

SCOTTISH POLICE BENEVOLENT FUND

Registered Charity number SC043489

Minutes of the West Area Sub Committee monthly meeting of the SPBF held within the offices of the Merrylee Road, Glasgow at 1000 hours on Friday 19th July 2013

PRESENT: Insp.Andrea MacDonald – Trustee
Sgt.Fiona Morris – Trustee
Cons.Donald Walker – Trustee
Insp.Charles Sweeney
Sgt. Lawrence Ramadas
Sgt Philip Maguire
Cons. Kevin Moffat
Cons. Jim Foy
Arthur Donaldson – RPOAS
Graeme Ednie – Chair of the SPBF

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Andrea MacDonald, Chair of the West Area Committee of the SPF and Trustee of the SPBF addressed the meeting and welcomed all to the first meeting of the West Area Sub Committee of the SPBF. Andrea made particular mention of the presence of the SPBF Chair Graeme Ednie and the RPOAS Representative Arthur Donaldson. Graeme Ednie thereafter gave an overview of the background to the creation of the SPBF and the Sub Committee structure.

Andrea then moved to the Agenda item 2. Election of the Chairman, Fiona Morris was nominated and seconded for the position of Chair and with no other nominations was duly elected.

2. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Andrea informed the committee that the Constitution of the SPBF required that the role of Secretary is to be undertaken by one of the Trustees on the Area Sub Committee. Donald Walker had already taken the temporary role as Secretary and there were no objections from the members or subsequent nominations for the role of Secretary and therefor the committee were content for Donald Walker to continue to act as Secretary for the Sub Committee. The meeting was thereafter handed to the Chair.

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chairman formally opened the meeting and once again welcomed all present and invited them to take an active part in all the discussions. The Chair also thanked all the Trustees for all the hard work they had undertaken to create the Charity in the name of the

SPBF and reiterated that it was very important that there was still an avenue for members and retired members, Police Staff and dependants to access funds when they are in a time of need.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Donna Henderson, (ASPs), Graham Gosling, Niven Rennie (ASPS Rep), Martin Bertram, John Adams, David Blacklock and Stuart Davidson of 'V' Division D&G. Niven Rennie was to be replaced by Donna Henderson who it was hoped would join the meeting in due course

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

As this was the first meeting of the West Area Sub Committee there were no previous minutes to discuss

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters for discussion under this item

7. STANDING ITEMS

(a) **Trustees Report** – being the first meeting there was no report for discussion at this stage of the development of the SPBF

(b) **Consideration of Applications** – the committee were presented with four applications. Each application was considered and discussed at length and the decision of the committee was as follows:

Application reference No. LWA0003 – Approved

Application reference No.LWA0004 – Referred to the Board of Trustees

Application reference No.GWA0007 – Declined

Application reference No. GWA0008 – Deferred, request for further information.

The Secretary was tasked with writing to all the applicants to inform them of the outcome of the committee's decisions.

(c) **Fundraising** – Chair of the SPBF gave an input to the Committee and asked that if anyone was considering carrying out any form of fundraising activity to also consider the SPBF as one of the Beneficiaries of any monies raised. He also asked to consider some form of fundraising activity that the Trustees of the Fund could take part in as an Annual Event

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business to discuss

9. SECRETARIES CORRESPONDANCE

The Chair read out a letter of thanks from Corporal Smith of 2 Scots, to the former Strathclyde Benevolent fund for the donation made to a charity involved with the soldiers stationed on duty in Afghanistan.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no notification of any items of competent business for discussion.

11. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the West Area Sub Committee will be on Friday 16th August 2013 at Merrylee Road at 1000 hours

The Chairman thereafter closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Fiona Morris
Chair