



## British Fire Services Association

**Unconfirmed Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**At Apsley Paper Mill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.**

Present: Frank Turner, Graham Howgate, Dave Lown, Vernon Fisher, Geoff McSweeney, Richard Lovelace, Paul Basson, Andrew Phillips, James Lovelace, John Watson, Brian Wreadle, John Bell, John Holliman, Hazel Lovelace.

Apologies: Canon T. Woodhouse, Steve Shirley, George Halstead, Peter Mills, Tony Barker, Ivor Hole, CFO; Oxfordshire F&RS.

John Watson, South Midland & Home Counties District President welcomed all to the Apsley Paper Mill.

The General Secretary read the notice convening the meeting which was opened at 11.00hrs. The names of those tendering apologies were read out.

Those present stood to order to remember members that have passed away since the last AGM, particularly: J. Caygill; J. Roberts & R. Wilton.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were put for agreement as a true record.

Proposed by; Dave Lown

Seconded by; Frank Turner.

Agreed.

The Chairman delivered his address outlining the activities and visits he has undertaken. He also expressed the thanks of the Governing Council to Mick Lee who had resigned from the council due to the pressures of work.

Frank Turner was then re-appointed as the Chairman of Governing Council.

The 2017 accounts were put to those present for approval. The General Secretary gave a brief explanation of the accounts.

Proposed by; Dave Lown.

Seconded by; Vernon Fisher.

Agreed.

The General Secretary read the list of Vice-Presidents for appointment:

John Craig – Past President.

Tony Barker – Past Chairman.

Bob Davis – Past Chairman.

George Halstead – Past Chairman.

Alan House – Past Chairman.

Graham Howgate – Past Chairman.

Mick Lee – Past Chairman.

Dick Lovelace – Past Chairman, (Executive VP)

Alex McConachie – Past Chairman.

Geoff McSweeney – Past Chairman.

Steve Shirley – Past Chairman.

Vernon Fisher.

Malcolm Eastwood – Honorary V.P.

Proposed by; Frank Turner.

Seconded by; John Watson.

Agreed.

The General Secretary proposed that Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse be re-appointed as Chaplain, seconded by; Vernon Fisher.

Agreed.

The General Secretary proposed that Simon Moss Accountants be re-appointed as accountants, seconded by; Geoff McSweeney.

Agreed.

Any other business not requiring notice of motion.

- There was a question regarding the future of the RAF Museum of Firefighting. The Gen Sec gave an update as far as he was aware.
- The Chairman mentioned ongoing discussion by the Gen Sec regarding the wearing of BFSA medals.
- Questions were asked about the website. The Gen Sec responded that the Webmaster is essentially a volunteer however it was hoped to make further improvements. The Gen Sec also informed the meeting that the BFSA now also has a Facebook page.
- District Secretary of Sth Mids & Home Counties said that he was surprised about members of LA F&RS's that were unaware of their membership. Gen Sec replied that he has previously sent communications to the relevant CFO's asking them to promote the BFSA. There was further general discussion.
- Chairman of London & S.E Dist asked about the association membership figures. Gen Sec responded that there are: Personal Members -138
- Group members; Small grp – 39/ Med grp -3/ Lge grp – 7/ X Lge Grp – 1/ Overseas groups – 5/ Local Auth F&RS – 7.

Meeting closed at 12.30. The Chairman thanked Apsley Paper Mill for the use of their facilities and all present for their attendance.