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**MINUTES OF THE RAVC ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING  
HELD BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021**

<u>Present</u> Maj S Jones Lt Col M Thompson MBE WO1 (RSM) A Speer WO1 G Rutherford WO2 (RQMS) C Woodall Mr G Eustace Mr R Whittle Lt Col A DuBaree	Chairman RAVC Association CO DATR RSM DATR Association RSM (Des) 1 MWD Regt Association Association Regimental Secretary	Chairman Member Member Member Member Member Member Secretary
<u>Apologies</u> Mr A Toseland	Member	
<b>ITEM 1 – INTRODUCTION &amp; CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS</b>  1. The Association Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. He expressed a special welcome to those who were attending the meeting for the first time. He also thanked Sgt Whyte who was providing the technical support for the meeting.  2. The Chairman congratulated WO2 Craig Woodall on his forthcoming promotion to WO1 and his appointment as RSM of 1 MWD Regt, and Rep Sgt Maj for the RAVC. The chairman also congratulated WO1 Gary Rutherford on his recent selection for a Late Entry commission in the RAVC.  3. Finally, on behalf of the RAVC Association, the Chairman offered his gratitude to Lt Col Chris Ham MBE for his sterling work as Chairman of the RAVC Association over the last five years.		
<b>ITEM 2 – OBITUARIES AND REMEMBRANCE</b>  4. A one minute silence was observed for Mr Norman Morgan, Chris and Martha Pennyfather, John Bettany, Simon Petts, Debbie Barkby WRAC and Sgt Mal Williams MDP who were all connected to the RAVC Association and had passed away since the last committee meeting.		

### ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF MEETINGS (26 Feb 20)

5. The minutes of the Committee of Management meeting of 26 Feb 20 had been circulated and there were no points raised from those minutes.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**Proposer:** Lt Col M Thompson MBE **Seconder:** WO2 C Woodall

**All agreed**

Regt Sec

### ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING

6. There were no matters arising.

### ITEM 5 - ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT

7. a. **Accounts.** The RAVC accounts were up to date. They were audited in November 2020 and had been filed with the Charity Commission. The Bank and Investment balances as at 20 Feb 21 were presented by the Regt Sec.

b. **Consolidation of RAVC Funds.** The consolidation of RAVC funds as at 20 Feb 21 were as follows:

(1) Central Fund - £115,318

(2) Benevolent Fund - £512,666

**Proposer:** WO1 A Speer **Seconder:** Mr R Whittle

**All agreed**

Regt Sec

c. **Chiron Calling.** There were only a few articles received for the Spring 2021 edition of Chiron Calling. Although some more articles were expected, it was decided to extend the deadline to 15 Mar 21 in the hope that more articles would be forthcoming.

All

d. **RAVC History.** Following the delays in 2018, the focus of the project had changed and Lt Col Chris Ham was now involved in preparing the narrative on the RAVC history covering the years 1961 to 2020. Chris Ham had done an excellent work on the draft he had completed so far.

e. **RAVC Association.** There were some encouraging signs of past members returning to the Melton Branch. The Regt Sec had heard from three former serving members who were intending to become involved in Branch activities.

f. **Benevolence.** As a consequence of Covid-19, the need for benevolence across our communities had not been greater. Armed Forces charities were stepping forward to help those in need while they were also facing a shortfall in funding. However, the RAVC Benevolence was coping well as a result of serving members contributing to the Day's Pay Giving, and the RSMs were complimented on their effort to promote the DPG within the Regiments.

RSMs

### ITEM 6 – MELTON MOWBRAY BRANCH REPORT

8. **Accounts.** WO2 Woodall gave an update on the Melton Branch, which include their Accounts state that was £2,830.54, as at 24 Feb 21. He was also finalising the necessary documentation with HSBC for the changeover of Treasurer for the Melton Branch.

