



## AnyFace Association AGM 13 May 25

### Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>		
Mike Rawlinson Outgoing Chairman	Ed Macintyre Committee Member	Bruce Hutchinson
Andy Rose Incoming Chairman	Tank Murray Committee Member	John Martin
John Saunders Treasurer	Richard Bickerton	Andy Robinson
Serena Brotherton Secretary	Danny Daniell	Michael Salmon
Ronnie Biggs Committee Member	Martin Flanagan	Richard Scott
Dicky Lewis Committee Member	Mike Forbes	Richard Thomas
Chris Jones Committee Member	Keith Harris	Rob Worthington
Jan Cox Committee Member	David Hobbs	

1	<b>Welcome</b> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking members for attending and reflecting on the excellent turnout at recent remembrance events, including the march and wreath-laying at the Cenotaph.</p> <p>He noted the growing strength and camaraderie between serving members and veterans, and encouraged participation in future remembrance services and reunions.</p>	Chairman (MR)
2	<b>Rules for the evening</b>	Secretary
3	<b>Chairman's Report (Rule 13.1)</b> Full report below	Chairman (MR)
4	<b>Treasurer's Report (Rule 13.2)</b> Full report below.	Treasurer
5	<b>Election/Re-election of Committee members (Rule 13.3)</b> <b>Cdr Chris Jones:</b> approved for re-election as a committee member. <b>Cdre Andy Rose:</b> approved as a full committee member in preparation for chairmanship. <b>Capt Mike Rawlinson:</b> formally submitted his resignation as Chairman after five years of dedicated service. Reflections were shared on his long-standing association with AnyFace since 1954, and the founding of the Association five years ago, following the disbandment of 849 Squadron.	Chairman (MR)

6/7	<b>Committee election of Chairman (Rule 8.3)</b> The Committee unanimously voted in Cdre Andy Rose as the new Chairman. He shared his commitment to building on Mike's legacy and strengthening the network across generations.	Chairman (AR)
8	<b>Committee business to raise (Rule 13.5)</b> <b>Portsmouth 2025 Reunion:</b> Positive feedback from members. Multiple events over the weekend were praised—especially the visit to HMS Queen Elizabeth and the mess dinner at HMS Nelson's Wardroom. <b>Remembrance Sunday 2025:</b> 30 places requested from the Royal British Legion. Participation is encouraged. The Field of Remembrance on the preceding Thursday will also be supported. <b>AnyFace 75 Reunion 2027:</b> Planning will begin in due course. Targeting collaboration with 820 NAS for a traditional reunion format, including a cocktail party, day events, and a mess dinner.	Committee Members
9	<b>Members points to raise (Rule 13.6)</b> In recognition of his outstanding service, Mike Rawlinson was unanimously appointed the first Honorary Vice President of the AnyFace Association.	Chairman (AR)
10	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Not announced – to be investigated by the Admin Dir/Sec and promulgated in due course.	Secretary
11	<b>A toast to Absent Friends</b> Chairman Andy Rose led a heartfelt toast to absent friends, including those lost and those unable to attend. Special mention was made of the importance of remembrance and honouring the Association's history.	Chairman (AR)/All
12	<b>Close AGM</b> The Chairman formally closed the AGM with thanks to all attendees and the committee, noting the strength and spirit of the AnyFace Association	Chairman (AR)

### 13.1 Chairman's Report 2025

It is always pleasing to say the Association is in good heart .... and in particular, as an example is our membership. Some 30 new members have joined during the year a mix of aircrew and maintainers giving us membership of 225. I welcome you recent joiners and I encourage you to take part in our activities and do contact the Committee via the Anyface email address should you have an input.

Recalling some of the activities during the year.

The Association was again represented at the Field of Remembrance in the grounds of Westminster Abbey in November where we have a plot among the 300 plots that are laid out and with over 70000 named poppy crosses. The Queen normally attends but unfortunately was unwell. I would please ask you to note the event for this year and I would ask in particular, any member living within striking range of London to attend as our representatives. It is a memorable experience and followed with a convivial pub lunch. There will be more information nearer the time.

We had an excellent turnout for Remembrance Sunday. Our president Commodore Michael Clapp attended and laid our wreath on the march past the Cenotaph, well done Sir, and my thanks to all who represented us.

