

BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



SEPTEMBER 2014

The MINUTES of the 7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BeMBA

Held at SINDLESHAM COURT on THURSDAY 11th September 2014

There were present: -

RW Bro R J Olliver PGM	President
W Bro G D Seeman, PGJD, ProvGDC	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
W Bro R Head PM	Rep: Caduceus Mark 1631
W Bro K Harvey, PGSD	Rep: Erleigh Mark 1627
W Bro F Hames, PM	Rep: Wallingford Mark 1162
W Bro D Wiltcher, PAGDC	Rep: Conrad Costin Mark 1430
W Bro J Rowe, PPGJO	Rep: Old Rectory Mark 1397
W Bro H Ranscombe, PPGJW	Rep: Jersey RAM 257

The Chairman W Bro Graham Seeman opened the meeting at 3.03pm and welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Bro M Perry Rep: Wilder Mark 1868

W Bro G Barlow PPGJD Rep: Cranley Mark 1616

W Bro D Lambton PPGInspW Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657

W Bro D Watmough PM Rep: Porchester Mark 27

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:-

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Richard Olliver, proposed that W Bro Graham Seeman be re- appointed Chairman. This was unanimously agreed. Due to the untimely death of W Bro John Maguire, the previous Vice Chairman, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that W Bro Raymond Head be appointed to that position.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the 6th Annual General meeting held at Sindlesham Court on Wednesday 11th September 2013 having

been circulated to all of the members. Were proposed as a true record by W Bro Frank Hames and seconded by W.Bro John Rowe and confirmed by the brethren present and signed by the Provincial Grand Master.

MATTERS ARISING:-

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

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 Raymond 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. It was proposed by W Bro D Wiltcher and seconded by W Bro F Hames that the accounts be adopted with thanks to the Treasurer and Examiners. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

BY LAWS:-

The proposed minor changes to the By Laws is still ongoing between W Bro Guy Barlow and the Charity Commissioners.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-

The election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman having already been agreed, it was proposed by W Bro Hugh Ranscombe and seconded by W Bro Ken Harvey that W Bro John Stocker be elected Treasurer, W Bro David Fisher as Secretary and the two Examiners be W Bro Jim Payen and W Bro David Wiltcher. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

DATES OF THE MEETINGS FOR 2015:-

Committee meetings – Thursday 22nd January 2015, Thursday 21st May 2015 and the AGM on Thursday 10th September 2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

The question of donations to the Worcestershire Festival and the later Berkshire Festival was raised by the Chairman and W Bro Jim Payen following a recommendation from the Committee meeting on the 22nd May. It was proposed by RW Bro Richard Olliver and seconded by W Bro Tony Hardiman that the sum of £1,000 be donated to each. This was agreed to by the brethren present.

There was a plea from the Chairman that we should be vigilant in identifying people in need and make every effort to address that need.

The PGM, RW.Bro Richard Olliver, wished to place on record his and the Committees appreciation for the contribution the late W Bro John Maguire had made to BeMBA with his tireless support and enthusiasm and that he would be sorely missed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.35pm with thanks to all for attendance and interest.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 22nd January 2015.

David N.Fisher

Secretary