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MINUTES OF THE RAVC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026

Present Col M Morrison Col M Robinson KHVS CVRO Lt Col I Moran Lt Col Ann O'Flynn WO1 Corps RSM T Davis WO1 RSM E Davis QGM Approx 95 RAVC Association Personnel in AGM Hall Lt Col (Retd) C Ham MBE	 Honorary Colonel Commandant CVRO CO DATR CO 1 MWD Corps RSM RSM 1 MWD Regt Members Regimental Secretary & Chairman RAVC Association	 Chairman/ Secretary
Apologies Col N Smith Col C Whittle VRSM Lt Col (Retd R Pope OBE Lt Col (Retd) M Thompson MBE Maj W Quigley MBE Maj (Retd) N Housby-Skeggs Maj (Retd) J Rowlinson Maj (Retd) S Jones Mr D Blackmore Mr R Tredwell Mr M Brown Mr M Playfoot	 Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member	
ITEM 1- OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME. 1. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham opened the meeting, welcomes personnel and introduced himself with a very brief resume of his links to the RAVC, He thanked WO1 RSM Tanya Davis and all the personnel at the DATR who had worked very hard in recent weeks organising all aspects of both Colonel Morrison Farwell Dinner held the previous night and the herculean aspect of organising Corps Weekend itself. He went on to outline the function of the RAVC Association to those attending, he stated there had not been any recorded minutes for the last meeting held in June 2023. He summarised given the formalities of the day and later events he would keep the meeting as short as possible with over complication t in order to ensure relevant matters were covered.		**Action by**

ITEM 2 - DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

2. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly explained this aspect and moved on.

ITEM 3 - OBITUARIES AND REMEMBRANCE.

3. Sadly, since our last meeting in Sep 26, the following Corps colleagues had passed away:

LCpl Beau Hartley RAVC – 27th January 2026

Joseph Swindon – 2nd February 2026

Col (Retd) Dougie A Macdonald – 13th March 2026

Maj (Retd) Mark Vedere QARANC (Previously RAVC) – 15th April 2026

Dennis Tudhope – 24th April 2026

Tony Witson – 5th June 2026

Major (Retd) Derek Young – 9th June 2026

Lt Col (Retd) Brian Abraham – 19th July 2026

Mr David Hathorn – 22nd July 2026

Maj (Retd) Peter Hepworth – 27th July 2026

Steve Gilmour – 10th August 2026

Jack Dignam Thomas – 13th August 2026

ITEM 4 - MINUTES OF MEETINGS (24 June 2022).

4. The minutes were accepted as a true record of meeting held June 2022, (Note these minutes were approved on the 2023 Meeting but no record was made at that time).

ITEM 5 - MATTERS ARISING.

5. There were no matters arising.

ITEM 6 - ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

6. The interim Regimental Secretary summarised his annual report to the all members in the meeting:

Improved Communication. Communication Strategy produced and circulated.

Promoting RAVC Heritage. Heritage strategy produced and circulated.

RAVC W&B Fund Rules. Updated and a brief explanation provided to attendees, coverings legislative modernisation from our pervious 2007 rules, following changes in the Charities Acts 2011, some major structural changes to the boards and board reconfiguration, i.e. ex officio posts updated to reflect the RAVC structures today, more representation from WOs, allows digitisation and virtual meetings, and updates from Queens Regs to Kings Regs. The Rules will be circulated for Trustees approval before being singed and sent to the Charity Commission.

Financial Overview Outlined. See attached summary.

RAMSSU Funding Contribution. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly outlined the good work of the Corps RSM and stated we now pay our dues as required at

about £11K this year.

Welfare and Benevolence. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly outlined the process for applying for funding. He stated the number of cases (ten) since September 2025 and the average sum awarded to beneficiaries was approximately £625 each.

Gift Aid Application HRMC. Declaration HRMC had agreed the RAVC Gift Aid Application and the relevant Declaration form etc had been produced by Lt Col (Retd) C Ham.

Merger of Numerous Corps Banks Accounts. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly outlined the need for the rationalisation of accounts to aid the RAVC Bookkeeper in order to ease her workload.

RAVC Ties Stable Belts. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly outlined the good work of the Corps RSM, the DATR PRI has a new stock of RAVC ties and RAVC Stable belts priced at £11 and £37 respectively.

Chiron Callings - Digitalisation of past editions. Lt Col (Retd) C Ham briefly outlined the proposal and much discussion followed.

Chiron Calling 2026 and 2027. Articles required by 6 March 2027.

RAVC History - Volume 3 Sales. All 518 books are now sold/distributed.

Website Development. The requirement for it was discussed.

Member Questionnaire. Not forgotten parked until all aspects on an even keel.

