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Minutes of Governing Council Meeting held on **Saturday 23rd June 2018** At the Civil Service Club, London.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10.00 hrs.

Present: Frank Turner (FT) Chair; Graham Howgate (GenSec); Geoff McSweeney (GM); Dick Lovelace (DL); Vernon Fisher (VF).

Apologies from: Steve Shirley; Dave Lown; Peter Mills; George Halsted.

GenSec reported that he has received a letter of resignation from the GC from Mick Lee. The letter was read out. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mick

Action: Gen Sec

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2018 were agreed and will be published on the website.

Matters Arising:

- The medal presentation to Brandweer Ieper has taken place.
- GenSec gave an update on matters concerning the old PayPal account and problems that arose in trying to deal with that. In light of the difficulties it was agreed not to pursue the matter further.
- All other administrative matters have been dealt with.

The Chairman presented his report and mentioned the visit to Ieper (Ypres) with thanks to the GenSec for the work put in. He also reported that he presented a long service medal at the London & South East District Dinner.

The General Secretary went through his report that had been previously circulated.

The Chairman gave an update on behalf of the MWF, with additional information from the written report supplied by the MWF Hon Sec.

District Reports:

London & South East; the annual dinner was held on 8th June and the 2019 dinner will be on 7th June. The exchange programme with Grunheide continues and they will be visiting London this year.

South Midlands & Home Counties; the change in District officers is establishing and there is a programme of events with the Paper Trail (Heritage) FB.

West Midlands ; attended the Service of Thanksgiving at the National Arboretum.

Gen Sec advised that he can supply Poppy wreaths with the BFSA badge.

Emergency Services Show 2018; GenSec reported that the preparatory work is underway. The new leaflets still need to be printed.

Action: GenSec & Steve Shirley

BFSA Medals; the Chair presented a couple of papers with updates and amendments. This included the wearing of Bronze & Silver Oakleaves on the actual medal in place of multiple bars for 35 years and 40 years plus respectively. Gen Sec to discuss with Bigbury Mint and also get an update on the MSD and Past Chairman's badge.

Action: Gen Sec.

Other changes recommended by the Chair were approved.

Dates of meetings; the AGM will be held on Saturday 27th October 2018. The venue for the meeting may be changed to the Paper Trail to encourage better attendance.

Following the 2018 schedule, dates for 2019 will be: Sat 23rd March/Sat 22nd June/Sat 26th October.

The meeting closed at 13.00 hrs, followed by lunch.