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**MINUTES OF THE RAVC COUNCIL MEETING  
 HELD BY ZOOM 20 NOVEMBER 2020**

<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Col M Morrison QHVS          Col DA Macdonald          Lt Col K Hanson          Lt Col M Thompson MBE          Lt Col C Ham MBE          WO2 C Woodall          Lt Col A DuBaree</p>	<p>CVRO          Hon Col Comdt          CO 1 MWD Regt          CO DATR          Chairman RAVC Association          In attendance          Regimental Secretary</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Secretary</p>
<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Maj Gen CRV Walker DSO          WO1 J Honeywood          WO1 A Speer          Miss S Cranwell-Child          Miss C Selby- Rickard</p>	<p>Col Comdt          RSM 1 MWD Regt/Rep SM RAVC          RSM 1 MWD Regt          Bookkeeper          Fund Manager</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 1 – INTRODUCTION &amp; CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p>1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. He expressed a special welcome to WO2 Woodall who was representing the RSM of 1 MWD Regt.</p> <p>2. There were a number of apologies, as listed above.</p> <p><b>ITEM 2 – MINUTES OF MEETING (12 Apr 19)</b></p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>Proposer:</b> Lt Col M Thompson      <b>Seconder:</b> Col DA Macdonald</p> <p>3. There was one matters arising:</p> <p><b>Item 5 – RAVC Window Paderborn Chapel.</b> Although some work had been done regarding the repatriation of the RAVC window from the Chapel in Paderborn, this item was still awaiting its return to the UK. The Regt Sec undertook the task to further investigate this matter and would provide an update at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>ITEM 3 – INVESTMENTS UPDATE</b></p>		<p>Regt Sec</p>

4. A report from the RAVC Investments Fund Manager was presented in her absence, and in spite of the recent fluctuating market, the RAVC investments had performed well over the last twelve months.

5. Following recommendations in a previous auditor's report, the Regt Sec and Bookkeeper engaged two other Investment companies with a view to drawing a comparison to the RAVC investments with Investec Wealth & Investments. Two other Investment companies had been invited and as the performance that Investec Wealth Investments had been positive to date and the feedback was that our present investments with Investec Wealth & Investments was showing a good return. Being satisfied with the RAVC investments trend over recent years, the Council therefore decided to defer a repeat of this process until further notice.

6. The RAVC Investment portfolio was accepted by the Trustees.

**Proposer:** Lt Col M Thompson      **Seconder:** Col DA Macdonald

**Agreed**

#### **ITEM 4 - FINANCIAL STATE**

7. The Regt Sec gave the Financial State in the absence of the Bookkeeper. The accounts had recently been audited in October 2019 and a copy of the auditor's report was presented to the Council for their approval.

8. A consolidation of the RAVC accounts, as at 15 Nov 19 was also presented and the accounts continued to show a gradual rise. The current value of the RAVC assets including Cash in Bank and Investments was in excess of £600k.

**Proposer:** Lt Col K Hanson      **Seconder:** WO1 J Honeywood

**Agreed**

#### **ITEM 5 – SECRETARY'S REPORT**

##### **Accounts**

9. The RAVC Accounts were up to date and there were no outstanding transactions. Once endorsed by the Trustees, the auditor's report would be filed with the Charity Commission.

10. As agreed at the last Council meeting, £25k had been moved to a new 95- day savings accounts with the RBS where it would accrue a better interest rate.

##### **Chiron Calling**

11. The Autumn edition of Chiron Calling had been published and the Regt Sec continues to receive some positive feedback from the magazine.

12. The Regt Sec thanked OC 101 MWD Sqn, Adj 1 MWD Regt and Adj DATR for their effort in providing the articles for the Autumn 2019 edition.

13. CO DATR and CO 1 MWD Regt were asked to remind their personnel to continue to provide articles for future editions. The closing date for the Spring 2020 issue is 28 Feb 20.

##### **Days Pay Giving**

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<p>14. The monthly income from the Days Pay Giving was £2.6k which represented a slight drop over previous months. A recent survey conducted by the Regt Sec and RSMs revealed that a number of personnel who had transferred in to the RAVC from another regiment were still donating to their previous Corps/Regiment. This matter was being addressed by the Regt Sec and WO1 (RSM) J Honeywood, the Representative Sergeant Major (Rep SM) of the Corps.</p>	<p>Regt Sec Rep SM</p>
<p><b>RAVC History Project</b></p>	
<p>15. A meeting was held in Spring 2019 with the CVRO, Hon Col Comdt, Lt Col Ham, Regt Sec and Mr McIntosh to discuss the draft that had been circulated, when it was felt that some details were missing and were to be included in the next draft.</p>	
<p>16. Mr McIntosh met with ex-members of the RAVC TA group in Sep 19 to record their experience in the RAVC TA Pool. Mr McIntosh was spending a day at the Army Historical Branch at MOD Main Building on 25 Nov 19 to peruse the Post Operational Reports of the RAVC involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lt Henry Mosey had offered to assist the Regt Sec and Mr McIntosh in this process.</p>	<p>Regt Sec</p>
<p>17. Mr McIntosh had indicated that it was his intention to provide the Corps with a final draft of the RAVC History project in May 2020.</p>	
<p><b>RAVC Association</b></p>	
<p>18. WO2 (RQMS) Craig Woodall had taken over as the Chairman of the Melton Branch of the RAVC Association and he had already made some radical changes for the improvement of the branch. He had also enlisted ex-WO2 Needham as the Branch Standard Bearer. The Branch Chairman was also in the process of identifying a Branch Secretary.</p>	
<p>19. RSM Speer proposed a new format for the RAVC Association Reunion on 27 Jun 20. Families would also be invited to the celebration. RSM Speer would promulgate her detailed plan prior to the next meeting of the RAVC Association Management Committee for their endorsement. In outline, the day's programme would include:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tour of the DATR.</li> <li>b. The Annual Reunion Service.</li> <li>c. Potted sports.</li> <li>d. Attractions for children and families.</li> <li>e. Food and refreshments would be subsidised by Corps funds.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ITEM 6 – RAVC HISTORY UPDATE</b></p>	
<p>20. The Researcher, Mr McIntosh had indicated that his present focus was on the period 2000 onwards. To date he had been able to access approximately one third of the operational records and PORs for the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts that were held by the Army Historical Branch at Whitehall.</p>	<p>Regt Sec</p>
<p>21. The recently emerged Major Roberts Mare's version of the RAVC history from 1961 to 2000 had complicated matters, as it was thought that he might have had access to archive material that had since been mislaid. Mr McIntosh felt that a study of Robert Mare's version would be of use to his own project.</p>	

<p>22. Mr McIntosh felt that although this has been a comprehensive project, he had found it an enjoyable endeavour and he hoped to complete his final draft by the beginning of May 2020.</p> <p><b>ITEM 7 – DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018</b></p> <p>23. The Regt Sec explained the importance of our compliance with DPA 18. Anyone handling data on members of the Corps serving and ex-serving are to comply with the DPA 18. In the present digital world cyber security and data protection worked collectively. The DPA 18 is a key component of our responsibility to secure personal information on line. More information on the DPA 18 could be found on line.</p> <p><b>ITEM 8 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>24. Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and their input. He also thanked CO DATR and his staff for hosting the Council meeting.</p> <p>25. The next RAVC Council meeting would be held on a date and venue TBC.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Regt Sec</p>
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