

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING HELD THURSDAY
17TH JANUARY 2019 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA CLUB AT 19:15**

Present: -	Colin	Hughes		President	(CH)
	Les	Heyhoe	BCAv	Secretary	(LH)
	Pat	Prior	BEM QVRM	Treasurer	(PP)
	Tony	Webber		Committee	(TW)
	Dave	Kelly		Member	(DK)
Apologies:-	Mike	Moncur		Committee	(MM)
	George	Mytom-Hart	BEM	Committee	(GMH)

1. Minutes

The minutes of Wednesday 14th November 2018 were taken as read.

2. Deaths

As was customary, a minute's silence was held in honour and respect of Mrs Stella Brown QSM of New Zealand who 'Crossed the Bar' on 3rd January 2019. Stella during her lifetime had been a strong supporter of the RNWA and took every opportunity when visiting the UK to attend the committee meetings; she will be missed!

3. Treasurer's Report

As at 17/01/19 a total balance of £3,410.06 was held. An independent examination of the RNWA accounts had been completed by Peter Nicholls (PN) on the 17/01/19 for the period 01/01/18 to 31/01/18. A signed statement of assets and liabilities is attached for which the committee appreciated PN's involvement and neutral assessment. PN recommended for the future that a breakdown of 'Miscellaneous Expenditure' was listed with amount(s) and an explanation regarding the amounts involved – action: PP.

4. Membership

In accordance with the RNWA Rules & Guidelines i.e. Subscription 5b. and Removal of Membership 6., the following were removed as members (there could be several bona-fide reasons e.g. change of address and unable to be advised or contacted, deceased and not advised by NOK etc.). Those listed are entitled to re-join at a future date and it might be that the records of the RNWA are incorrect which why if any member has contact or dealings with any individual it is requested, they ask them to contact the Membership Secretary asap for possible reinstatement:-

Forename	Surname	-	Location	Month Due	Year Due
Kennedy	Borthwick	-	Sheffield	December	2017
Christopher	Boyd	-	Glasgow	July	2017
Karen	Brooks	-	Plymouth	July	2017
Laura	Chisholm	-	Carnwath	December	2017
Daniel	Crane	-	Rothbury	May	2017
Dulcie	Edwards	-	Durham	March	2017
Andrew	Hayes	-	Catchgate	July	2017
Lucy	Millings	-	Plymouth	December	2017
Elizabeth	Wingate	-	Stubbington	May	2017

Membership Continued ...

Database records indicate that there are currently 26 members that were due to pay their membership contribution during 2018; these members will again be reminded with a note to be included with their March 2019 Newsletter.

Honourary Members: 3
Life Members: 32
Members: 236
Total Membership 271

New members submitted and accepted were:- Mrs. Debra Mills (nee Marchant) of Havant (December 2018) and John Rowse of Wellington, New Zealand (Dec'2018).

A disturbing fact that since 2002 i.e. in 17 years, a total of 425 members have been removed from membership due to not renewing, their missing contact details, resignation or other unknown reasons.

There were no known Life Memberships to be awarded in 2019 and everyone was asked to view and feedback thoughts and comments regarding the renewal of the Life Membership Certificates.

5. Any Other Business

i. National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), Staffordshire. Marta Richards of NMA had contacted CH with the following message "unfortunately all applications for new plaques and tree dedications have been suspended. This is due to the fact that we are running low on available trees at this time, partly due to last year's prolonged hot and dry spell, which extended well into the summer. Please contact Lindsey Walker, Grounds Administrator email: lwalker@thenma.org.uk at the end of April 2019 when we are hoping to resume this service" – T: 01283 245100 Action: CH.

ii. To-date, thanks to member's generosity, the total donations for the NMA was £850.

iii. Grand National Saturday 6th April 2019 – All were unanimous in supporting the motion to increase the prize cash amounts to:- 1st Place = £250, 2nd Place = £75, 3rd Place = £50 & 4th Place = £25 i.e. a total Prize Place Amount of £400.00 An amount of £10 as a consolation prize was to remain for those horses with jockeys, other than the four places previously mentioned, to cross the finishing post. It was agreed that an order was to be placed by LH for the printing of the books totalling 900 which were to accompany the March 2019 newsletter.

iv. Friday 11th October 2019 RNWA 132nd Reunion Dinner – Application form and details were to accompany the March 2019 Newsletter but, in the meantime, full details were to be made available to view on the website – Action: LH.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25.

Date of next meeting: 19:00 Thursday 21st March 2019 at the RNA, Gosport.

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RNWA Secretary & Membership
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