously. DO happy to relinquish his role as chair and offered it to any interested parties. Any interest to take up the role should be directed through the Association. DO stated that Duncan Grant (DG) will be standing down as Vice President and Neil 	 Website and Articles of Association to be amended accordingly – announcement to be highlighted in next Newsletter Website and Articles of Association to be amended accordingly— announcement to



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	Cromarty (NC) has agreed to replace Duncan. DO thanked Duncan for his valuable contribution and commitment and NC for agreeing to continue in the role. DO talked of the good relationship and links the Association has with TSW and thanked them for their continued support and enthusiasm Chris Ryan (CR) proposed the committee structure as accepted. Seconded Jim Coleman, all voted in favour unanimously.
AOB	 WS proposed to bring a female representative onto the committee, Sarah Bosworth (SB) to encourage other fellow past serving female members to join the Association. WS proposed CR to join the committee as the Association Merchandise Member following work completed to source a supplier who can supply Association logo apparel. A web shop is in the process of being built and will be launched in due course. DO asked if SB could support CR on the Merchandising and CR agreed. DO seconded WS proposals, all voted in favour unanimously WS thanked Tim Newstead for his help and support which had been invaluable. Pauline Luckett (PL) on behalf of the Servicing Commandos thanked Duncan Grant for everything he had done in support of the Servicing Commandos and Association. Gaz Barlow Wing WO thanked the Association for its continual support to the Wing Hank Hancock (HH) proposed a link from the Association website whereby members can submit stories of events that have occurred during their time on



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the Wing. This would provide a repository of material to assist in the continuing production of a book on the History of TSW by Jim Coleman. The link will be time lined in date format and any submissions would need to be approved and scrutinised before posting on the web page. A discussion took place into the practicalities of how this could be achieved, the consensus was that it was possible with the right support. HH happy to lead on the project, seconded by Pete Berry, all voted in favour unanimously

DO thanked all members for their attendance at the AGM

Date of Next Meeting: tbc



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Appendix A

Breakdown of costs for Association Dinner, AGM & TSW Families Day

28th June Dinner (based on 80 attending)

0	Drinks on Arrival G&T, Prosecco, Orange Juice	£157.50
0	Food £24 per person Terrine of Melon Espresso Infused Fillet of Beef Chocolate Marquise	£1,920.00
0	Wine 40 x Red & 40 x White (1 bottle per person)	£612.00
0	Port 9 x bottles	£72.00
0	Staffing Cost (assuming 30 x TSW personnel attend event)	£400.00
	TOTAL COST OF DINNER	£3,461.50

29th June AGM (based on 40 attending)

- Drinks on Arrival
 Tea, Coffee, Stickies & Jugged Tap Water (Due to late arrival of pastries, this item was not charged)
- Buffet Lunch
 Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Jugged Water, Orange / Lime

TOTAL COST OF AGM £300.00



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28th & 29th June Transportation

0	Drivers (£150 in total - £50 TSW funding) 28 th June 18:00 – 02:00 2 x drivers 29 th June 08:00 – 02:00 4 x drivers (due to driver hours)	£100.00
0	Vehicle Hire	£120.00
0	Fuel (£60 in total - £20 TSW funding)	£40.00
	TOTAL COST OF TRANSPORTATION	£260.00