

MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH FAMILIES' EDUCATION SERVICE/ SERVICE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATION HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 2019 AT THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, SANDHURST AT 11.00AM.	
19.01	Welcome
	<p>Ken (Jones, OBE - chairman) thanked everyone for their support of the Association and their attendance at this, our 50th anniversary AGM and lunch. He stated that there could be no grander setting than Sandhurst for this anniversary. He noted that there were members from both Germany and Scotland at this event.</p> <p>Ken thanked Sue for all her work in organising this event and noted that Vaughan Kent Payne, on the military side had been most helpful.</p> <p>Ken also gave thanks to Jackie Rance for organising the music recital in the Memorial Chapel.</p> <p>Ken reminded members that the AGM had of necessity to be short as the tour of the College was due to start at 11.45.</p>
19.02	Apologies
	Tom Nielsen-Marsh, Ann Sharp
19.03	Minutes of the previous meeting – 6th October 2018
	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2018 were read and agreed.</p> <p>Barbara Arrandale proposed their acceptance and Brenda Jones seconded.</p> <p>Questions from the minutes were invited but none were raised.</p>
19.04	Correspondence
	There was no correspondence to report.
19.05	Reports
	The report booklet(attached to these minutes) was drawn to the attention of all attendees and they were asked if there were any questions. Comments on the reports were made by the following committee members.
0.01	Chairman's Report
	Ken gave thanks to the committee members for all their hard work during the year to ensure that the association ran smoothly. He also stated that the association disliked cancelling events. The cancellation of the Holme-Lacey residential event was a disappointment and what was an even greater disappointment was the poor response for feedback as to why the event had not proved attractive to members. Ken asked members for suggestions for events and venues for the future. These to go to Sue.
0.02	Secretary's Report
	Lynn saw her role as distributing information to the committee and members. But she felt there should be a better way of distributing AGM paperwork. Lynn said she would work with Mike(website) to explore the possibility of using the website to communicate AGM information.
0.03	Treasurer's Report
	<p>See treasurer's report attached.</p> <p>A loss has been reported for year end 2018.</p> <p>Subscriptions have been raised and therefore there should be no loss in 2019.</p> <p>The committee has been more prudent with expenses by only having one committee meeting a year.</p> <p>The balance today is £9,628</p>

0.04	Events Organsier Report																				
	Sue reported a fantastic response to this event. 91 attendees. Although both Corpus Christi, Cambridge and Winchester had been excellent events and much enjoyed they were not as well attended as had been hoped. This could in part have been due to the Cambridge and Sandhurst events being very close together.																				
0.05	Website Report																				
	Mike reported that the website was going from strength to strength but very slowly. Mike drew members' attention to a sheet which explained more about the website and how to access it.																				
0.06	Newsletter Report																				
	Ken spoke on behalf of Tom and reported how pleased he was that a few more colleagues were now producing items for the newsletter. He urged all members to consider penning a few paragraphs about their life abroad in a Forces School.																				
19.06	Election of Officers																				
	<p>Lynn took over as chair. She stated that she had not received any nominations for the post of chairman. She thanked Ken for all his hard work in keeping the committee focussed. She said Ken spent a lot of time thanking the committee and it was now the committee's turn to thank him for being such an excellent chair. She also stated that Ken had accepted a request to remain as chair.</p> <p>Ken Jones OBE was proposed as chairman by Barbara Arrandale and Phil Arrandale seconded. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ken then took over as chairman. He stated that all committee members had been asked if they were prepared to continue in their current posts; all had agreed and therefore he was proposing that all committee members be re-elected. Jackie Rance proposed and Tony ????? Seconded. This proposal was unanimously accepted.</p> <p>The committee:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Chair.</td> <td>Ken Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair</td> <td>Walter Lewis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Lynn Marshall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer.</td> <td>Janet Bradley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretaries</td> <td>Hugh & Christine Ritchie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Events Manager.</td> <td>Sue Adams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archive Manager.</td> <td>Walter Lewis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website Manager.</td> <td>Mike Chislett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newsletter</td> <td>Tom Nielsen-Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member.</td> <td>Jane Tull</td> </tr> </table>	Chair.	Ken Jones	Vice Chair	Walter Lewis	Secretary	Lynn Marshall	Treasurer.	Janet Bradley	Membership Secretaries	Hugh & Christine Ritchie	Events Manager.	Sue Adams	Archive Manager.	Walter Lewis	Website Manager.	Mike Chislett	Newsletter	Tom Nielsen-Marsh	Member.	Jane Tull
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19.07	Election of Vice Chair																				
	Brenda Jones proposed Walter Lewis as vice chair and Rob Crowe seconded. The vote was unanimous.																				
19.08	GDPR																				
	<p>Tom's report is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>The information contained in the report was then discussed. Ken went on to say that the committee took its responsibilities with reference to GDPR seriously but was also mindful of the fact that as a small association it would not be appropriate to get involved in the minutiae that may be necessary to manage a large organisation. But he did state that this item would be included on the agenda each year.</p> <p>Blind copying was raised by Barbara Arrandale and Lynn stated that this was an issue she had noticed whilst sending out AGM information. She stated this would be raised with the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>John Monkhouse raised the issue of school log books. Wally replied and stated that all log books were going to the National Army Museum and would remain confidential for up to 100 years.</p> <p>Barbara Arrandale stated she was pleased that GDPR would be an annual item.</p>																				

19.09	Subscriptions
	Hugh and Christine told members that all the membership information was stored on a memory stick and that nothing was shared. Hugh and Christine stated that they were mindful of GDPR in all their dealings with membership issues.
19.10	Events
	<p>There were three events planned for next year.</p> <p>Welbeck College. 9th October 2020 Ken and Sue</p> <p>Winchester Curry Lunch. Jane</p> <p>Cambridge Corpus Christi. Paul</p> <p>Ken gave a brief outline of Welbeck and that it was closing as it was not deemed by the MOD to be a cost effective way of recruiting officers.</p> <p>Welbeck is a unique College used for training potential military leaders. Ken outlined a plan for the event. He suggested that there be a dinner on the evening 8th of October in a nearby hotel. It was hoped that the Principal and a serving Welbexian Colonel would be present.</p> <p>On the following day students at the College would be used as tour guides. The tour of the college would be followed by the AGM and conclude with lunch.</p>
19.11	Members Questions
	<p>John Monkhouse pointed out that it was likely that the dates for the Cambridge and Winceshet lunches may be too close together thus possibly reducing numbers. It was agreed the committee would look carefully at the dates in order to sort out any difficulties.</p> <p>There was a spontaneous round of applause for the committee at the end of the meeting.</p>
19.12	The meeting closed at 11.40am.