

Reference RHQ/AGM/1/21

All Attendees:

Date: 10 May 2023

**MINUTES OF THE MPS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE MPS REGIMENT WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS'  
MESS ON THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022**

**Present:**

Association Members in person. 24  
Via Teams. 5

**Present:**

Maj R Moffatt	Senior MPS Officer
Capt T Crickmore	Trustee
Lt Col (Retd) P Andrews OBE	Trustee
Mr L Pearse	Trustee
WO1 (RSM) D Batterham	Ex Officio Trustee
Major (Retd) R G Corcoran MBE	Regt Secretary

**ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS**

1. The Regt Sec opened the meeting at 1030 hours and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ITEM 2: APOLOGIES**

2. The Regt Sec read out the list of apologies.

**ITEM 3: OBITUARIES**

3. The Regt Secretary read out the list of Obituaries for 2022, this was followed by a minutes silence.

**ITEM 4:**

4. The Regt Sec read out Loyal Greetings that the MPS Association had received from Buckingham Palace.

**ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

5. The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on 17th July 2021 were agreed by all as a true record.

## ITEM 5: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

6. The financial statement for the period 1 Apr 21 - 31 Mar 22, was accepted by all as a true record. Lt Col Andrews kindly pointed out a date typo on the balance sheet, this will be adjusted.

## ITEM 6: MATTERS ARISING

7. The following points were covered:

- a. **Election of Trustees** - The Regt Secretary confirmed the election of Captains' Crickmore and Smith as new Trustees and thanked Lt Cols' Andrews and Robinson for their sterling work on behalf of the Association over the past years as Trustees.
- b. **Declaration of Trust Amendment** - The Regt Secretary outlined the plan to adjust the Declaration of Trust in order to include Veterans. A new election of Veterans as Trustees will follow on.
- c. **Heritage Centre** - The Regt Secretary thanked the Commanding Officer for allowing MPS Regt members to carry out the work on the Heritage Centre, he also thanked Maj Wharton for the inspiration and execution of the work and thanked SSgt Emma Mannion-Williams who has worked tirelessly and delivered the finished product.
- d. **Association Shop** - The Regt Secretary outlined the plan to conjoin with the AGC in order to provide a digital shop with a larger supplier, Capt Smith kindly volunteered to be the project officer.
- e. **MPS Regt Journal** - In order to reduce costs and comply with current MoD policy, the next edition of the MPS Regt Journal will be produced in hard copy for Veterans and pdf format (via the MPS website) for Serving Personnel
- f. **Days Pay Scheme** - The Regt Secretary discussed conjoining with the AGC and paying into the AGC Days Pay Scheme, whilst retaining MPS independence in order to enhance the level of funding available to the Association. All agreed.
- g. **Passage of Information to RHQ** - The Regt Secretary made a plea for relevant information regarding Association Veterans being passed to RHQ, this information will then be cascaded out to all Association Members via a Regt Bulletin.

## **ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8. The following points were raised:
  - a. Lt Col Andrews raised some issues regarding the election of Trustees, after some debate he agreed to go with the majority.
  - b. The next MPS Association AGM will coincide with the MPS Regt event in 2023, details will be published via the website.
  - c. Provost Day on the 23rd July 2023 is a joint Provost celebration and all members of the MPS are welcome to attend.
  - d. Lt Col Andrews thanked PM(A) for attending the AGM and also thanked the CO and RSM of the MPS Regt for allowing the MPS Association the use of the facilities.
  - e. The meeting closed at 1115 hours.

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