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Minutes of Governing Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 1st July 2020** Meeting held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13.15 hrs.

Present: Frank Turner (FT) Chair; Graham Howgate (GenSec); Thomas Woodhouse (TW); Steve Shirley (SS); Seamus Higgins (SH); Paul Basson (PB); Geoff McSweeney (GMc); Dave Lown (DL)
Apologies from: Vernon Fisher, Peter Mills, George Halsted, Tony Barker.
Apologies due to technical issues: Matt Stokes; Dick Lovelace; John Watson.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2019 were agreed and will be published on the website.

Matters Arising:

- South of England District luncheon, postponed due to Covid restrictions.

The Chairman presented his report stating that he had attended the MWF meeting and was working closely with the General Secretary on routine issues. He also noted that a number of members had been affected in their business by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The General Secretary's report had been previously circulated and contents noted.

Action: Gen. Sec.

The Chairman gave an update on behalf of the MWF.

The general fund stands at £733,399 and the income was £27,011 and there are 8 regular beneficiaries. A couple of GC members asked if it would be possible for the MWF meeting minutes to be circulated to the GC.

Action: MWF Sec.

District Reports:

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions there have been no District events.

- London & South East District Annual Dinner and the Grunheide exchange visit have both been postponed for 2020.
- South of England District luncheon to be re-scheduled when circumstances permit.

AOB: PB asked about a Certificate for a Finish group

Action: PB/Gen Sec/Chair

PB also asked about a possible amendment to the uniform/medals dress regs. Gen Sec stated that this was not viable due to the ongoing discussions with the Cabinet Office regarding our medals.

SS reported that the Museum of RAF Firefighting (inc BFSa collection) was still in Scunthorpe on a rolling lease with support from the local council.

Gen Sec gave an update that the Emergency Services Show for 2020 has been cancelled and will now be held on 27/28 April 2021.

Dates of meetings: October (AGM). *This may be a mixture of actual meeting with a Zoom access.*
January 2021 -GC meeting via Zoom. *(time of meeting tba).*

The meeting closed at 13.50 hrs.

The Chairman thanked all for being present at the meeting.