



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

**MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on
Sunday 7th April 2019
at
Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters**

Present

20 members were present

1.0 The President

1.1 The President Mr Alex Jeffrey opened the meeting at 1100hrs and asked everyone to be upstanding to receive the Standard and to remember those of our colleagues who were suffering ill health or had passed away since the last meeting of the Association.

2.0. Apologies for Absence

2.1 7 Apologies were received

3.0 Minutes of AGM held on 15th April 2018 at Victoria Hotel, Chadderton, Oldham

3.1 The minutes of the AGM dated 15 April 2018 were read for accuracy.

It was proposed by Mr J.Needs and seconded by Mr I.Ferguson that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 The Secretary indicated that he had tried to solve the problem of the pension rights of Widows who remarry through the Scottish Government without success but he intended to seek other ways to try to solve the problem.

5.1 Presidents Address

The President welcomed everyone and expressed the thanks to Chief Fire Officer Errington for granting us permission to use these excellent facilities and the hospitality shown to the Association over the weekend.

Members of Council have as usual had a busy year attending various services and meetings on behalf of NARF. The General Purpose Committee have been busy sorting out the Data Protection Regulations as it appertains to NARF and these would be issued to Branches shortly.

Our editor continues to supply excellent material for inclusion in our NARF News and our Standard Bearer continues to do us proud at various parades and services.

I would like to thank the many District and Branch Officials for the work they do and I ask all members to support these officials in what ever way they can.

Should any member have any constructive comments or criticism to make regarding NARF they are welcome to contact him.

6.0 National Secretary's Report & Correspondence

The Secretary indicated that he had nothing to add to his report to Council and he had received no correspondence relating to the AGM.

7.0 Motions for Discussion and Voting

There were no motions submitted for discussion at the AGM

8.1 Treasurer's Report

8.1 The Treasurer indicated that the Association funds had been hit by two unexpected bills. One was from the printer who should have charged us VAT from day One but hadn't despite the regulations being changed in 2015. The invoice requested payment of £4,000.00. The other related issue regarding the printing of NARF News was discussed at a recent meeting of Council to resolve the situation and a course of action agreed. The secretary would commence the course of action to resolve the situation without delay. Apart from these two items, the Association continues to be in sound financial health. General discussion surrounding the Treasurers report took place.

8.2. Subscription for 2017/18

8.2.1 The Treasurer proposed no change to the annual subscriptions of membership to the national Association

8.3. Appointment of Auditors

8.3.1 The Treasurer recommended that the existing auditors Chipchase and Manners be re-appointed.

8.4 The Treasurers Report was accepted by members present at the AGM

Proposed : Mrs L Bairsto

Seconded : Mr I.Ferguson

Passed unanimously including confirmation of the auditors

9. Confirmation of NARF Officials on National Organisations 2014/2015

The following officials were put forward for endorsement by those present :-

Mr. F.Byrne	PSPC, NPC,
Mr. G.Holden	Age UK
Mr. M.Halley	Age Uk (Scotland)
Mr. C.Richards	NPC & Age UK (Wales)

The President asked for a show of hands in favour – *Unanimous*.

A full list of office bearers is attached as an appendix to these minutes

10.0 AOB

The Secretary indicated that Council had approved the holding of the 2020 AGM in Leeds on 28/29 March.

Mr Arthur Lockyear expressed his thanks to Durham Branch and the NARF Standard bearer for their support at the annual remembrance service

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1130hrs and those present stood whilst the Standard withdrew