Future Memorial at 1 MWD Regt. Proposal discussed but now paused until new build is complete.

Future Diary Dates - Upcoming Events 2026-2027.

After Note: All previous editions available will be OCR scanned an up load tot he RAVC Bookcase by April 2027.

After Note: Cpl Parker-Kaimil kindly volunteered his expertise build a site.

All to note.

Item 7 - Accounts.

7. The RAVC accounts were up to date. They were audited during December 2025 and had been filed with the Charity Commission. Thanks must go to Sally Cranwell-Child for her outstanding work.

Central Fund:	2025 £150,546	**2026 £154,733**
Benevolent Fund:	2025 £495, 384	**2026 £529,344**
Total Consolidated Funds	2025 £645,930	**2026 £684,077**

Uptake of DPG was briefly outlined and the importance of DPG to the RAVC's income.

CO 1 MWD agreed to liaise with RAVC Offrs not currently subscribing, Corps RSM is kindly requested to contact ORs not subscribing.

Item 8 - Election of New Branch Members.

8. The following members stated they would stand and this was duly endorsed earlier in the day at the CofMM proposed and seconded: This was taken to the AGM and agreed: Mr M Brown, Mr R Tredwell, and Mr A Davis.
Lt Col (Retd) C Ham outlined the need for Jnr Offrs, SNCOs, and JNCOs to be part of the Cof MM which is usually held before the AGM.

Item 9 - Associate and Honorary Membership.

9. **Associate Membership.** Lt Col A O'Flynn Proposed Mrs Flo Morrison be invited as an Honorary Membership of the RAVC Association. This proposal was seconded by CVRO and the proposal was taken to the AGM for endorsement.

COs.

The floor agreed this proposal at the AGM. **Item 10 - AOB.** 10. **AOB.** No points were raised. **ITEM 11 - CLOSING ADDRESS.** 11. The Chair thanked all for attending. **ITEM 12 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** 12. The next RAVC AGM will be held Saturday 18th September 2027 at the DATR.	After Note: Mrs Morrison has accepted. . All.

C Ham
Lt Col (Retd)
Interim Regimental Secretary

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All RAVC Trustees
RAVC Fund Manager/RAVC Bookkeeper

CVRO
MWD Regt Adjt
DATR Adjt
Incoming RAVC Reg Sec

Future Diary Dates Upcoming Events 2026 – 2027.

- Thu 1 Oct 2026 – The UK Service Dogs Conference and Awards
- Fri 16 Oct 2026 – RAVC Officers Club Function (TBC)
- Thu 5 Nov 2026 – St Margaret's Field Remembrance Service, London
- Fri 6 Nov 2026 – Animals in War Memorial Service, Park Lane, London
- Sun 8 Nov 2026 – Remembrance Sunday Parades
- Sun 8 Nov 2026 – Cenotaph Parade (London) – Veterans only
- Sun 8 Nov 2026 – Melton Mowbray Remembrance Parade
- Wed 11 Nov 2026 – RBL Act of Remembrance, Melton Mowbray
- *NOTE MANY DATES FOR 2027 ARE TO BE CONFIRMED*
- Fri 5 Mar 2027 – Chiron Calling Submission Deadline
- Sat 8 May 2027 TBC – Liam Tasker Memorial Rugby Match, Melton Mowbray TBC
- Fri 1 and Sat 2 May 2027 – ADU NI Association Reunion at National Memorial Arboretum
- Thu 27 May 2027 (TBC) – Founder's Day, Royal Hospital Chelsea TBC
- Sat 5 Jun 2027 (TBC) – The Gathering, Melton Mowbray (organised by Bill Jarvis)
- Fri 18 Jun 2027 (TBC) – Annual RAVC Golf Reunion TBC
- Mon 21 Jun 2027 (TBC) – Fly the Flag Day, Melton Borough Council TBC
- Sat 19 Jun 2027 (TBC) – Armed Forces Day TBC
- Sun 4 July 2027 – RAVC Morning Service, Royal Hospital Chelsea
- Wed 21 July 2027 – Sandringham Flower Show TBC RAVC Association Members accompanied by Veteran MWDs required TBC

- Sat 24 Jul 2027 TBC – LCpl Ken Rowe's Family visit to NAM, Shropshire, wider attendance by serving and RAVC Veterans very welcomed by the Rowe Family TBC
- Sat 18 Sep 2027 RAVC Corps Weekend DATR incl Committee Meetings and AGM
- Thu 11 Nov 2027 TBC – RBL Act of Remembrance, Melton Mowbray TBC
- Thu 11 Nov 2027 TBC – St Margaret's Field Remembrance Service, London (nominated personnel only) TBC
- Fri 12 Nov 2027 TBC – Animals in War Memorial Service, Park Lane, London TBC