

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **609(WR) SQUADRON ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday 13 July 2013**

**Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington, York**

### **Present.**

**Mr M Briggs, Ms H. Bulmer, Mr G.Carroll, Mr D. Darley, Mrs R Darley**

**Mr D. Fielding, Mr M.Foster, Ms. M Gadd, Mr G. Garriock, Mr B Gledhill,**

**Ms. J. Graham, Mr. A. Hayman, Mr K Hobbs, Mr. M.Ingle, Ms H Lawson,**

**Mr A Marsh, Ms. D. Marshall, Mr. J Matley, Sqn Ldr J Metcalfe,**

**Mr H Mulligan, Mr D Webster, Mr P Wison, Mr B Waite, Mr M Voase,**

**Mr K Hobbs, Ms J Graham, Mr D Weathergill.**

### **Apologies**

**Mr N Berrington, Mr J Barlow, Air Cdr S Bostock, Mr N Crook, Mr C Goss**

**AVM S Hunter, Mr A Jennings, Mr T L Kerr, Mr P Proudley, Gen Van Callenberge, Mr A Parkes, Mr M Farrelly, Mr S Staniforth, Mr I Reed,**

**Mr I Stafford, Mrs S Milligan, Mr J Le Clerq**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 11:06 with a request for a minute's silence to remember absent friends. He requested that we particularly remember those who have passed away since our last meeting:

N Dobell (3609) who passed away 5 June 2012,

A E Jones who passed away 7 November 2012

A W Smith who passed away 6 March 2013.

The Secretary then moved onto the minutes from the AGM at Yorkshire Air Museum on the 23 June 2012. There were no matters arising from these minutes. The Secretary requested that they be recorded as a true record.

Proposed – Jeff Metcalfe

Seconded – Mike Foster

### **Chairmans Report.**

- Association Membership – The Chairman voiced his concerns over a lack of new members. He advised that from the new 609 Squadron perspective the training weekends had been de-conflicted to allow new Squadron members to attend Association meetings.

His view was that the new Squadron members were not interested in joining the Association, or for that matter any Association.

We currently have a membership of 106 paying members and he was talking to 613 Sqn Association about possible amalgamation of the two Associations.

- Future Reunions – It has become apparent from feedback from Association members, that the current location at Elvington was too expensive and not value for money.

It was decided to discuss this under AOB and consider a vote on moving the venue to either RAF Leeming or to the St George Hotel, Middleton St George.

Hugh Mulligan suggested conducting a survey of the membership with regards to the change of venue.

The Chairman again reiterated that with regards to future meetings he was looking at amalgamating with another Association – either 603 or 611 Squadron.

Mike Foster suggested that the Association look at possibly University Air Squadrons or Senior Air Training Corps Cadets for membership.

- Leeds/Bradford Airport Memorial

The Chairman thanked David Darley for his sterling efforts in getting the old memorial refurbished and relocated at the Airport to a site which can now be seen by everybody going airside and also for getting a second memorial installed at the Airport on the terminal side of departures, this new memorial incorporated the whole Squadron History from inception up to the modern day 609 Squadron.

- RAuxAF Memorial – The Chairman made a request for a donation from the Association to assist with the refurbishment of this memorial – this was moved to AOB.

### **Secretary's Report**

Began my report by saying it had been a steep learning curve juggling employment, military commitments and duties as the Secretary, went on to thank Hugh Mulligan for his assistance when I became stuck/did not know where to go for information.

Have dealt with several enquiries in the past year, both from the UK and abroad with some success, and stated as in the past it is down to the oracle knowledge of Mark Krame, David Darley and Jos Le Clerq that we have been able to offer up answers on these enquiries.

I went on to state that the Highlight of the year for me was the unveiling of the Memorials at Leeds Bradford Airport as it had given me a chance to meet some of the “Old and Bold” of 609, a true honour.

Alan Hayman

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that it was quite on the financial front for the Association during 2012 with expenditure being for “run and maintain” purposes. As a consequence our income exceeded our expenditure by £796.92.

Again, as a reflection of the financial situation, the number and amounts of donations to the Association were small.

Although our cash situation is currently healthy we do need to maintain this at a reasonable level to ensure any unexpected costs can be managed. Subscriptions are our main source of income, however it is still difficult to interest the new 609ers in the value of joining the Association.

She went on to thank those members who were paying their subscriptions by Standing Order, this has become a popular method of payment with more than half the members now paying by this method.

She stated that the Newsletter Editor has continued to fund the publication and postage of the newsletter for which she gratefully thanked him.

She went on to report that due to an error in an online transaction by a member who paid £7630.00 into the account in error, she has had to present two sets of figures.

She further went on to say that the error made by the member was picked up quickly and a refund was made to that member without undue delay.

Financial Details for the year were as follows and are as at 31 December 2012.

Total Income	£10,359.00
Expenditure	£ 9,562.08
Cash at Bank	£ 6,869.61

After the adjustment for the error the figures are:

Total Income	£ 2,729.00
Expenditure	£ 1,932.08
Cash at Bank	£ 6,896.61

Mike Foster asked the Treasurer where we banked and what type of account  
The Treasurer stated we banked at Lloyds and it was a Charities account.

Rosemary Darley

Honorary Treasurer

609 (WR) Squadron Association

Proposed that the Treasurer be thanked for her report and that it was a true record.

Proposed Brain Waite

Seconded Graham Carroll

### **Election of Officers**

Current committee to stand as is until next AGM.

Proposed Graham Carroll

Seconded Andy Marsh

### **Any Other Business**

- Andy Marsh suggested that when the current Squadron hold their Formal Dinner that Association members be invited to join and meet new Squadron members.
- Darren Webster suggested that the committee get in touch with “old” new Squadron members to try and get them involved in the Association.
- Brian Waite suggested that the Association does not cut ties with Elvington and put forward the idea of the Association holding the AGM at the St Georges hotel with a Battle of Britain Buffet to be held at Elvington.
- Darren Webster congratulated David Darley on an excellent newsletter and requested that this be sent out electronically.
- RAuxAF Memorial Refurbishment – it was decided that an amount of £1000 would be donated to assist with the refurbishment of the memorial.

Date of next AGM

To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 12:15