



British Fire Services Association

Unconfirmed Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 14th October 2020

Via Zoom video conferencing.

Present: Frank Turner, Graham Howgate, Geoff McSweeney, Richard Lovelace, Paul Basson, Andrew Phillips, Matt Stokes, Canon Thomas Woodhouse, Mark Sinner, Alan House, Peter Mills, Ronal Murray, Steve Shirley, Peter Cowland, Seamus Higgins.

Apologies: Dave Lown, Vernon Fisher, Tony Barker.

The General Secretary read the notice convening the meeting which was opened at 15.00hrs. The Chaplain gave a Blessing for the Association.

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were put for agreement as a true record.

Proposed by; John Watson.

Seconded by; Seamus Higgins.

Agreed.

The Chairman delivered his Valedictory Address outlining the activities and visits he has undertaken.

WM Matt Stokes was then appointed as the Chairman of Governing Council and gave his Installation Address.

The 2019 accounts were put to those present for adoption.

Proposed by; Frank Turner.

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.

Malcolm Eastwood – Hon. V.P

Vernon Fisher

George Halstead – Past Chairman.

Alan House – Past Chairman.

Graham Hill-Howgate – Past Chairman.

Bruce Hogg – Past Chairman.

Dick Lovelace – Past Chairman.

Alex McConachie – Past Chairman.
Geoff McSweeney – Past Chairman.
Steve Shirley – Past Chairman.
Frank Turner – Past Chairman.

Proposed by; Paul Basson.
Seconded by; Matt Stokes.
Agreed.

On behalf of the Chairman & Governing Council, the General Secretary present Frank Turner with his Vice President's Certificate.

To re-appoint Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse as Chaplain.
Proposed by; Peter Mills,
Seconded by; Geoff McSweeney.
Agreed.

To re-appoint Simon Moss Accountants as accountants.
Proposed by; Peter Mills.
Seconded by; Geoff McSweeney.
Agreed.

Any other business not requiring notice of motion.

- Paul Basson requested an update on current membership levels. The General Secretary gave a verbal update.
- Frank Turner thanked the Chaplain for his work in recent months on behalf of the Association.
- Peter Mills mentioned that the Members Welfare Fund have been contacting beneficiaries and a number of former members.

Meeting closed at 15.20. The Chairman thanked everyone that attended especially under the current Covid-19 restrictions that required the use of video conferencing.