

Virtual Meeting:

(To discuss the business on the Summons for the Sept Lodge Meeting)

Present: MNA;CJW;GJ;DGH;SEB;CJB;MS;PGM;AEB;DK;AGB;RAS;CJH;MJSB

A discussion regarding the increase in subscriptions for the forthcoming year 2020-21 ensued with our treasurer outlining the financial situation. We had around £1,000 in the current account and about £4,000 in the charity account. An adjustment was required on the current subs to bring us into line with proposed expenditure, also bearing in mind that we hadn't had a rise in subs for at least 3 years. The treasurer therefore proposed, and the WM seconded, that the subscriptions for the ensuing year be increased from £205 to £210. This was carried unanimously.

Phil Mountford raised the point of the Masonic Hall's expenses. Due to the lockdown the Hall's outgoings were minimal and as a result there was a feeling among some brethren who meet at the Hall, that future contributions should reflect those savings in levies demanded from the Association.

The next business was to propose that the officers remain in post for the next term 2020-21. The Phil Mountford proposed, and the WM seconded the proposition which was unanimously carried.

In any other business, Phil Mountford urged the brethren to consider making the most of the monies in the charity account. The ELMC was favourite bearing in mind the 2022 Festival would soon be upon us.

The WM passed on the congratulations of the Lodge to Richard Sykes on achieving London Grand Rank.

Richard thanked the Lodge and mentioned that Chris Lomax had at least 2, possibly 3 candidates primed when we eventually get back to normal.

George Johnson advised us that there will be a virtual Charity Stewards meeting next week and he will report back in due course.

Our next virtual meeting (depending on lockdown restrictions remaining in place) will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> October where Stuart Browning will endeavour to get everyone together on Zoom.

Apologies were received from COE;DRB;PJW;JPS;KE

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

WBro MN Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020