



The Royal Hong Kong Police Association

MINUTES OF THE 82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2020 AT 1000 BST (GMT +1) ON ZOOM

DIGITALLY PRESENT: Messrs K H Lomas and J F Merriott (Vice Presidents), A J D Stevenson-Hamilton (Chairman), B W Jones (Secretary), G P E Guest (Treasurer), D W F O'Brien (Welfare Officer), P E Halliday (Newsletter Editor), K Braithwaite, J W Hazelden, S J Monaghan, J S Prisk, S Roberts, M J C Waters and Miss I Kieran (Committee Members) and B Griffin and K Edlin representing Ireland and New Zealand respectively plus 12 Members.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all who had logged on to this the first Zoom AGM and thanking them for taking the time to participate especially those in the Antipodes and the Far East where it is late evening. He said the AGM was late as a result of Covid-19 and as the situation was unlikely to improve in the near future there was no option but hold the meeting digitally. As it would be difficult to ascertain how many members were voting during the course of the meeting, Mr Stevenson-Hamilton said he would be merely asking members who opposed propositions to indicate their stance by raising their hands.

1. Apologies

The Secretary reported that apologies had been received from 7 Members. (List attached).

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 25 May 2019 having been previously circulated to all Members were taken as read. As no member signified their opposition the Minutes were adopted.

The Chairman said he would print off the Minutes and after signing forward them to the Secretary by snail mail.

3. Matters Arising

The Chairman said he there were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report (copy attached) together with those of the Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer had been posted on the Association website some two weeks prior to the Meeting. He said he just wanted to mention a number of salient points.

(a) The pandemic in this part of the world seems to be getting worse and it looks unlikely that we shall be out of lockdown by Christmas.

(b) Things in Hong Kong seem to continue to be quiet. Carrie Lam has postponed her annual 'State of the Union' address as it coincided with the visit to Shenzhen by Xi Jinping.

(c) On the social media front he reminded members to be cognizant of the fact that it is not secure. One casualty was of course our having to cancel the Anniversary Event at the Guards Museum in London last September.

(d) The letter to HM The Queen by a number of members of the House of Lords demanding that the Association be stripped of the title 'Royal'. The Foreign Office replied to the effect that RHKPA represented in the main officers who has served in the Force before 1997 and had no connection with what has gone on in Hong Kong recently. One important point to come out this is that the British Government has recognised the status of the RHKPA as the official representative organisation for retired members of the RHKP. It is therefore imperative that the Association remains apolitical and does nothing to jeopardise this.

(e) Matters relating to membership he would leave to the Secretary and Simon Monaghan.

(f) Using Zoom to conduct the Association's business is obviously the way to go. Prior to this meeting the Committee held one of its regular ones which was considered a success. If this one is similarly successful it should become a regular feature bearing in mind the international spread of the membership.

(g) The Chairman wished to thank the support he had received from his committee especially Paul Guest, Barry Jones and Dave O'Brien who put in

an extraordinary amount of time to keep the Association running smoothly. On the matter of the President of the Association, John Macdonald has asked to stand down to enable him to commit himself more to family affairs. We will shortly be electing a new President and I hope you will fully support the person who is being put forward to fill the vacancy as he has been associated with this committee for many years.

No member signified opposition so the Chairman's Report was adopted.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report (copy attached). The Secretary said that since the report was written the total membership of the Association had increased from 1014 to 1035. This was in the main due to the ability to join online. This had also made his job as secretary that much easier.

No opposition to the Secretary's Report was detected so it was adopted accordingly.

6. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the audited Revenue Account for the year ended 31st March 2020 (copy attached). The salient points of his report having been put up on the screen Mr Guest then went through them briefly. He mentioned the deficit for the year made up of payments for the website, rounding up the sum collected for the HKP Appeal to £40,000, cost of the alternate Anniversary celebration (Members had donated their payments made in advance to the Appeal) and a donation to the Guards Museum for all their help. There were still outstanding matters of maintenance fee and insurance in respect of the Association's memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA). Because of Covid-19 the usual meeting of the HK Police Welfare Committee which considers our annual subvention will not be held now until 13 November.

There were being no questions from the floor and as no opposition was detected, the Audited Income and Expenditure Account was adopted. At this point the Chairman asked Mr Lomas if he would like cover the outstanding items in respect of the NMA referred to earlier. He said he would. The delay in sorting out the maintenance and insurance matters was as a result of having to deal with three different curators. The maintenance costs negotiated is £6,285, considerably less than the original quote in excess of £9,000. This is a one-off amount. The insurance, which is not compulsory is £4,373 and comes as part of the Royal British Legion General Policy and again is a one-off payment. The Chairman proposed that the Association proceed with the maintenance quote leaving the matter of insurance to be dealt with at the

next committee meeting. There being no opposition detected to this proposal payment of the maintenance costs should proceed forthwith.

7. Welfare Officer's Report

Copies of the Welfare Report (copy attached). Mr O'Brien said the year had been blighted by Covid-19 in more ways than one. Members had died and former colleagues and friends were not able to mark their passing in the usual manner. Members hospitalised had visits and the number of visitors curtailed. In respect of the annual declarations to Crown Agents Bank (CAB) a much hoped for simplification of procedures did not emerge. Completed forms could be sent to CAB as email attachments BUT the original had to be sent to them by snail mail! In connection with this a number of members received a personal telephone call from a member of the Treasury in Hong Kong seeking to confirm that member's details. There were problems with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue in that the tax demands arrived late having been sent by sea mail because of the fewer number of planes flying. Payment dates have tended to be adjusted accordingly. The report was adopted in the light of there being no opposition detected.

8. Membership Affairs

Mr Monaghan produced a graph on the screen showing membership trends from 2007 to the present. It indicated a fairly flat line until the last couple of years when the number of new members increased quite substantially. This was in the main due to the fact that we had begun to actively recruit new members. This has been further helped by the fact that it is now possible to join online and at the same time pay the joining subscription electronically. This has led to an increase in overseas members who do not have UK bank accounts. Mr Monaghan said that there were still some 500 to 1,000 expats who had served in the RHKP/HKP who were not members. He urged those who were to badger squad mates, former colleagues, Special Branch civilian staff etc to join. He mentioned one of the members who served in the 1980s is now a member of the House of Lords - Lord Andrew Sharpe of Epsom.

