

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parachute Jumping Instructor Canopy Club Association held in HQ Airborne Delivery Wing on 01 November 2024

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Present:	G Allcock		Chairman
	J Clatworthy		Welfare Rep
	G Evans		Oxon Area Rep
	A Gillett	WO ADW	Chf Inst
	D Hennessy		Reunion Rep
	R Lewis	OC ADW	Dep Chair
	M Milburn		President
	D Peacock		Heritage Rep
	49 Association members		Welfare Rep
	C Heathershaw		Gen Sec

Item 1 - Apologies for absence.

Action

1. Apologies for absence were received from the following members: G Carson, P Feeney, B Greig, R Horne, R McCluskey, J Read and P Ritter.

Gen Sec

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes of previous AGM.

2. Acceptance of those Minutes as a true record of that meeting was proposed by W Loxton, seconded by N Oswald and approved unanimously.

Gen Sec

Item 3 - Matters arising.

3. The Minutes had been available to read on the PJI Website for the previous 11 months and there were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Ratification of Executive Committee.

4. The following Executive Committee members were ratified:

Gen Sec

Sqn Ldr (ret'd) D Hennessy - Chairman
Wg Cdr R Lewis - Dep Chairman (default OC ADW)
Sqn Ldr (ret'd) J Read – Treasurer
WO A Gillett – WO ADW (default Chf Inst)
Sqn Ldr (ret'd) C Heathershaw - Gen Sec

5. The President thanked the outgoing Chairman, Glynn Allcock, for the exceptional leadership, diligence and enthusiastic engagement with the Association and Committee over the previous 4 years.

Item 5 – Secretary's report

Action

6. The Association's calendar of events included the Toot Baldon Memorial Service, 3 ADW Coffee Mornings, 4 Beer Calls, the Cenotaph march past, the

Reunion Dinner, Tatton Salver Golf Competition and the visit to Arnhem. Organising those activities involved a great deal of time and effort, and the dedication and support of all the Executive Committee was sincerely appreciated. Members were encouraged to attend as many of those events as they could. In addition, the Newsletter had been resurrected and 2 editions had been produced.

7. Laurence Binion's well-known poem was paraphrased when members were reminded that those that remained grew old, and age did indeed weary them – some more than others. The names of those suffering from one condition or another were read out and their colleagues were urged to get in contact with those less fortunate. Our thoughts were with them and those families of members who we lost that year: Merv Green, Ron Houghton, Dave Percy, 'Geordie' Platts and Pete Reynolds. On a happier note, it was recorded that George Patterson had recently played golf on his 95th birthday. John Clatworthy and Harry Watts were thanked for their welfare work and more details would feature in the forthcoming Newsletter.

8. The outgoing Chairman, Glynn Allcock, was warmly and sincerely thanked for going well-above his Terms of Reference in his outstanding support of the Association and its members.

Item 6 - Treasurer's report

9. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Gen Sec stated that, after the grant of £5000 had been given to support the visit to Arnhem, the account balance was £7884.14 and £878 in stock. It was recorded that 108 members had paid their voluntary annual subscription fee of £15, which equated to £1620. The membership was informed that there were no outstanding expenditure items and the account was in a relatively healthy condition. Importantly, when making payments into the account, members were reminded to include their name and reason for the payment, to help account for every transaction.

Item 7 – Cenotaph 2024 update

13. All admin and org for the Cenotaph march past had been completed, and although all 15 of the allocated places had been filled, it was hoped that more PJIs would represent the Association on future occasions.

Cenotaph Rep

Item 8 – Arnhem report

14. The visit to Arnhem was a resounding success in every respect and a comprehensive account of the trip would appear in the Newsletter.

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Item 9 – AOB

Action

15. There was one Item to discuss under AOB: B Stevenson proposed that the Association should fund the procurement of an RAF tie with brevet. The suggestion received widespread support, so the outgoing Chairman instructed the Executive Committee to take forward the request to purchase a number of ties on behalf of the membership.

Gen Sec

Item 10 - DTNM

16. The date and time of the next AGM would be selected and announced at a later date.

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