Minutes of meeting held on 26/08/26 opened at 1900 by the Chairman Steve Shirley

Apologies

From Simon Wilson who is on Holiday

Secretaries Report

Only the emails that everybody has seen. There were no minutes from the cancelled meeting.

Membership Secretaries Report

Dave was unable to attend the meeting

Treasurers Report

The Accounts were emailed to all the committee, no problems there. We have £36.443.50 in the bank. There was a donation of £1000 from Clive Bunting.

Chairman's Report

The Museum of RAF Firefighting had a successful weekend in moving 12 vehicles to its new home at Hemswell. Social media interest was amazing with over 10.000 hits on Facebook.

Vice Chairman's Report

Sam spoke about widening our social media to see how we could attract more members.

Flashpoint Editors Report

We need more content

Webmasters Report

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A O B

The subject of an A G M was brought up after some discussion it was decided that there will be no reunion before Christmas so we will look again after New Year.

For the first time here are some key outcomes and actions that need to be reported on at the next meeting if possible please.

A compromise was reached regarding the new treasurers contact details allowing for the omission of a home Address in favour of a phone number and email.

It was also discussed members welfare and support

Financial Signatories

Trevor and Pat brought up the subject regarding the close friendship between Steve S and Simon and the fact that it wasn't a good idea to have them both as signatories on the bank account as it may be seen by some, that there could be a conflict of interest when it came to spending money. Steve said he would hand over the signing of cheques to Sam if the rest of the Committee agreed. This change would have to be updated in the constitution. Steve S also raised the issue of card payments if the new treasurer wants to do internet banking.

Membership

A potential growth avenue was by social media targeting Retired Fire Fighters.

Outreach

A visit to RNAS Yeovilton by Steve S had highlighted that this was also a good source of new membership.

Data Protection

Concerns were raised concerning publishing home addresses of the committee in flashpoint .

Members Welfare

2 members Dave Rose Clive Bunting may be struggling and need a proactive outreach

Treasurers Hand over

Tension still exists between Trevor and Simon over contact information.

Action Items

Steve speak with Simon on contact and publication of details and handover process

Trevor to check status of flashpoint Delivery to Sam and Mikey broadly

Dave to update website to include Val's details as general secretary and remove duplicate membership entries

Val set to work on planting a tree at the rugby club in Cirencester for Mike

Steve consult with Digby welfare team for advice reference formalising possible welfare support to members from within the Association.

Date of next meeting - 30th September 1900hrs.