The website is now functioning well, with an IT consultant and all other assistance available here in the United Kingdom. It is stable, safe and well managed and there are a number of additional uses it can be put to in the future, such as selling accoutrement, books etc.

9. Subscriptions

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Committee considered that the existing joining fee of £50 should remain. The number of new members joining this past year is an indication that the amount is not considered as a

disincentive. This was accepted.

10. Election of Committee Members and President

At this point, Mr K H Lomas (Vice President) assumed the Chair, saying that as all the Committee had agreed to serve another year and there being no other nominations he proposed the Committee be elected en bloc. No opposition was detected so the Committee whose names appeared on the screen were considered elected. Those elected for 2020/21 are as follows -

Chairman	Mr A J D Stevenson-Hamilton
Secretary	Mr B W Jones
Treasurer	Mr G P E Guest
Welfare Officer	Mr D W F O'Brien
Newsletter Editor	Mr P E Halliday
Archivist	Mr J P Cartwright
England and Wales	Mr K Braithwaite
	Mr J W Hazelden
	Mr S J Monaghan
	Mr J S Prisk
	Mr S Roberts
	Mr M J C Waters
Scotland	Miss Isobel Kieran
Ireland	Mr B Griffin
Hong Kong	Mr M B Dowie
Australasia	Mr B W Munford
New Zealand	Mr K Edlin
North America	Mr R I Tyzzer

Mr Stevenson-Hamilton resumed the Chair and welcomed the two new committee members Mike Dowie and Kevin Edlin who had taken over from Paul Croft and Steve Quirke respectively. He then went on to say that John Macdonald had asked to stand down as President and in his stead he had much pleasure in proposing Keith Lomas to take over. There were no other candidates so in the absence of any detected opposition Mr Lomas assumed the Presidency of the Association.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The Chairman said that he had received representations from a Hong Kong member in respect three matters. These had been proposed and voted down on a number of previous occasions. He therefore wished to deal with them once and for all -

(i) Overseas Subscriptions.

There is no reason why the subscriptions paid by overseas members should be any different to those in the United Kingdom. Those overseas have their own representatives and can organise their own functions. In future it may be possible for a subvention to be given to these areas to hold an annual function from the money saved by holding committee meetings on Zoom.

(ii) Welfare Representatives Overseas

The present welfare representative systems amply provide for what they were intended and have recently been updated. There is no need for change.

(iii) Overseas Voting

A constant complaint has been that overseas members are unable to vote at AGMs. It is difficult if not impossible for this to happen at 'physical' AGMs. However, this year the problem has been solved as we have international participation.

(b) The Book - Stories from the Royal Hong Kong Police

Mr Lomas said the end is in sight with the book due out early next year. He said the publisher in Hong Kong, Blacksmiths, was chosen as they would print the book at no cost to the Association. There would be royalties of 8% up to 3,000 copies and anything above that, 10%. The sub-committee would shortly see the final version before it goes to print. Bob Steele proposed a vote of thanks to Keith Lomas, Keith Braithwaite and Simon Roberts for all their hard work in putting the book together. All agreed.

(Post Meeting Note: Mr Lomas apologised in that he omitted to thank Keith Braithwaite and Simon Roberts who contributed to the combined effort to produce the book. He also wished to thank Keith Braithwaite and Paul Guest for their continuing help regarding the memorial at the NMA.)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1102.

A J D Stevenson-Hamilton
Chairman

Post Meeting Note: The usual 'In Memoriam' was not observed on this occasion as it was felt it was not appropriate in the circumstances. A list of those members whose deaths had been notified to the Association during the period 1 April 2019 and 31 October 2020 is included with these minutes.

Chairman's Annual Report 2019 - 2020

Mr President, Vice Presidents, members,

Talk about the trials and tribulations over the last 16 months, I have never seen anything like it.

It is now 23 years since the handover of Hong Kong. Sadly 2019 has proved to be the most difficult year in Hong Kong's history in terms of ongoing civil unrest and 2020 started off no better because of the Coronavirus. Peter Halliday wrote an excellent synopsis for the website on the subject. At the time of writing East Asia and Europe appear over the worst with North America taking the brunt. What worries me is that the economic consequences may well turn out to be very much worse than the virus.

The Hong Kong Police have faced the unprecedented difficulties in maintaining law and order in the last 18 months. Regrettably this state of civil disobedience, in some instances bordering on anarchy, continued albeit at a less intense level through to February this year. Then we saw another outbreak of mindless violence with over 100 arrests and petrol bomb attacks continuing unabated right up to May.

The imposition of the new National Security Law on Hong Kong by China in June has undoubtedly turned the tables on the democrats and dissidents with the public order situation stabilising. The consequences of the backlash from the Western world and media are of concern as is the increasing anti Chinese sentiment.

Deliberate false reporting by many media outlets and through social media together with a degree of foreign interference and funding has not helped. Social media has caused the Association serious headaches. You are all aware of the deliberate leak by activists in Hong Kong of the Association plans to celebrate 175th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Police in London where the guests of honour were Lord and Lady Wilson. At the last moment this had to be called off as activists threatened to disrupt the function; fortunately a nearby pub was found in Westminster and over 50 members and their families attended a less formal reception.

Because of this incident the committee had to urgently take measures to restrict access to the website particularly as regards access to members and their contact details. For the time being whenever functions are to be held by the Association we will only mention the date and city, not the venue. This will be provided by the secretary to members attending.

You are all probably aware of the letter signed by five members of the House of Lords to H.M. the Queen asking that the honorific “Royal” be removed from the title of the Association. Although the genuineness of the letter was established its term of address to H.M. the Queen was not in accordance with protocol and the facts alleged were either false or misrepresented. After some discussion I decided to write on behalf of the Association to the five peers in question (the contents of the letter are on both our website and Facebook). I have only received two stereotyped replies. My suspicion remains that left wing activists drafted the letter and asked the five to sign it; some of the signatories did not seem au fait with the contents of the letter.

Another member of our Association formerly complained to the Commissioner of Standards at the House of Lords about the false and erroneous allegations made against the Hong Kong Police but was advised that this was is was not within his remit.

