

BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



MAY 2015

The Minutes of the 21st Committee Meeting of BeMBA. Held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 21st May 2015

There were present

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 G Barlow, PPGReg	Rep: Cranley Mark 1616
W Bro M Perry	Rep: Wilder Mark 1868
Bro A Burrell	Rep: Windsor Castle Mark 519

The Secretary W Bro David Fisher opened the meeting at 7.33pm and welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

W Bro R Head	Rep: Caduceus Mark 1631 (Dep Chairman)
W Bro M Perry	Rep: Wilder Mark 1868
W Bro A H Hopkin, DepPGSec.	Rep: Leopold Mark 235
W Bro H Ranscombe, PPJGW	Rep: Jersey RAM 257
W Bro D Wiltcher, PAGDC	Rep: Conrad Costin Mark 1430
W Bro D Lambton, PPGInspW	Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657
W Bro J Rowe, PPGAlm	Rep: Old Rectory Mark 1398

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 20th Committee meeting held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 22nd January 2015 having been circulated to all of the members. Were proposed as a true record by W Bro Tony Hardiman and seconded by W Bro Jim Payen and confirmed by the brethren present and signed by W Bro Jim Payen in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair..

MATTERS ARISING

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

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, W Bro John Stocker, gave a report of the financial position of BeMBA so far this year. Income was £168.65. Expenditure was £7,900.00 made up of Mark Festival £5,000, Widows Easter vouchers £2,200 and Holiday Respite Scheme £700. The General reserve stands at £38,268.39. This is considered to be more than sufficient to meet expected demands.

HOLIDAY SCHEME

The Secretary reported that there had been a claim. W Bro Jim Payen outlined the details. One of our widows has been suffering from cancer and would benefit from a short break with her sister who cares for her. This had been discussed by the Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Almoner and Jim prior to the meeting and it had been decided to grant £700 towards the costs. This decision needed ratification by the Committee and W Bro Payen so proposed. This was seconded by W Bro John Stocker and unanimously agreed by those present. The Committee agreed that it should continue to be given prominence in the reports.

GIFT VOUCHERS

The Secretary, W Bro David Fisher, said that he had received replies from most of the widows and passed out replies to the representatives present.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AGM

The committee felt that the present officers should be proposed en masse:-

Chairman W Bro G Seeman

Vice Chairman W Bro R Head

Secretary W Bro D Fisher

Treasurer W Bro J Stocker

The examiners recommended were W Bro J Payen and Bro A Burrell.

BY LAWS

W Bro Guy Barlow gave a report on his dealings with the Charity Commissioners with regard to the amended by laws and that they had received approval. These would be submitted to the AGM for approval. It was also agreed that the list of Trustees should not include everyone and should be brought into line with other Masonic Charities. The Secretary would action this. The meeting wished to place on record their thanks to Guy for his work.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that he had received a cheque for £153.62 from the Charities Trust as part of their 'Just Giving' scheme. This was handed to the Treasurer who would reply to the CT. (Now done).

The Secretary closed the meeting at 8.10pm with thanks to all for their attendance and interest.

The date of the next meeting is the AGM prior to the Provincial Meeting.

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Secretary

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