

South Atlantic Medal Association (SAMA82) Scotland Branch



“From the Sea, Freedom”

Annual General Meeting
15 June 2019 1400

King Malcolm Hotel, Dunfermline Fife.

The meeting was attended by:

Mr Les Braby	Chair
Mrs Aileen McRobbie,	Treasurer
Mrs Gillian Shearer	Secretary

Mr Ian McRobbie
Mr Ian Kaye
Mr Bob Gray
Mr John Petrie
Mr Robert Nicol

Apologies
Mr James Shearer
Mr Bob Donkin

- Item 1 Mr Braby, Chair SAMA82(Scotland) welcomed all to the meeting
- Item 2 Minutes from the previous meeting, there were no actions from the previous minutes.
Proposed: Mr B Nicol
Seconded: Mr I Kaye
- Item 3 Office Bearers & Election
Mrs Shearer had intimated that due to work commitments she would have to tender her resignation from the post of secretary. The Chair thanked Mrs Shearer for her service to SAMA82(Scotland).
The following persons were elected to serve on the committee.
Chair : Mr Les Braby Proposed by R Nicol, Seconded by I Kaye
Treasurer: Mrs A McRobbie Proposed by G Shearer, Seconded by R Nicol
Secretary: Mr I McRobbie Proposed by B Gray, Seconded by J Petrie
It was discussed at AOB within the meeting that the chair should serve no more than a 5 year term.

- Item 4 Wreaths, Purchasing and Distribution.
It was discussed that wreaths are £30.00 each and 8 wreaths are laid in the following towns/cities: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dunblane, Perth, Aberdeen, Dundee, Arbroath and Helensburgh, with Mr I Kaye laying a wreath at Campbeltown at his own expense. The question was asked re the cost of the wreaths and the future funding if this was covered by Central Office however, this is not possible. It was agreed further in the meeting discussion at AOB that the funding of the wreaths would cease and a dedicated wreath term for the 40th Anniversary in 2022. Many of those who laid wreaths do not attend the AGM. This motion was proposed by I Kaye and seconded by I McRobbie.
(Post meeting note: Mr Shearer has stated to the secretary that he will purchase a wreath and it will be laid at Rhu Memorial this year 2019. This is because he will not be attending Helensburgh. The family live in Rhu and Miss Jennifer will be parading with the Scouts and will lay the wreath with her dad.)
- Item 5 Treasurers Report.
Mrs McRobbie gave an update of the current financial status within the branch. A copy of the financial statement is attached to the minutes. They were proposed by G Shearer and seconded by I McRobbie.
- Item 6 Chairman's Report.
Mr Braby gave an outline of the role which the Chair had now evolved into. Some of the duties which Mr Braby has been involved with are concerned with the Area Co-Ordinator which was originally carried out by our good friend the late Billy Sutherland. These matters were mainly through SAMA82 HQ. Mr Braby will attend the Area Co-Ordinators meeting in October 2019. Mr Braby attended various events and meetings on the branch's behalf mainly the following:
Veterans Scotland (This is all military Associations) on 18/11/18 and copies of the minutes were sent to members.
Attended a meeting with Mr Day who is the Veterans Minister at the Scottish Parliament.
The opening of V1P in Galashiels, and discussed the program for Helping victims of PTSD.
Attended a meeting to encourage companies to employ former service personnel.
Other events and matters of interest were The Issues of resettlement after service life, War Widows pension and allowances, changes to the law. Mr Braby also discussed the "Breakfast Club " which he attend in his home town in Dunns. He stated that this was an excellent idea and well attended and encouraged people to get out the house for some kindred company. He also raised the point which the RBL is working with the local authorities that the Veterans Covenant, which is part of the Armed Forces Covenant is not working and ways are being looked at to remedy that issue. He also attended on our behalf, the Scottish War Memorial, Anzac Memorial, National War Memorial on 29 May and the D-Dat commemoration and thanksgiving at the French Consulate on the 6 June. The Armed Forces Day in Edinburgh will be held on the 22 June, this is due to HM the Queen being in residence at Holyrood. He will also attend the remembrance Sunday parade at Edinburgh and the opening of the Gardens of Remembrance.
- Item 7 There was no representative from the National Committee so no report given.

Item 8 Annual Dinner and AGM.

The future date for the next Dinner and AGM was discussed and it was agreed that it would be the nearest Saturday to the 14 June. Therefore the date and venue would be the 3rd Saturday in June 2020 which is the 20 June. The meeting and Dinner will be held in the King Malcom Hotel.

I Kaye asked if there was an option of instead of a dinner a lunch in a venue in Edinburgh.

The date of the 20 June 2020 at the King Malcolm Hotel in Dunfermline was proposed by B Gray and seconded by R Nicol.

Item 9 AOB

The matter of wreaths was included within the minutes at an earlier item.

The Chair was asked about saving money to put towards the 40th Commemoration dinner. This would allow the ticket price to be reduced, and any excess monies, could be donated to charity. The ceiling for money to be saved would be £1000, and any additional funds would be forwarded to a charity which members were happy to leave to the committee to decide.

The Chairman thanked all those who attended and the meeting was closed at 1600.

Signed: Gillian Shearer

Date 4th July 2019
Secretary SAMA82 (Scotland Branch)