

# BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



**MAY 2014**

## **The Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting of BeMBA. Held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 22nd May 2014**

### **There were present**

W Bro G Seeman, PGJD, DPGM	Rep: Friendship & Care 1555 (Chairman)
W Bro D Fisher, PAGDC	Rep: Jersey Mark 257. (Secretary)
W Bro J. Stocker, PAGSwdB	Rep: Friendship & Care 1555 (Treasurer)
W Bro A Hardiman, PGStdB	Rep: Leopold RAM 235
W Bro J Payen, PGStdB	Rep: Porchester RAM 27 & Hungerford Mark 1342
Bro M Perry	Rep: Wilder Mark 1868
W Bro R Head	Rep: Caduceus Mark 1631
W Bro K Harvey, PGSD	Rep: Erlegh Mark 1627
W Bro F Hames	Rep: Wallingford Mark 1162
W Bro D Lambton, PPGInspW	Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657

The Chairman W Bro Graham Seeman opened the meeting at 8.05pm and welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

W Bro H Ranscombe, PPJGW	Rep: Jersey RAM 257
W Bro G Barlow, PPGJD	Rep: Cranley Mark 1616
W Bro E George, PPGStdB	Rep: Windsor Castle Mark 519
W Bro J E Maguire, ProvGJW	Rep: Installed Mas/Com1330
W Bro D Lambton, PPGInspW	Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657
W Bro R Allen, PPGJO	Rep: Linden Acre Mark and RAM 1568
W Bro J Rowe, PPGAlm	Rep: Old Rectory Mark 1398
W Bro D Watmough	Rep: Porchester Mark 27

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 18th Committee meeting held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 23th January 2014 having been circulated to all of the members. Were proposed as a true record by W Bro John Stocker and seconded by W Bro Ray Head

and confirmed by the brethren present and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising that would not covered by the agenda and updates.

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### **TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer, W Bro John Stocker, gave a report of the financial position of BeMBA. The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013 have been audited by W Bro's Ray Head and Jim Payen. Income was £606. Expenditure was £4,755 and the deficit was £4,149. The General reserve of £49,786.39 is considered to be more than sufficient to meet expected demands. The expenditure this year amounts to £2,175 for widows vouchers. Income received is £66.

The members discussed the possible donations to Worcestershire for their festival and the Berkshire festival and decided to recommend to the AGM that the sum of £1,000 be given to each.

### **HOLIDAY SCHEME**

The Secretary reported that he did not have any requests or applications at present, but that it should be covered by the BeMBA Reps reporting to Lodges. The Committee agreed that it should continue to be given prominence in the reports and that experience showed that to be the case.

### **GIFT VOUCHERS**

The Secretary, W Bro David Fisher, said that he had sent out 87 vouchers to known widows and had to date received replies from 70. The replies received so far were passed out to the representatives of the Lodges present at the meeting. Tony Hardiman showed the members the Almoner's cards he has had printed. He said that he is still collating the Lodge Almoners details prior to sending the cards out to the widows. There was also a discussion on the merits of giving the cards to all Mark and RAM members but initially send to the widows as a priority.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGM.**

Chairman: W Bro G Seeman

Vice Chair: W Bro J Maguire

Treasurer: W Bro J Stocker

Secretary: W Bro D Fisher

Auditors: W Bro's R Head & J Payen.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman agreed to look at the Mark BeMBA pamphlet again with a view to giving a copy to all new members.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm with thanks to all for their attendance and interest.

The date of the next meeting (AGM) is Thursday 11th September 2014.

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