Following the march many of us joined other member Associations of the Fly Navy Federation at the FAA Memorial in Whitehall for a short memorial service and the opportunity to meet other members. This was the largest attendance to date. It reflects well the feeling among serving and veteran FAA members of a strong bond between those who served, proud of today and the enduring friendship between all. If you have not attended, please do this year. The lunch at the In and Out that followed was as ever an enjoyable mini-reunion of members and families.

In August, Committee members Jan Cox and John Saunders arranged a get together at our Red Rat bench in the National Memorial Arboretum. We might have expected more members, however at the mini reunion we held a short memorial service followed by toast to absent friends and in the evening met for a meal at a waterside pub.

In January it was good to welcome Serena back from her year's study in Australia on the Australian Command and Staff course, a course of some one hundred and eighty students. On completion not only gaining a good result .....and although she would rather I not say .....she walked away with the best foreign student prize. [Congrats](#) to Serena and at the same time finding time in keeping us up to date with Anyface Association matters with her regular Newsletters to us all. Thank you Serena.

Finally. Reunion 25 based on Portsmouth last month. Despite Serena having only recently returned and in a new demanding MOD job she organised an excellent reunion, a varied programme and full of interest over the two days. We have an item later in the agenda, I won't report on the details but leave 'till then. I do however wish to say very many thanks to Serena on behalf of myself and all who attended for her meticulous and successful organising to provide a most memorable get-together.

Thank you

## 13.2 Treasurers Report 2025

1. This report covers the period from the last AGM on 1 March 2024 to this AGM. The account was settled on 6 May 2025. The fund is maintained in a business account with NatWest Bank, accessible solely by the admin director and myself. This is the association's only financial resource, with no petty cash or other accounts.
2. The liquidity of the fund was established at the last ATM as £1427.92 of which £270 was set aside for the Red Rat bench refurbishment on an as required basis. The balance now stands at £2309.92 of which £197.66 is set aside for Red Rats bench refurbishment. A refurbishment being conducted by the Arboretum staff during the period.
3. The main expenditures in this period were Reunion, Remembrance events and Website. The reunion cost £6875.50, the bulk of the cost associated with the Reunion Dinner at HMS Nelson £6122, £400 for the hire of the Sky Bar in the Spinnaker Tower and HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band £325. Royal British Legion for Wreaths and Poppies to support Remembrance events cost a total of £212.50. The Website cost and Zoom fees over the period were £714.46, noting this covers two annual payments for the website and an overpayment that attracted a later refund of £238.80.
4. The main sources of income in the period were Membership renewals. Reunion tickets and Charitable Donations. Members paid an annual subscription of £10, as agreed at the last AGM, unless overseas, in which case there was no fee. There were 246 payments of £10, 3 payments of £5 and three payments of £20. Raising a total of £2541 in the period. The £1 being an addition to a £10 payment for membership. Sale of 78 reunion tickets at £55 raised a total of £4290. Charitable donations from the RN & RMC of £1500 and HeliOps £200 providing a total of £1700. That significantly reduced the cost of the reunion to all attendees.
5. During the period, the fund was increased by £882 to £2309.92. The only significant outgoings identified this year are the Remembrance events approximate cost £200 and website and zoom fees approximate costs £250. The fund has a healthy balance. This can only be enhanced with two sets of membership renewals before the Grand 75th Anniversary Reunion in 2027. A more detailed breakdown of all income and expenditure is provided below:

The total income in the period:

Membership	£2541
Ties	£90
Postage for Books	£52
RN & RMC Donation	£1500
Heliops Donation	£200
Reunion Tickets	£4290
Web site Refund	£238.80
Lunches In and Out	£2145
Total Income	£11056.80

The total expenditure in the period:

Web site / Zoom	£714.46
Royal British Legion	£212.50
31 Lunches +1 Refund	£2080
Skybar (Reunion)	£400
HMS Nelson (Reunion)	£6122
HMS Collingwood Band	£325
4 x Reunion Refunds	£220
Red Rats Bench Refurb	£72.34
Gifts	£28.50
Total Expenditure	£10174.80

Resulting in an increase in Funds   £882

Opening Balance:                    £1427.92

Closing Balance:                    £2309.9

Difference                              £882