Whilst on the subject of the U.K. politics mention must be made of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on foreign affairs partially funded by a radical group in Hong Kong known as “Stand With Hong Kong”. The APPG has launched an enquiry into the alleged atrocities committed by the Hong Police against medical workers in the recent disturbances. At least two of the members of the APG are members of the House of Lords and were signatories of the letter I mentioned sent to H.M. the Queen. Clearly some of our members are concerned over this new development and have been advised to any submissions they make to the APPG must be in their private capacity only. **The Association must remain apolitical.**

The appeal for donations to injured officers and their families in the Hong Kong Police arising out of the recent civil disorder has surpassed all expectations. It gives me great pleasure to report that on behalf of the Association I presented a bank draft for almost HK\$400,000 to the Director of personnel and Training at Police Headquarters on 31st January, 2020. To all of you who so generously donated my sincere thanks. I must also thank our Treasurer for the

considerable time he spent processing donations and writing individually to each donor.

May I remind those of you returning to Hong Kong this year with valid Hong Kong identity cards from the start of 2020 you are eligible to claim another HK\$3,000 for medical, dental or optical related expenses from authorised agents. Those of you still with H.K. I.D. cards are reminded to claim the cash payment of HK\$10,000 approved by Legco for 2020; this can be done on line through your Hong Kong bank account. (As of mid July I understand a number claimants have been credited through their bank accounts).

Turning to Welfare Dave O'Brien continues to do an incredible job dealing with a myriad of Welfare issues .including, liaising with sick members, widows' pensions, pension issues generally, Crown Agents annual declarations and the setting up a Medical Forums and Discord Channel, details of which are fully explained in his own report. It was also evident that our list of regional and representatives was out of date. Dave has again been successful in identifying and recruiting new reps. These members are vital for assisting the Welfare Officer in keeping tabs on our older members and making the initial contact when a welfare issue arises.

It also gives me pleasure to report that a major step forward was made in updating membership lists, listed members by country and allowing restricted access committee members and regional reps. All thanks should go to Simon Monaghan and Dave.

Regular committee meetings were held last year but this year because of the coronavirus only the January meeting could be held. In view of the continued restrictions on social distancing your committee plans to hold its first video conference using the medium of "Zoom" on Saturday, 25th July.

As to social functions, the Chinese New Year lunch was held at the Imperial Chinese Restaurant in London and over 50 attended, unfortunately the lowest number to date. A good time was had by all. The evening before a networking event was held at the Army Navy Club. Seventeen former members attended as well as three members of the committee. We have recruited some new members as a consequence. Membership of the Association now stands at 1,015 members and recruitment continues apace. Networking functions may well be the way forward for younger members. Simon Monaghan has to be

applauded for the considerable energy he expended on seeking out new blood. In addition on line applications for membership have been further streamlined.

In terms of Regional social activities these appear to be going from strength to strength. The Irish saw two functions held early this year in Belfast and Cork. A total of 11 attended a newly organised lunch in Leeds in February. The South West will hold their annual lunch in Plymouth in June (usually 40 or so attend) as will be the A.G.M. in London. Regular events are held in New Zealand.

Former members including ex Mariners gathered in London in March for the launch of Les Bird's book – over 50 attended; makes me think that perhaps we should encourage the formation of a Marine section if there is sufficient interest.

Given the current state of affairs the planning of future events will be placed in limbo until we see how this pandemic is resolved. With luck we may look at an A.G.M. in September.

I think you will all agree with me that our appreciation must go to our key committee members Barry, Paul, Dave and Simon for the sterling service they have given in the last 15 months in ensuring the Association continues to serve the interest of its members.

Finally, mention must be made of our President, John MacDonald, who has served the Association for 57 years and sadly has intimated that he wishes to step down. Understandably age catches up with us all and there comes a time to move on. Under his stewardship the Association has gone from strength to strength despite trying times over the last couple of years, indeed membership now stands at over 1,000. I believe he was most gratified to see completion and dedication of the new Force memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in which he had played an instrumental part. John on behalf of us all a heartfelt thanks for your past services and we trust that we may still continue to see something of you at our future socials.

I can only hope that my next missive will be on a more cheerful note. We certainly live in turbulent times.

Angus Stevenson-Hamilton

Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

Mr President, Vice Presidents and Members

In accordance with Rule 10 (iii) it is my pleasure to report on the working of the Association during the year 2019/20.

All new members over the past few years already have email addresses and automatically receive their correspondence electronically. There are now only 115 members without the Internet who still require correspondence in hard copy. Since Issue No 125 of the Newsletter there have been two editions produced, one for posting on the website and an abridged version to be printed. This system appears to be working satisfactorily. The abridged printed version contains all the usual contents from the Chairman, myself, the Welfare Officer and articles summarising what has previously been circulated by email between Newsletter editions.

The website is working well and it is now possible to join the Association and pay the joining fee online, obviating the need to have a Sterling bank account. We had the first such application on 18 October 2019. Since then the majority of applicants have joined via this route. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) means that members must **opt in** to have their details displayed in the Members List on the website. This is explained in my contribution in the each Newsletter. All members are urged to read this article and act accordingly. Failure to do so will mean that their details will not appear in the Members List. Access to the Member List was suspended on 17 October last year in response the disturbances in Hong Kong when members of the Force were subjected to 'Doxing'. It became obvious that a member of the Association was releasing details of my emails to those involved in the rioting and an organisation in the United Kingdom called Democracy for Hong Kong (D4HK). This was confirmed when our celebration of the 175th/50th Anniversaries to be held at the Guards Museum in London on 12 September 2019 became known to D4HK. As a result of their intention to hold a demonstration outside the museum, the event had to be cancelled. An alternative venue was quickly arranged and attended by a reduced number of members and guests. The Guest of Honour, Lord Wilson and Lady Wilson also attended the rearranged celebration and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

As a result of the disturbances the Association launched an appeal on 9 August 2019 to provide comforts for the Junior Police Officers who had been injured, their families intimidated and personal property and accommodation damaged. When the appeal closed on 15 October £36,525.81 had been collected and this was rounded up to £40,000 from Association funds. It is perhaps worth mentioning that virtually all those who were to attend the celebration at the Guards Museum donated the £45 they had paid previously to the appeal.

During the year 32 Life members joined the Association and there was a loss of three Associate Members. In respect of the latter all were spouses of Life

Members who had predeceased them. There were 14 losses notified due to death and 1 resignation. The names of those who have died are published in Committee Minutes, Newsletters and of course in emails sent out shortly after the event. As at 31 March 2020 the membership stood at 1014 (888 Life and 126 Associate) a net gain of 32 over the previous year. Particularly in the case of Associate Members it is not unknown for me to be informed of deaths outwith the reporting period.

