

MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD AT HESTON VENUE
ON 20 JUNE 2016

Ted Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting on such a dreadful day.

Minutes of the meeting held 20 July 2015 were proposed as a true record by Heather Sinclair and seconded by Sheila Lole.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN 'S REPORT

Ted said none of us were getting any younger and we needed new blood. We did have three new volunteers.

We have had quite a successful year and received some excellent comments. Membership is dwindling on our outings and holidays and a lot of members are departing this world. Ted said he tries to go on as many holidays and outings and always thoroughly enjoys all of them. He said he gets more out of these trips than he puts in,

A number of you attended a meeting a week ago about what is happening at the club. At the moment RSA are in correspondence with Imperial College. The lease expires in August but we have nothing more we can put to you about what is happening. Nothing is changing until the end of the year but we will let our members know at the next meeting and on our website.. Our Contract is with Imperial College not BA Clubs.

The RSA gave a lot of support to the Retired Staff Reunion on 11 June. Margaret put a lot of work on the tables and it looked very nice. They have already booked a date for next year.

We are looking at the Programme for next year. We have had a lot of requests to go back to Potters but without all the excursions. We have had a very nice letter from Potters and they have asked us if we would like to book again for next May. The food was excellent.

Slovenia and Corsica had been suggested for next year.

Our Christmas lunch is at the Runnymede Hotel on 11 December.

Thursford is a special year in 2016 as it is the 50th anniversary. There are places left.

Our next outing is to Audley House and there are places left.

Our next holiday is Andalusia and there are vacancies.

Phantom of the Opera is full. If you would like to go on the waiting list contact the office.

Ted thanked everyone in the RSA who has supported our raffle and sent donations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Margaret said everyone had the financial Statement and we are about £10,000 down this year. As far as the Christmas lunch is concerned, normally we used to send the invoice over to Treasury and we were able to reclaim the VAT back but we did not know that they are no longer paying the VAT for us and putting it down to entertainment. Nothing can be done about it as Treasury is moving to Krakow.

If you look at the Statement we didn't sell as many holidays and outings as we did the previous years, which means we are losing money all the time. Deaths are still rising and we don't get many new members to replace them.

Treasury have told us we can no longer keep our money in BA Treasury; they used to give us an ex gratia payment of £4,000 if we kept our money with them but we will lose this as we cannot keep our money there any more. Margaret has arranged a meeting with the Bank.

We have to pay Imperial College rent of £12,000 per year for the office and facilities.

Margaret asked if there were any questions.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ted told the meeting who had been elected.

Chairman – Margaret proposed Ted be re-elected Chairman and this was seconded by Gulzar Jaffer

V/Chairman – Ted proposed David Jenner and this was seconded by Marianne Bryant

Treasurer - Ted proposed Margaret Currie and this was seconded by Gulzar Jaffer

Secretary – Gulzar Jaffer proposed Norma Rhys and this was seconded by Nancy Saunders.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no AOB.

The meeting closed at 1515.