

BERKSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



MAY 2017

The Minutes of the 24th Committee Meeting of BeMBA.

Held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 18th May 2017

There were present

VW Bro G D Seeman, PGJO	Rep: Friendship & Care Mark 1555 (Chairman)
W Bro R Head, PPGSD	Rep: Caduceus Mark 1631 (Vice Chairman)
W Bro D Fisher, PAGDC	Rep: Jersey Mark 257. (Secretary)
W Bro J Payen, PGStdB	Rep: Porchester RAM 27, Hungerford Mark 1342(Treasurer)
W Bro A Hardiman, PGStdB	Rep: Leopold RAM 235
W Bro H Ranscombe, PPGSW	Rep: Jersey RAM 257
W Bro F Hames, PPGStwd	Rep: Wallingford Mark 1162

The Chairman VW Bro Graham Seeman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

W Bro J Stocker, PAGSwdB	Rep: Friendship & Care 1555
W Bro D Wiltcher, PAGDC	Rep: Conrad Costin Mark 1430
W Bro R Haydon, PPGReg	Rep: Windsor Castle Mark 519
W Bro S Ostrowski, PPGMO	Rep: Erleigh Mark 1627
W Bro D Medley, PPGMO	Rep: Linden Acre Mark & RAM 1568
W Bro G Barlow, PPGReg	Rep: Cranley Mark 1616
W Bro D Lambton, PPGInspWks	Rep: Charles Wilkinson Mark 1657
W Bro J Rowe, PPGJD	Rep: Old Rectory Mark 1398

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 24th Committee meeting held at Sindlesham Court on Thursday 19th January 2017 having been circulated to all of the members and published on the web page. 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 Chairman, VW Bro Graham Seeman.

MATTERS ARISING

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

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, W Bro Jim Payen, gave a report of the financial position of BeMBA . The balance at the end of December stands at £15,456.53. Expenditure since then of £2,340 made up of assistance to a brother and the widow's vouchers has reduced this. Income was £51.36. He raised the question of authorised signatories and after discussion it was agreed to add the Chairman and Secretary.

HOLIDAY SCHEME

There are no claims in the pipeline so far but Lodge representatives are encouraged to stress this in their reports.

GIFT VOUCHERS

The Secretary, W Bro David Fisher, said that he had sent out 85 vouchers and received replies from 72 so far. He was concerned that we should endeavour to confirm receipt of the vouchers from those from which no reply had been received and that he would send out the details to the Lodges concerned to have this verified. There was a general discussion over how the Secretary is notified of widows and as the Provincial office is notified of deaths it follows that they should be able to pass that information both to Lodges and the BeMBA secretary. The Secretary said he would take this up with the Provincial Secretary.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AGM:-

According to the By Laws the President will appoint the Chairman and Vice Chair.

Treasurer:- W Bro Jim Payen

Secretary:- W Bro Hugh Ranscombe

Examiners:- W Bro David Medley and W Bro David Wiltcher

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.10pm.

The date of the next meeting is the AGM prior to the Provincial Meeting on the 14th September 2017.

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