Melton Branch

<p><b>9. Future Plans.</b> Owing to the Covid-19 Lockdown all future plans for Branch activities had been put on hold, but it was hoped that normal business would be resuming upon guidance from the Force Health Protection Instruction.</p> <p><b>10. Election of New Branch Members.</b> The following had been voted in as Branch members:</p> <p>WO1 (RSM) A Speer – Chairman Melton Branch  WO2 C Woodall – Secretary/Treasurer  Mr D Blackmore - Member  Mr A Needham – Member  Mr G Eustace – Member  Mr A Toseland – Member  Mr G Ward – Member  Mr R Whittle – Member</p> <p><b>11. Recognition Presentations.</b> The Branch had recently made a presentation to Mr Roger Whittle, Mr Alan Toseland and the late Norman Morgan in recognition of their dedication to the Melton Branch over several years.</p> <p><b>12. Associate member.</b> The Chairman stated that Mrs Lynda Suddaby who is the daughter of the late Norman Morgan had applied to become an Associate member of the RAVC Association. The application was supported by WO1 A Speer and WO2 C Woodall.</p>	<p>Melton Branch</p>
<p>As there were no objections to this application, there was unanimous agreement for Mrs Suddaby’s membership, as she will be invited to join the Melton Branch.</p> <p><b>ITEM 7 - RAVC WELFARE AND BENEVOLENCE</b></p> <p>13. The Regt Sec gave an update on the number of Benevolent cases that had been processed through RAVC Welfare and Benevolence since Oct 20. Three Benevolent cases had been considered over this period and a total grant of £2,599 had been made by the RAVC Benevolent Fund to serving and ex-serving members of the RAVC.</p>	<p>Regt Sec</p>
<p><b>ITEM 8 – RAVC REUNION SAT 26 JUN 21</b></p> <p>14. As the Covid 19 situation was slowly settling, planning for the RAVC Reunion on Sat 26 Jun 21 had started. The programme for the weekend would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Fri 25 Jun 21</b> (09:00 – 15:00): RAVC Golf Day – Serving v Retired member’s. Six Hills Golf Course (TBC)</li> <li>b. <b>Sat 26 Jun 21</b> 10:00 – 10:45 Silver Brunch – Old Boys, Officers’ &amp; Seniors’ - DATR WOs’ &amp; Sgts’ Mess.</li> <li>c. 10:30 – 11:30 Juniors Brunch - DATR Cookhouse</li> <li>d. 1045 - 1130 Assoc Management Committee meeting – Conf Room</li> <li>e. 10:45 – 11:30 DATR Tour - VTS, Enrichment area &amp; ETS</li> <li>f. 11:30 – 12:00 Refreshments available - DATR Conference Room</li> <li>g. 12:00 – 12:30 Prep for Parade - DATR Memorial Area</li> <li>h. 12:30 – 13:15 RAVC Reunion Parade - DATR Memorial</li> <li>i. 13:15 – 14:00 Refreshments available - DATR Conference Room</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>

<p>j. 14:00 – 15:00 RAVC Assoc AGM – followed by CVRO Fireside Chat DATR Conference Room.</p> <p>k. 14:00 – 16:00 Bouncy Castle, Go Karts, Face Painting &amp; Assault Cse ETS Front Field.</p> <p>l. 15:00 - 1530 RAVC Officers' AGM DATR Conference Room</p> <p>m. 1500 - 2000 Bar &amp; Band ETS Front Field.</p> <p>n. 1600 – 1800 Hog Roast ETS Front Field.</p> <p>o. 1800 Coaches depart for NL - Families and under 18 (TBC).</p> <p>p. 2330 Event ends -Troops coach depart for NL (TBC).</p> <p>15. A coach will be laid on for families attending the Reunion from North Luffenham.</p> <p><b>ITEM 9 – MORNING SERVICE – ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA ON 4 Jul 21</b></p> <p>16. The RAVC's annual morning service at the Royal Hospital Chelsea would be held on Sun 4 Jul 21. The Chairman requested that every effort was made for serving, retired and Association members to attend this key event in the RAVC calendar. Further details would be promulgated in due course.</p> <p><b>ITEM 10 – CLOSING ADDRESS</b></p> <p>17. Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the Regt Sec for coordinating this meeting. He also thanked the Regt Sec for arranging the meeting and Sgt Whyte for providing the technical support.</p> <p><b>ITEM 11 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>18. The next Committee of Management meeting would be held on 26 Jun 21 at the Remount Bks.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
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