Simon Monaghan, one of our Committee members, who is largely responsible for the increase in membership, organised a Networking Event in London on 31 January 2020 which was attended by 17 members/prospective members.

The 81st Annual General Meeting was held during the Spring Reunion weekend on 25 May 2019 at the Heath Court Hotel, Newmarket. It was attended by only 10 members. There were 25 members and guests who enjoyed the weekend reunion with an additional four who came for dinner on the Friday evening.

The Summer Chinese Lunch was held on 6 July 2019 at the Imperial China restaurant. 53 members and guest sat down to an excellent lunch.

The Autumn Chinese Lunch which was planned to be held again at the Yang Sing Restaurant in Manchester was cancelled. It was felt that there could have been a demonstration had word got out as there is a fairly large Chinese community in Manchester and nearby Liverpool.

The Chinese New Year Lunch was held at the usual venue in London on 1 February 2020. The turnout of 35 members and guests was the lowest ever for this event.

During the year your Committee met on three occasions, 6 April and 5 October 2019 and 11 January 2020. In view of the breach of security mentioned above it was decided that Committee Meeting minutes would not, for the time being, be posted on the Association website. The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee did not meet.

Finally, I should like to thank the President, Chairman, Treasurer and the rest of the Committee for their support and assistance over the past year.

Barry W Jones
Secretary



The Royal Hong Kong Police Association

Income & Expenditure Account - Year Ended 31 March 2020

GENERAL ACCOUNT

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Life Membership Subscriptions		£ 2,224.95
Donations		£ 343.00
HKP Annual Subvention		£ 5,223.86 [footnote 1]
HKP Supplementary Grant		£ 3,148.55 [footnote 2]
Bank Account Interest		£ 511.24
Raffle Proceeds		£ 200.00
Members' Contributions Towards Postage		£ 114.00
Sales of Association Memorabilia		£ 36.00
Functions		£ 3,290.55 [footnote 3]
HKP Appeal		£ 196.81 [footnote 4]
Miscellaneous		£ 63.00
		<u>£ 15,351.96</u>
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	£ 6,216.61	} [footnote 5]
Postage/Telecomms	£ 662.65	} [footnote 5]
Committee Travel & Expenses	£ 3,444.50	} [footnote 6]
Wreaths & Welfare Donations	£ 196.95	
Purchases of Association Memorabilia	£ -	
HMRC - Tax	£ -	
Functions	£ 3,747.63	} [footnote 3]
Website Upgrade, Licences & Servicing	£ 3,263.60	
HKP Appeal	£ 3,400.00	} [footnote 7]
Accountancy	£ 600.00	
Miscellaneous	£ 500.00	} [footnote 8]
	<u>£ 22,031.94</u>	
Total	£ 22,031.94	
Surplus/Deficit	-£ 6,679.98	

LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Balance b/f (31/03/2019)		£ 11,066.34
Total Deposits		<u>£ 79,571.71</u>
		Total £ 90,638.05
Total Withdrawals	£ 87,031.94	
	<u>£ 3,606.11</u>	
Total	£ 3,606.11	
Balance c/f to 2020/21	£ 3,606.11	

LLOYDS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Balance b/f (31/03/2019)		£ 17,501.20
Bank Interest		<u>£ 7.38</u>
		Total £ 17,508.58
Transferred to Current Account / Fixed Deposit	£ 14,507.75	
	<u>£ 3,000.83</u>	
Total	£ 3,000.83	
Balance c/f to 2020/21	£ 3,000.83	

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM PROJECT ACCOUNT (LLOYDS)

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Balance b/f (31/03/2019)		£ 7,251.63
Bank Interest		<u>£ 3.86</u>
		£ 7,255.49
Withdrawals	£ -	Total
	<u>£ -</u>	
Total	£ -	
Balance c/f to 2020/21	£ 7,255.49	

HKP APPEAL ACCOUNT (LLOYDS)

Members' Direct Donations
 Members' Indirect Donations
 RHKPA
 Miscellaneous

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

£ 34,395.81
 £ 2,385.00 [footnote 9]
 £ 3,220.00 [footnote 7]
 £ 56.00
 £ 40,056.81

HKP Welfare £ 40,000.00
 Misc Expenses £ 40.00
 Transferred to General Account £ 15.00
 Total £ 40,055.00
 Balance c/f to 2020/21 £ 1.81

Total

BARCLAYS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT

Balance b/f (31/03/2019)
 Life Members' Subscriptions

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

£ 0.31
 £ 1,024.95
 £ 1,025.26

Transferred to Lloyds Bank Current a/c £ 750.00
 Total £ 750.00
 Balance c/f to 2020/21 £ 275.26

Total

BARCLAYS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance b/f (31/03/2019)
 Bank Interest

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

£ 2.16
 £ -
 Total £ 2.16

Withdrawals £ -
 Total £ -
 Balance c/f to 2020/21 £ 2.16

Total

HKP WELFARE RELIEF FUND

Balance b/f (31/03/2019)
 Bank Interest

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

£ 2,233.81
 £ 8.84
 Total £ 2,242.65

Disbursements £ -
 Total £ -
 Balance c/f to 2020/21 £ 2,242.65

Total

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance b/f (01/04/19) £ 85,821.64
 Deficit for 2019/20 -£ 6,679.98
 Balance c/f to 2020/21 £ 79,141.66

BANK ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

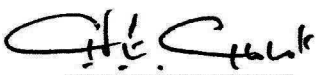
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Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £ 3,606.11
 Lloyds Bank Savings (General) a/c £ 3,000.83
 Lloyds Bank Savings (Memorial) a/c £ 7,255.49
 Lloyds Bank (HKP Appeal) a/c £ 1.81
 Lloyds Bank 1 yr Fixed Deposit £ 65,000.00
 Barclay's Bank Current a/c £ 275.26
 Barclay's Bank Active Savings a/c £ 2.16
 Total £ 79,141.66

HKP WELFARE RELIEF FUND

Barclay's Bank Base Rate Reward Savings a/c Total £ 2,242.65

Total Value of Cash Assets on 31 March 2020 £ 81,384.31
 HMRC Tax Credit £ 242.92



(G.P.E. Guest)
 Hon Treasurer

21.07.2020

(Date)

Accountant's Certificate

The accounts of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2020 on Pages 1 & 2 of this report are in accordance with the books and records as presented to me. I confirm that the bank balances shown above agree with the bank statements provided.



