



Minutes of the Members' Meeting of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF)

Held at the Cambria Suite, Grand Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 14:20

Present:

- Richard Hone, QC, President
- James Newman, OBE, Deputy President (Chairman)
- Michael Heenan, Treasurer
- Charles Cunnington, Trustee, MCF
- Tim Dallas-Chapman, Trustee, MCF / Member for the Province of Jersey
- Clive Emerson, Trustee, MCF
- Alan Graham, Trustee, MCF
- Christopher Head, Trustee, MCF
- David Watson, Trustee, MCF
- Sir Paul Williams, OBE, DL, Chairman, RMBI Care Co
- Howard Wilson, Trustee, MCF

David Innes, Chief Executive

Les Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer

Charles Angus, Finance Director

Suhail Alam, Director of Relief Chest System

Gareth Everett, Head of Masonic Support

Mark LLoyd, Managing Director, RMBI Care Co

John McCrohan, Head of Strategy and Special Projects

Caroline McHale, Acting Head of Charity Grants

Harry Smith, Head of Communications

Gerry Crawford, MCF Committee Member

Rod Glyn-Thomas, MCF Committee Member

Peter Gregory, MCF Committee Member

Chris Grove, MCF Committee Member

Tim Sherwood, MCF Committee Member

Nicholas Springer, Lifelites Committee Member

Terry Burt, former MCF Member

Members present as recorded in register (attached)

In attendance:

- Annette Campbell, Company Secretary
- Linda Walker, Executive Assistant to CEO/COO (minutes)
- Natasha Ward, Masonic Support Programme Lead

Duncan Washbrook, Legacy Manager
Tenaya Wright, Administration Officer

Invited guests: Kevin Lally, Auditor, Knox Cropper
Stephen Anderson, Auditor, Knox Cropper

Chairman Richard Hone, QC, President, MCF opened the meeting.

RH thanked all for attending and welcomed new MCF members appointed since the last Members' Meeting.

1. The minutes of the Members' Meeting held on 12 December 2018 were approved.

The Members' Update of August 2019 was noted.

2. Governance

- Update on GMCCC

James Newman, Chairman, MCF, gave an update on recent developments. He stated that the GMCCC WG had become the GMCCC Advisory Group (AG) the first meeting of which had been held on 6 December. The first meeting had been extremely positive.

JHN stated that the AG provided the MCF with a mechanism to work with Provinces at a strategic level.

- Role of Members

The MCF Members' Terms of Reference had been reviewed and an updated version was available in the Members' Agenda packs. JHN stated that the key function of Members was to help promote the MCF and provide feedback to the MCF on provincial matters.

3. Operational update

Les Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer, MCF

LH gave an update on the latest operational developments at the MCF.

Questions were invited, of which there were none.

4. RMBI Care Co update

Sir Paul Williams, OBE, DL, Chairman, RMBI Care Co
Mark LLOYD, Managing Director, RMBI Care Co

SPW gave an update on the latest developments at the RMBICC.

Questions were invited, of which there were none.

5. Presentation on the MCF will writing initiative
Duncan Washbrook, Legacy Manager, discussed the partnership with The Goodwill Partnership and the Free Wills initiative.

Questions were invited, of which there were none.

6. Overview of Charity Grants Strategic Partnerships
 - Hospice UK
John Boyington, Chairman, Charity Grants Committee gave an update on the partnership with Hospice UK
 - Age UK
Caroline McHale, Acting Head of Charity Grants discussed the partnership with Age UK
 - Home-Start
Emily Swords, Grants Manager, Charity Grants discussed the partnership with Home-Start.

Questions were invited, of which there were none.

7. Open Forum

Andy Vodden, Devonshire, enquired whether there was any progress with bringing Met GL into the Festival system.

DI responded, stating that Met GL has helped with several major appeals over many years and reminded all that many London members were also Provincial members and therefore contributed to Provincial Festival appeals. Discussions between UGLE/MCF and Met GL on this matter were ongoing. However, no date has been set or final decisions made on whether Met GL would be joining the Festival system.

Rod Glyn-Thomas, MCF Committee Member, thanked the MCF for highlighting the importance of writing a will and invited all those present to spread the word about the MCF Free Will-Writing initiative.

Closing remarks
Richard Hone, QC

The President stated that the MCF was a complex organisation with many different activities and strands of work being undertaken. He highlighted the breadth of MCF grants, both Masonic and non-Masonic and stated that all should be very proud of the work of the MCF.

Finally, the President thanked all those present for attending the meeting and recorded his thanks to MCF staff for all their hard work over the last year.

The meeting closed at 15:50

Details of the next Members' Meeting will be circulated in due course.