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**MINUTES OF IX(B) SQN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE – 21 Jan 2021**

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| Present | AM S Evans  Air Cdre N Hay  Gp Capt I Sharrocks  WO (Ret’d) D A Wood  Mr Mike Pritchard  Mrs Eve Pritchard | President  Vice President  Chairman  Secretary  Joint Treasurer  Joint Treasurer |
| Apologies | Gp Capt J Nixon  Wg Cdr S Batt  CT R Swanson  Wg Cdr (Ret’d) P Lenihan  Sqn Ldr (Ret’d) R James  Flt Lt A Hargreaves  CT Mark Couling | Vice Chairman  OC IX(B) Sqn  Dep Secretary  Charities Comm Rep  Historian  OIC Assn Standard  Groundcrew Liaison |
| **Item 1 - Welcome**  1. The Chairman opened the Meeting and thanked everyone for joining.  **Item 2 – Minutes of the last meeting**  2. The minutes of the last meeting (14 Dec 20) were distributed to all members prior to the meeting and outstanding actions were added to this meeting agenda. These outstanding actions were reviewed as follows:  **Committee TORs – CC POC**   * **Action:** Check to be carried out to confirm whether Treasurers or Charities Commission advisor is the Assn POC for the Charities Commission. The Vice-President confirmed that the Treasurers are the POC; the constitution update to reflect this was also ratified by the Committee.   **Decision:** All other Actions listed in 14 Dec 20 Minutes that are not agenda items for this meeting were deemed closed.  **Item 3 – Financial Situation**   1. The Treasurers reported the accounts are in a stable position with a current account total of £20163.90. The difference between that and the end of Quarter figure of £20,155.98 is due to the outstanding postal expenses of the Virtual Raffle being settled, and an outstanding debt from the previous financial year being paid in.   2. The Virtual raffle made a profit of £172.92.  4. The Treasurers reiterated the need for an audit at the end of this FY, in respect of The Charity Commission, is deemed extremely unlikely given the current rate of income and the expenditure on the NMA Memorial maintenance in perpetuity agreement.  5. The Committee discussed the 2021/22 Financial Plan in relation to planned Assn events for the remainder of 2021. It was decided that there is a good degree of confidence the Reunion in Oct and the joint dinner with Junior Squadron in Nov, together with Remembrance events will go ahead as planned, therefore financial planning can proceed accordingly.  **Item 4 – Rev David Bartley Departure.**  6. The Rev David Bartley will depart the Bardney Parish imminently and the Committee agreed that the occasion would be marked on behalf of the Assn with a letter of best wishes from the Vice President and a Typhoon print signed by members of the serving squadron, which will be funded by the Assn.  **Action:** Vice President to request a print from OC IX(B) Sqn and to write to Rev Bartley on behalf of the Assn.  **Item 5 – Committee TORs**  7. The agreed Committee TORs are to be made available to members via the website.  **Action:** Deputy Secretary to link a pdf copy of Committee TORs through the Assn Website. **Action carried forward.**  **Item 6 – Lancaster Parts for Auction**  8. At the Dec 20 meeting the Historian was requested to find out more information about parts up for auction in Sweden from IX Squadron Lancaster WS-T, serial number LM448, which diverted there after being hit by heavy flak, in Nov 1944. Parts in question are: Airspeed Indicator, Turn & Slip, Rate of Climb and Descent Indicator, Altimeter, Direction Indicator, Artificial Horizon, a Rear Gunner’s ‘bunny suit’ and several maps.  **Action 1:** Historian to request a ‘ball park’ figure of the sellers’ expectations from his Swedish point of contact.  **Post Meeting Update:** Swedish POC refusing to give ball-park figure. He only wants best and final bids.  **Action 2:** Committee members to use museum/collector contacts (where known) to understand monetary value of WW2 Lancaster parts.  **Post Meeting Update:** The Dep Sec has provided accurate description and valuations from one of his contacts in the trade.  9. No update was available therefore these actions are carried forward.  10. The Chairman volunteered to take an action to contact the Historian for an update.  **Action:** Chairman to contact Historian to request an update on enquiries regarding the Lancaster parts from Sweden.  **Post Meeting Update:** Chairman contacted the Historian and they discussed this. Chairman will continue debate at next meeting.  **Post Meeting Update:** In the meantime, the Historian has asked BBMF PT if they are interested.  **Item 7 – 2021 Reunion**  11. The Secretary reported that he had not obtained an update from the ProjO, Alfie Ferguson, but would do so to report at the next meeting. The President and Chairman both reiterated their intent to attend accompanied by their good ladies.  **Action:** Secretary to contact ProjO for update on 2021 Assn Reunion.  **Post Meeting Update:** Contact made Sec will update Committee at next meeting.  **Item 8 – TABS 2021**  12. The Secretary reported he was aware of some articles being passed to the Editor for publishing consideration in TABS 2021 but he had not received any particular update with the apologies from the Vice President.  **Action:** Chairman to contact Vice-Chairman to request update on TABS 2021 at next meeting.  **Item 9 - OC IX(B) Sqn – Sqn Update**  13. OC IX(B) Sqn was unfortunately unable to attend so no squadron update was available.  **Item 10 – Gulf War 1 Fireside Chat Fri 5 Feb 21**  14. The Chairman informed the meeting that this has been paused until further notice due to CV-19 restrictions.  **Item 11 – Historian Research Tasks**  15. The Historian provided apologies for this meeting but stated that he continues to aid veterans and families with research tasks.  **Item 12 – AOB**  16. The Assn has been approached about the condition of a grave belonging to a fallen IX Squadron airman from WW2, requesting the Assn make contact with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Unfortunately, further enquiries found that this is a personal family memorial rather than an official CWGC headstone, therefore outside the remit of the Commission.  **Item 16 – President’s Remarks**  17. The President enquired about the wellbeing of committee members and thanked the Committee for all the good work being continued during the latest round of CV-19 national lockdown.  **Item 16 – Date of Next Meeting**    18. Wed 3 Mar 21 at 20:00 via Teams TeleConference. | | Action Closed  Treasurers  Vice President  Deputy Secretary  Historian  All  Chairman  Secretary  Chairman |

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Approved by I J Sharrocks, Chairman, 16 Feb 21.