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Notes on RHKPA 2019/20 Income & Expenditure Accounts

- Note 1 The GBP equivalent of HK \$49,774
- Note 2 The GBP equivalent of HK \$30,000
- Note 3 AGM, Summer & Chinese New Year Reunions, Alternative 150th Anniversary Celebration, HK Reception and one Networking Event
- Note 4 BACS payments for the cancelled 150th Anniversary Celebration converted to HKP Appeal donations, plus one late contribution of £16.
- Note 5 Both figures include the respective costs of printing and mailing three Newsletters
- Note 6 Includes two extra-ordinary Committee meetings in connection with the 150th Anniversary Celebrations
- Note 7 The Committee unanimously agreed that the Association should supplement Members' donations to the HKP Appeal in order to round up the total gift to £40,000.00. At the time when this was done, the cost to the Association was £3,220.00.00, which other contemporaneous and subsequent donations have reduced to a final figure of £3,070.00
- Note 8 Donation to the Guards Museum in appreciation of their assistance and time spent preparing for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations which were cancelled at the last minute.
- Note 9 Converted from Members' payments for 150th Anniversary Celebration

WELFARE OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING

31ST March 2020

Mr President, Vice Presidents and Members.

In accordance with Rule 12(ii) I submit the Welfare Report for the past year and due to the Covid Virus it is extended to cover recent events up to the present date. To do otherwise would make the report totally irrelevant.

Welfare Generally

The year started off reasonably well but became quite concerning last year with the protest movements and riots which lasted until 2020 with rumblings still continuing, especially with the introduction of the National Security Law. The Welfare side has again been quite a busy on a number of fronts, but particularly recently where we have lost 6 members in a short space of time. We have quite a few members who are undergoing serious medical treatments currently, particularly in Hong Kong and the UK where the majority of members reside.

As all are acutely aware, life has had a huge and unprecedented upheaval for all of us and the world since March this year due to the spread of the Covid Virus. Everyone has been affected with curbs in travel, lockdowns, precautions. Essentially normal life has come to a standstill. Pat Lawrence for example has been stranded in Thailand for several months, but may escape (may) in August. It has had a devastating effect on work and home life and separated families particularly the elderly. However in this regard, I must thank the Regional Reps for contacting people during this period and for doing their best to keep in touch with members and establishing that they were all right. Other members I know have gone out of their way to help by keeping in touch with folk. Simple phone calls are enough to lift flagging spirits and it is good to keep in touch when isolated. It is also heartening to note that from all the many, many contacts we have made and other sources, it appears our members have escaped the virus and no one as far as we know has contracted it, which is good news indeed.

NEW ISSUES

Hong Kong

The chaos and rioting, which started in July last year and reported in the January report continued albeit on a smaller scale but 'seems to have subsided since the introduction of the new Security Law. Irrespective of the politics, especially the interjections of UK and the US, many in Hong Kong have begun to change their tune. Hopefully, it will lead to a more peaceful and stable situation in the territory and a more sensible and practical outlook and see to the end of the mindless violence and damage. The Covid Virus also had an effect on the protests due to the introduction of lockdowns to contain the surges in infections and the third one which is currently ongoing. Throughout the period and particularly lately

with the spread of the virus, many have been concerned about the economy and the future for Hong Kong almost to the point of depression with many deeply worried for their family's future. A glimpse of what may be in store for Hong Kong may well be seen in the near term with the forthcoming Legislative Council elections due in September. Hong Kong is divided like never before with divisions in society and the workplace and within even police families regarding blue and yellow supporters. It is deeply disturbing for all and we can only monitor and hope the situation reverts to a stable and normal environment, albeit a changed one and people can get back to living in some semblance of calm and order.

The response last year from the membership to the call for donations to a Fund for injured JPOs was nothing short of remarkable, given the generosity of all. A total of £35,000 was raised and distributed through Force Welfare. This amply demonstrates the bond that still exists not only between ourselves but also with the Force and Hong Kong in general.

Discord / Medical Forums

These social media tools have been set up to help with communications at various levels. The Discord channel was mainly pertaining to general chat during the virus for those who were isolated or just trying to get in touch and for more confidential matters on the RHKPA's website there are the medical forums for advice and support for those being diagnosed with serious problems.

In respect of Discord it is not used as much as hoped, but we will continue it as it is free and can be useful. It is useful for getting in touch with short messages without going through emails and does have a response mechanism so you can be aware of new posts etc. Messages can either be seen by all who have subscribed, or they can be sent as private messages to individuals. I think one of the issues for lack of use is probably identifying who is posting as people are tending to use pseudonyms which are not readily identifiable. It may be an idea to use Old Nicknames or names which can more readily identify the individual. Information on the channel and its use is attached at Annex I.

The video on general use of the programme is at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le_CE--Mnvs

The Medical forums have been set up in a confidential manner on the website and can be accessed through the Welfare Officer, the Secretary or Isobel Kieran for the ladies section. Members, who themselves have first hand experience of serious treatments are available to discuss and give practical pointers on such matters as Cancer and Chemo/Radiotherapies as well as Prostate Cancer to those facing such issues.

CONTACT DETAILS AND DATABASE

Members have been advised to update their contact details on the website on a number of occasions and this epidemic has reinforced the need to do this. Recently the Welfare Reps, including myself, were given restricted access to parts of the contact list. Without such access our work would have been impossible over the last few months, as for many we would not have been able to get in touch at all. It is really important that we have such contact details to hand when significant events occur. Consequently, I would urge all members to update their details and tick the permission to publish boxes. Without it we will be unable to help in an effective and meaningful way when it is needed.

ONGOING MATTERS.

Crown Agents Bank (CAB) AND DECLARATION IT IS

(THIS ONLY APPLIES IF YOUR PENSION IS PAID BY CAB)

For the information of all the Crown Agents Bank has evolved over the years and is now purely a bank owned by an African private investment firm - Helios Investments. Whilst there was some thought to identifying a new provider, due to a lot of dissatisfaction, it will remain as the main alternative agency for payment of pensions rather than direct from the Treasury.

