

# BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



SEPTEMBER 2016

The MINUTES of the 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BeMBA  
Held at SINDLESHAM COURT on THURSDAY 14th September 2016

There were present: -

RW Bro R J Olliver PGM	President
VW Bro G D Seeman, PGJO, DepPGM	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, PPGSD	Rep: Caduceus Mark 1631
W Bro F Hames, PPGStwd	Rep: Wallingford Mark 1162
W Bro D Wiltcher, PAGDC	Rep: Conrad Costin Mark 1430
W Bro D Medley, ProvGMO	Rep: Linden Acre Mark 1568
W Bro H Ranscombe, ProvGSW	Rep: Jersey RAM 257
W Bro Silverio Ostrowski, PPGMO	Rep: Erleigh Mark 1627
W Bro J Rowe, PPGSO	Rep: Old Rectory Mark 1398
W Bro R Haydon, PPGReg	Rep: Windsor Castle RAM 519
W Bro A Fone	Rep: Windsor Castle Mark 519
W Bro D Lambton, PPGJO	Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Richard Olliver opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

W Bro M Perry Rep: Wilder Mark 1868

W Bro G Barlow, PPGReg. Rep: Cranley Mark 1616

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN :-**

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Richard Olliver, proposed that VW Bro Graham Seeman be re- appointed Chairman, and that W Bro Raymond Head be appointed to Vice Chairman.

**MINUTES:-**

The Minutes of the 8th Annual General meeting held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 10th September 2015 having been circulated to all of the members and posted on the Web Page. They were proposed as a true record by W Bro Tony Hardiman and seconded by W Bro Frank Hames and confirmed by the brethren present and signed by the Provincial Grand Master.

**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. The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 have been audited by W Bro's D Medley and J Payen. The report showed Income for 2015 was £445.68 and Expenditure £8,990.48. The reserve was £37,454.94 but this has subsequently been lowered due to expenditure in 2016.

It was proposed by RW Bro Richard Olliver and seconded by W Bro S Ostrowski that the accounts be adopted with thanks to the Treasurer and Examiners. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF DONATION:-**

The Chairman, VW Bro Graham Seeman, said that discussions at previous committee meetings regarding a donation to the 2017 Berkshire Festival had suggested that a figure of £20,000 would be appropriate. This would still leave sufficient funds available to cover any likely calls on BeMBA and he proposed that this be ratified. This was seconded by W Bro Raymond Head and approved unanimously by those present.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-**

The election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman having already been agreed, it was proposed by RW Bro Richard Olliver that as there were only two nominations for the two positions that W Bro Jim Payen be elected Treasurer and W Bro David Fisher as Secretary. The Provincial Grand Master paid tribute to the support and commitment that W Bro John Stocker had given to BeMBA.

The two Examiners, W Bro David Wiltcher and W Bro David Medley were proposed by W Bro D Fisher and seconded by W Bro H Ranscombe. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**DATES OF THE MEETINGS FOR 2017:-**

Committee meetings – Thursday 19th January 2017, Thursday 18th May 2017 and the AGM prior to the Provincial Meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-**

There was no further business.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.15pm with thanks to all for attendance and interest.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 19th January 2017.

David N.Fisher

Secretary