

All Attendees

Date: 18 July 2021

**MINUTES OF THE MPS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE MPS REGIMENT WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS'
MESS VIA ZOOM ON SATURDAY 17TH JULY 2021**

Present: Association Members via Zoom

Present:

Brigadier V W Buck PM(A)	President - via Zoom	Chair
Lt Col (Retd) R Robinson		Trustee
Lt Col (Retd) P Andrews OBE		Trustee
Major J Wharton MBE	D Comdt	Ex Officio Trustee
WO1 (RSM) E Redgate	RSM	Ex Officio Trustee
SSgt E Mannion-Williams		Trustee
Major (Retd) R G Corcoran MBE		Regt Secretary

ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS

1. The President opened the meeting at 1100 hours and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM 2: APOLOGIES

2. There were no apologies.

ITEM 3: OBITUARIES

3. The Regt Secretary read out the list of Obituaries from January 2019 to date, this was followed by a minutes silence.

ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4. The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on 6th July 2019 were agreed by all as a true record.

ITEM 5: REGT SECRETARIES REPORT

5. The Regt Secretary read out his report and covered the following points:

- a. **Regimental Journal** - the new format has been well received, more articles are required from Veterans in order to make the magazine more inclusive.
- b. **MPS Shop** - will, in due course be outsourced with a proportion of the current stock being written off, it should be noted that the written off stock in means financial stock reduction, all written off stock will be donated or given away as gifts during future events.
- c. **Cenotaph Parade** - RHQ has applied and been granted 10 places for Veterans, RHQ will co-ord the allocations.
- d. **Benevolence** - is ongoing for those Association members who are in need of grants for hardship, need or distress.
- e. **Association Declaration of Trust** - the Trust, which was agreed at a previous AGM has been signed by all Trustees and is awaiting to be uploaded onto the Charity Commission website.

ITEM 6: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

6. The financial statement for the period 1 Apr 20 - 31 Mar 21 and a snapshot from 1 Apr 21 - 15 Jun 21, was proposed by Lt Col (Retd) P Andrews and seconded by Lt Col (Retd) J Robinson and accepted by all as a true record.

ITEM 7: MATTERS ARISING

7. The following points were covered:

- a. **AMOT** - The Regt Secretary gave an update on the AMOT historical project, it is progressing well and will go live in late Sep 21.
- b. **Heritage Centre Update** - the D Comdt gave a detailed presentation on the Heritage Centre (old Print Shop) and it's future intent.
- c. **Association Website** - SSgt Emma Mannion-Williams delivered a presentation on the Association website detailing its versatility and benefit to the Association.
- d. **Trustees Election Process** - The Regt Secretary discussed the voting in of future Trustees, which will begin at the next AGM in 2022.

e. **Future Events** - The RSM discussed future events, which included:

(1) Thursday 11 Nov 21 - Association Remembrance Service.

(2) Sunday 14 Nov 21 - Field of Remembrance Westminster Abbey, followed by a visit to the grave of Lt Col Clare Garsia.

(3) December 21 - MPS Regiment Carol Service.

(4) June 22 - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee which the MPS Regiment will celebrate with a Families Day.

(5) PM(A) discussed Provost Day which will be held in Jul 22. The MPS are to research a significant historical event to coincide with this event.

f. **Association Membership Cards** - The Regt Secretary will scope the production of Association Membership cards.

ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. The following points were raised:

a. The date of the next AGM will coincide with the MPS Regiment Families day event in Jun 22.

b. Captain Neil Wilson very kindly proposed a vote of thanks to the Regt Secretary and his team for their work to modernise the Association. All agreed and the thanks were welcomed and graciously accepted by all the Trustees.

c. There being no further business the meeting closed at 1146 hours.

R G CORCORAN MBE
Major (Retired)
Regimental Secretary
Military Provost Staff Association