Since the last report there have been relatively few issues with CAB, but this changed substantially with the effects of the Covid Virus, particularly in the last 2 months. In addition, there were problems with pension payments as well. The first one affected those living in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa due to a “banking holiday” brought about by public holidays being close together, as well as the fact that the payments are made through Bank of Mellon, New York. The second occasion affected only those in the UK due simply to a technical fault in an internal banking system. Fortunately, despite the fact that the staff of CAB were in lockdown and working from home. These problems, with the aid of new and helpful staff, were resolved relatively quickly in a timely manner. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that they will not happen in the future, but I am confident that once a problem arises it will be quickly rectified. There were also some issues with individual payments for various reasons, but likewise these were dealt with responsibly and promptly by CAB.

In respect of the Annual Declaration this has led to quite a flurry of emails which I do regret but were necessary. I will not reiterate the many recent emails and advice but will attach the latest as an Annex to this report, Annex II. Whilst we anticipated the problems that arose and tried to get alternative options in place this did not go as well as hoped, but it did help avert a situation which could have led to some serious consequences.

The new temporary procedures are now well in hand and seem to be working reasonably well. The main issue that remains for this year is to ensure that your hard copy of the Declaration reaches CAB by the 10th August and to check by email or phone that they have physically received it. If for any reason you doubt it will get there due to postal difficulties, please advise CAB beforehand and do please copy to me. If CAB do not receive your “Hard Copy”, your pension will be suspended. In this regard I would like to thank Jill Broomfield for bringing this issue to my attention as without her doing so I would have been unaware of the deadline.

As regards the future and current temporary changes such as return by email and countersigners being relaxed, I had hoped the success of these options would allow procedures to be more flexible in the future, but due to the continued insistence by Treasury (HK) for hard copies to reach CAB by August this looks unlikely. The return by email in fact only delayed the Declarations by 2 months and despite its ease of use and efficiency is unlikely to continue. The desire for a hard copy to check signatures at the insistence of Treasury will continue and I suspect the need for the specific categories for counter signatories will also. I will nevertheless continue to push for changes to make the process easier and highlight the merits of doing so.

My greatest worry is that members without internet access or email will be unaware of these developments and changes and will slip through the net so please once again spread it far and wide. Thanks.

In discussions with Treasury (HK) over a number of matters we have been requested to copy or inform Treasury (HK) of any complaints or problems we have with Crown Agents. Please also note the address for CAB.

The relevant addresses and emails are: -

Treasury (HK) (Pensions Dept.)

Room 107, 1/F
Immigration Tower
7 Gloucester Road
Tel +852 2829 5113
Email pension@try.gov.hk

Crown Agents Bank

Crown Agents Bank
The Quadrant House
SM2 5AS
Tel 44 (0) 203 903 2990
PensionsServices@crowagentsbank.com

Lastly please note that Treasury do in some circumstances accept digital signatures but due to the use of public keys and private keys and the need for

some computer/internet knowledge as well as a current ID Card, it is simply not worth pursuing in respect of procedures for the Annual Declaration and Tax. Just a bit too complex to set up for most.

HONG KONG TREASURY - TAX RETURN

In line with Declarationitis, members also had major issues with their Tax Returns this year. This again resulted in a number of emails and advice as well as the Welfare Officer contacting IRD direct, though only in general terms as they will not discuss any matters whatsoever involving private data. The latest options and advice are reiterated once again at Annex I.

Essentially due to the Covid Virus, the returns were delayed this year and not sent out until the 1st June. It was then realised by Treasury in late June that the majority of the returns did not go by airmail but by sea mail. The latest from IRD was that some would not get them till mid-July as a result. In fact they are just beginning to arrive as at the time of compiling this report. It seems the post office in HK has simply crossed out “airmail” and written “Cancelled” on the envelope. In any event in view of this, they are being very flexible and are readily granting extensions to September, once they receive a scanned letter by email, as advised/.

The contact emails for IRD are:

taxctr1@ird.gov.hk

taxctr2@ird.gov.hk

Please ensure you give your name and tax reference number.

Probate - IRD- Refund of Overpaid Tax and Tax Reserve Certificates

Due to the Covid Virus the majority of the cases have been delayed or put on hold for the time being. This is mainly because the process requires confidential documents to be sent to and from HK and at present, the mail is totally unreliable.

Emergency Relief Fund

There was no necessity to access the Fund during the year fortunately, but Members are reminded of its existence and its purpose to help those in real need.

ACCESS TO FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCOUNTS AND PASSWORDS IN GENERAL

Due to the importance and significance of this issue for relatives and family I am leaving my previous comments in full as a reminder to all. It is essential to regularly review and ensure that all of us have our financial affairs in order for the inevitable. I would strongly advise all to review their arrangements particularly in the light of any changes to the law or procedures. It is vitally important for those left behind.

I encourage all members to make sure that your immediate loved ones and family have full knowledge of the financial situation. They also need a clear instructions on how to access the associated funds and access the associated passwords. This includes all means of access through phone apps, messages etc as well as the various bank cards. Those who are left behind **MUST** be able to readily access this information as if not, the stress and problems they face can be so much they can cause untold stress, depression and adversely affect their health.

We have always been told not to write down passwords etc. This advice is totally impractical and useless. Passwords now are becoming complicated as simple ones are just not accepted, and the vast number of passwords are just too many to remember. Myself I have in excess of 300. My strategy is to maintain one master key computer security program to hold all these passwords. I then group the passwords into three categories Confidential Passwords requiring complex passwords such as Bank Accounts and other Financial Instruments. General passwords involving financial information requiring only some degree of complexity such as Retailers, Stores, Websites etc. Easy passwords for subscribing to general websites such as newspapers, hobbies and the like where finance is not an issue.

Your next of kin must not only know where to find these passwords, but they must also know and be familiar with how to access the accounts and financial instruments on the internet, particularly if they are online. This is particularly, as a result of the virus, becoming essential as we approach a cashless society in an accelerated manner. At the moment you can only order and buy a pint with an App.

I implore all to ensure that their next of kin has all the information and knowledge to access bank accounts etc particularly the use of any associated computer apps and telephone apps.

JO MITCHELL and ELIZABETH REAL

I have recently been in contact with the families of both families and given the dire circumstances they were in both young ladies are doing extremely well and come on a long way.

