

OXFORDSHIRE MARK MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The Minutes for the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of The Oxfordshire Mark Masonic Benevolent Association to be held via a Virtual Zoom Business meeting at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021.

PRESENT

RW Bro I W Wright PrGM President	VW Bro B A Prior DPrGM, Chairman
W Bro P Benham Treasurer	W Bro Michael Seymour Jones
W Bro S N Pope Secretary	W Bro Tony Judd
WBro B J Watts Member	W Bro Tony Taylor
W Bro S Quant Member	W Bro Roger Jones Member
W Bro Marcus Smith	W Bro Ron Bridger
W Bro Ray Cochrane	V W Bro David Aspinall
R W Bro Ian Alexander	W Bro E Gratwhol
W Bro Adrian Barlow	W Bro Paul Kiefer
Bro Steven Purnell	W Bro Peter Gilkes
W Bro G McGowan Smyth	W Bro Karl Gormer
W Bro Raymond Reed	W Bro Peter Clark
W Br Stephen Bentall	W Bro John Williams
W Bro Phillip Harley	W Bro Mel Shah
W Bro Mike Smail	W Bro Chris Woodward
W Bro Keith Ackroyd	

- 1) Apologies for absence, received from, W Bro D McQueen Deputy Chairman, W Bro S J Bowers, W Bro A Nimmo, W Bro B Wegerhoff, W Bro M Allcott
- 2) To confirm the previously circulated minutes of the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of The Oxfordshire Mark Masonic Benevolent Association held via Zoom Monday 2nd November 2020 at 5.30 pm. Proposed W Bro Paul Benham, seconded W Bro Marcus Smith, these were put to the vote, they were approved and passed unanimously.
- 3) Matters arising from those minutes, there being no matters arising
- 4) The Treasurer's reported on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020. These had already ben presented at our November meeting. R W Bro Ian Alexander was concerned that there was a substantial amount of money in the account not accruing any interest, which was also discussed under any other business. W Bro Ron Bridger Proposed and R W Bro Ian Alexander seconded, the accounts were put to the vote and Passed without descent.
- 5) To elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Only one nomination had been received, that being from W.Bro P G Benham, who was duly declared.

- 6) To elect a Secretary for the ensuing year, whilst this was not a requirement. The Chairman stated he had only one nomination that being from W.Bro S N Pope, who was duly declared
- 7) To Elect two examiners of the accounts for the ensuing year. The two incumbents being W Bro R G Beale and W Bro M A Smail. There being no other nominations, they were duly declared.
- 8) To receive a report on the activities of OMMBA since 2nd November 2020. The chairman went through the various donations made during the period and confirmed OMMBA had been very active, there were no questions.
- 9) Any other business.

R W Bro Ian Alexander, asked if all the various donations made, were all to registered Charities. The Chairman confirmed this was the case, including Lord William School, where there was a possible doubt but it was confirmed, the monies were sent to their PTA which is a registered Charity. R W Bro Ian, again brought up the matter, of the fact, that no interest was received on monies held in our accounts. The Chairman confirmed that we will always keep a buffer of £25,000 in our working account. R W Brother Ian stated that in his opinion, was that the balance, we should consider investing with the MCF or similar, such as a Relief Chest. R W Brother Ian pointed out as a Trustee; he was keen to see that we made the most of these monies. He also brought up the fact that whilst recipients of our donations, write to us with gratitude, there was nothing on their own web sites to acknowledge our gifts. He suggested that we gently persuade the recipients to acknowledge our donations on their web sites. Steven Purnell said they had acknowledged on social media but R W Bro Ian, stressed these matters should be on the Charities own web sites for all to see. There had been two requests for help in the last 6 months and both dealt with appropriately.

There being no further business, The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm, after thanking everyone for a record attendance

Chairman.....

Date