

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The NESPWF meeting was held at 7pm at the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, 21 North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen, within the community room there on, Thursday 26th of June 2025.

Members Present - – Bill Archibald (Chair), Brian Dick (Secretary), Euan Forbes (Treasurer), Ron Findlay (Vice Chair), Norma Howley, Ian Anderson, Pete McAndie, Fiona McCluskey, Flora Munro, Angus Hamilton, Marie Rennie and Raymond Mack.

1. Opening of Meeting – Bill Archibald (Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present, for their attendance at the meeting and invited those present to actively take part in any discussion that took place. He also thanked Ron Findlay (Vice Chair) for chairing the previous meeting.

2. Apologies Meg Simpson, John Drysdale and Tony McCullie.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20.02.2025 – The Minutes having been circulated, were;

Proposed – Ian Anderson.

Seconded – Raymond Mack.

as a true reading of the meeting and were accepted by the Board.

3. Matters Arising –

a) Wheel chairs; - Raymond Mack advised the 'Board' that the wheelchairs mentioned at the previous meeting have been given 'new homes'.

b) Challenge Coins; - Pete McAndie gave an input in relation to how this venture was progressing, stating that he had completed all the orders that he had and that the last batch of coins are available for those that want them (about 200). He intended to keep a stock of them at Kittiebrewster Police Office and that senior officers have been purchasing some to take away to events they were attending, others have been purchased by officers that were going on holiday and being used to give to colleagues abroad. The Chair thanked Pete for continuing to progress this idea and again commended him for his efforts.

c) NESPWF – new banner; - Ron Findlay advised the board that he was having issues installing it on the 'funds' website, however, he will continue to try and rectify the issue.

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5. Financial Report – The Treasurer referred to his report and stated that the ‘fund’ continued to be healthy. He also said that a decision would soon have to be made in relation to the investment accounts but he would advise on the position at the October meeting. He also thanked Pete McAndie for his efforts dealing with the ‘Challenge Coin’ venture saying it had raised a considerable amount of money for the ‘fund’. The Board were content with the report and the Chair thanked the Treasurer for his continuing work on behalf of the NESPWF and that we should all continue to look for those in the ‘Police Family’ that would benefit from assistance from the ‘fund’.

6. Requests for assistance – Raymond Mack updated the board stating that as usual he is giving assistance to several parties, however there were no requests for financial assistance to the NESPWF. Euan Forbes stated that he is always amazed by the amount of work that Raymond continues to do on behalf of the NESPWF and the NE branch of the retired officers.

The Chair thanked Raymond for his continuing work on behalf of the NESPWF.

7. Safeguarding and Notifiable Events. – Standing item on advice of OSCR. There was nothing new to report.

8. Data Protection - Standing item on advice of OSCR. There was nothing new to report.

9. AOCB

a) OSCR – The Chair mentioned that it was coming to that time of the year again and that some other details are now required from the Trustee’s. The Secretary stated that he would have to check what details he had and may have to request confirmations from the board members.

b) Widows Group – Fiona gave the board an update in relation to their activities stating that the lunches are continuing with the next one due for August. The group are always open to new members.

c) Sponsored event – Raymond Mack brought to the board’s attention that a boy was taking part in events in an effort to raise money for charity (not the NESPWF) and had approached the National Police Benevolent fund. Euan Forbes stated that the NE branch were dealing with this and that if any contribution was required the Branch would deal with it.

d) Projecting the Fund – Pete McAndie suggested that perhaps someone from the NESPWF could give a short presentation at perhaps a future training event held locally for the benefit officers serving in Police Scotland. He suggested officers involved in the promotion process

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would be the best medium. The Board agreed that this was something that we could do and that a discussion, in relation to this, could be held at a future 'Board meeting.

e) Guest suggestions; - The Chair suggested that perhaps a senior serving officer could be invited to a future 'Board' meeting and suggested that he would approach Kate Stephen and invite her to attend. The 'Board' agreed.

10. Dates of Next Meetings –23rd October (AGM and board meeting) 2025.

11. Closure of meeting – There being no further business, the Chair, brought the meeting to a close at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for their involvement and their attendance at this meeting and that he looked forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was then given to the Chair in the usual manner.

Bill Archibald

Chair

Brian Dick

Secretary