Elizabeth has made strong advances with her physical rehabilitation and was regularly attending the gym. This has been curtailed owing to the virus, but she is determined and continues the exercises at home with support from her friends and

the internet. She has been on local TV, stressing the importance of having travel insurance and wearing health trackers which help her a lot with her recovery. A little on the downside is that she may have to have further surgery in some 18 months time. She and the family are appreciative of the help and support the Association has given her and to quote Alex *“Thank you for reaching out to us again. Please let everyone know that they remain in our highest regard for the support they gave us during that terrible time.”*

Jo is also doing well and has a full head of hair again and her little boy is now 2 years of age and a *“real treasure”*. She continues to improve and has taken up driving again and can go to the beach with the family for short walks. The lockdown did not affect the family very much as due to Jo’s lack of immunity, so they simply carried on as normal. Jo will have all her jabs renewed as the chemo rendered her previous ones useless. Following that, it is her intention to go back to work and for the little ‘un’ to start play school. To quote Jim *“I very much appreciate all the effort and concern you have shown.”*

It is great to have to report some good news in these trying times and I think I join all of us in wishing them both a good and full recovery and all the very best for the future.

Facebook Page

The Facebook page continues to be active especially over events in Hong Kong. We have also had to post a clear message regarding posting messages (though we do not get many at all) which are vitriolic and can be interpreted as *“hate speech”*. Whilst I personally think this is going beyond all reason and endangering not only free speech but also *“free thinking”*, we have to be careful as FB uses algorithms not humans to monitor postings. As we all know computers can be illogical and *“stoopid”* at times.

Some interesting pics from the Page :-



Marine Police on patrol or..... !!!!! courtesy Les Bird



Farewell to HRH Princess Alexandria courtesy John Parker



Early July PC was stabbed and assialant nicked on a Cathay plane heading to UK!!!





Farewell to Dave Thain courtesy Helen, Kirsteen and Cameron.



Roy Bailey Paul Barclay and Don Summerbell June 1968 courtesy Roy

Please continue to post and hopefully we can move on to a more peaceful situation in HK. We are well past 400 members and on our way to reaching 500 which is the next target. This is despite the fact that we have significantly tightened up on approvals of those requesting to join in view of the obvious issues we face as an organisation and the populist anti-police sentiment raging today.

Matters to be KIV

Spousal Visas

There have been no further developments.

HKID Replacement Exercise

No further developments. No issues raised.

Force Accommodation at The Police College

No further developments.

NHS Visitors to UK

Nothing further

HONG KONG Specific Welfare Arrangements

No new recent items

Finance bill 2017 Tax and Expats living abroad

Nothing further on Domicile.

Welfare Overall

It has been a busy period yet again particularly in respect of Pensions, Annual Declarations and Tax affairs particularly due to the effects of the Covid Virus on communications and postal services worldwide. However, of paramount import are the families of those that have passed and of the many members who are dealing with or having health problems and other difficulties. Our hearts go out to those who are in difficulty and facing serious medical treatments. Again, it has been a busy period for Welfare in this regard and once again we have seen some very sad losses. Some very close to home.

Force Welfare continue to give us sterling assistance particularly Mr TO Ming-yin and Ms Shadow SHUM, both of whom were seen during a visit to Hong Kong last year. Their support and help has again been beyond measure. It is with some sadness that we have learnt that Mr TO will leave his post next month on a well deserved retirement, and we wish him and his family all the best in the future and a happy and long retirement. It has been a pleasure to have known and worked with him. Our relations with Welfare will remain at the same outstanding level as he will be replaced by Ms Shadow SHUM, who is well known to us.

Finally, and to repeat please do update your contact details and check the appropriate boxes to allow access. The data and lists are only used in-house and never revealed elsewhere. They are essential particularly when a tragedy occurs. Please also encourage those who do not have access to use access the list and circulars indirectly thorough friends and or relatives.

EXPENSES

During the year expenditure for Welfare was £196.95 for mainly flowers, donations and gifts to Charities. In recent months this has increased.

D W F O'Brien
Welfare Officer
RHKP
17th July 2020

'Discord Channel'

Annex I

The Welfare officer has set up an internet-based site for the use of members to keep in contact and exchange messages and information. It is restricted for the Association only and is a bit more secure than Facebook and a bit more discreet. It is easy to use and you can access it from the web (browser) or via downloading the DISCORD app to your computer and running the set up. No payment is needed and all you have to do is register your username and password -select permissions in the Privacy and Safety section of user settings. Recommend using a name/nickname you can be easily recognised by other members e.g. I have used OB. The app can sit in the taskbar on Windows machines which will notify you when messages are posted on the server. You do not have to hunt for them. It is automatic. You can also tailor it to your own preferences.

A private and free channel for instant messaging, discussion and general exchange of information. Restricted solely to Members and Associate members and their immediate families. It has the heading in Discord as AH – this is to stop anyone looking for or happening across the site and identifying it as a Hong Kong Police related site.

GREETING WELCOME MESSAGE

The purpose of the website is to be a portal solely for Social purposes and to keep in touch with family, friends and colleagues. It is restricted to Members and Associate Members of the Association and their immediate families. It is a closed group and not open to public view. Those wishing to join the group will be by request or invitation only. Association matters will be communicated in the normal manner and copied to this group. 1. Profanity, abuse or disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate ban from the group. 2. Members must respect each other's discussions, posts and /or views. 3. Do not post disturbing or graphic photographs, videos or media to the group. These will be immediately taken down and the poster advised and warned. A ban from the group permanent or temporary will be considered. 4. The group administrators/ Committee Members will monitor the posts and respond to all complaints or queries by email. 5. If a member has a complaint about a post or another member, they are not to post directly to the individual but are to contact an administrator or a Committee Member. Dave O'Brien Administrator.

There are a number of channels for use of all:

Welcome to RHKPA – Welcome message and usage requirements.

Admin Moderators Only – for use specifically by administrators and moderators.

Announcements - where major posts can be read.

General - just for general messages surrounding the Association where posts can be made and read by all and information exchanged.

Covid19 concerns is for matters and concerns re the current virus and

Virus Help Needed- Post here if any member requires any help whatsoever.

Invite

<https://discord.gg/bmJmUkz>

How to use Discord

Youtube Video Ctrl Left click on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le_CE--Mnvs

**DECLARATION ITUS SAGA CONTINUES/ TAX
RETURNS**

I apologise for yet another missive but please bear with me.

**ANNUAL DECLARATION (Applies only to those paid through
Crown Agents Bank (CAB))**

A member living in Portugal brought to my attention a line in a reply sent to her by CAB which caused me some concern.

“Thank you for taking the time to update us, as we have received a scanned copy of your Declaration of Entitlement your pension payment will not be suspended in July, however if we do not receive the original by August your pension payment will be suspended.”
Fingers crossed !!!.....”

A fairly categorical statement which seems to go against the current flexibility being shown. It presents two difficulties. Firstly, back to square one - pensioners never know if their signed hard copy reaches CAB at all never mind on time unless they phone or email to check. Those without email will be unaware of this new deadline!!!!

Without going into detail it begs the question who has stipulated this Treasury or CAB - Not as simple as that but Treasury it seems need hard copies and are looking to have them by August.

I have raised this again with Treasury and emphasised the present difficulties with postal services in various parts of the world such as South Africa and Australia and also Hong Kong and the real difficulties pensioners have in trying to ascertain if their form has been received or not. Additionally, the very fact that postal services are in disarray means that there must be a huge backlog to clear and mail will be lost and or delayed. Note it now seems that although Treasury IRD and Pensions were of the view that mail services were improving, a member, who contacted her assessor direct, was told a few days ago they are becoming aware that airmail is going by sea due to lack of planes flying!!

NEVERTHELESS THE DEADLINE FOR AUGUST REMAINS - (For the moment!)

For the majority particularly those in the UK, HK and Europe this will not be a problem as mail is getting through. The advice I have been given I now pass on to all.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT THAT YOUR DECLARATION HAS NOT BEEN OR MAY NOT BE RECEIVED BY CAB BY THE 10TH AUGUST EMAIL OR PHONE CAB

(Email is easier especially if they are still in lockdown at that time) Please copy to me any emails sent.

In this regard please give them time to clear the current exercise and check closer to the 10th August in view of the postal delays.

I have been informed that if there are still difficulties at that time action and other options will be put in place - rest assured I will remain on their backs!!

Tel +44 (0) 203 903 2990

PensionsServices@crownagentsbank.com

TAX RETURNS (This applies to all who receive a pension)

The situation here is fluid and as I pointed out in my last message these went out starting June 1st. A number of people have contacted me regarding the fact that they have not received the forms to date. This could well be because they are at sea!!! I queried IRD some 10 days ago regarding the process, pointing out the fact that postal services are delayed or non-existent, many members do not have email or computer knowledge and asked whether they could give a blanket extension till October. I got a reply this am which is reproduced in full herewith:-

“I refer to your previous enquiry.

The bulk issue of tax returns for individuals for the year of assessment 2019/20 was on 1 June 2020. If taxpayer cannot receive the tax return/ need extra time for completing and returning the tax return, he/she can submit a duly signed written notice to the department to request for a copy of the tax return/ apply an extension for filing the tax return. Please remember to include taxpayer's signature and file number/ HKID number in the written notice. The notice can be sent by mail (G.P.O. Box 132 General Post Office Hong Kong) or you can scan your letter and email taxctr1@ird.gov.hk the scanned document to the Department for processing.

Different taxpayers belong to different Assessing Groups and the file number of the taxpayer will usually indicate which Group the taxpayer belong to. But so far if the taxpayer can provide his/her HKID number in his/her application, the Department can redirect his/her enquiries to the relevant Groups for further handling.

For further enquiries, please provide us via email the file number/ HKID card number of the taxpayer, day-time contact number and your previous email correspondence(s) with the Department to taxctr1@ird.gov.hk. Alternatively, you may call us at 187 8088 during office hours to enquire you tax status.

Yours faithfully,
TSEUNG Lai-ying
For Assessor
Inland Revenue Department “

My advice is to email IRD at either if the following 2 addresses with your ID card or file reference number and state that you have not received the Tax Return and request an extension. The emails are :-

taxctr1@ird.gov.hk Group A to F

taxinfo@ird.gov.hk Group G to N

The essential information that is required is :-

1. Your name
2. Your file number / ID card no
3. Reason for requesting extension of time for filing Tax return
4. Year of assessment of the Tax Return (e.g. 2019/20)
5. Signature (the signature must be the same as that in your tax return previously submitted)

The signed letter can be submitted to IRD by the following ways : -

- post to mailing address: G.P.O. Box 132, Hong Kong, or (I have pointed out to IRD problems as stated)
- send fax to fax no.: 2824 0791, or (Note I have pointed out to IRD this is fairly obsolete technology but it exists)
- scan the letter with a scanner or take a photo of the letter and send by email.

I have pointed out that some people do not have access to computers or the internet, consequently please spread this as far and as wide as you can. Additionally, if anyone has difficulty or has no access to a scanner get a younger relative to do it for you or contact the undersigned. In the absence of a scanner, the letter can be copied using a mobile phone.

The Telephone no for General Enquiries at IRD is below but you should have on your past forms a number for your particular assessment officer/ team :-

IRD General Tel no +852 187 8088

FINALLY

In respect of both forms Annual Declaration and Tax Return you may want to consider using a courier service but do not use Post Box numbers only full addresses.

I would like to finish by saying that this will be the last in this series, but I don't think it will be - Sorry.

Dave

Dave O'Brien

Welfare Officer (overworked!!)

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**Deaths of Members
reported between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020**

Mr J R F Mason	Life	6 April 2019
Mrs D Whitley	Associate	22 April 2019
Mrs D M Baxter	Life	14 May 2019
Mr W C Trotter	Life	25 June 2019
Mr P H Murray	Life	24 September 2019
Mr J D Hirst	Life	25 September 2019
Mrs B Anslow	Associate	29 October 2019
Mr D V Tonge	Life	6 November 2019
Mr J H Grieve	Life	5 March 2018 *
Mr R G C Draper	Life	7 February 2020
Mr J M Howard	Life	10 February 2020
Mr J H Harris	Life	11 March 2020
Mr S McKenzie	Associate	Late 2019 *
Mrs J D M Clunie	Associate	13 March 2020

* Notified sometime after the death occurred

Apologies

S J Clements	M Davidge	A T Hornsby
R L J Macdonald	B W Munford	J Trotman
R I Tyzzer	N A Rae	

**Members Digitally Present
(In addition to those at para 1)**

T B Fulton	E Crowter	R A Steele
C R Hill-Brown	I J Bell	P W Renaghan
R H Morgan	M Skrbic	J H Bruce
M J Harris	G M Sutherland	J M Steele