

ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2019 IN THE INVINCIBLE ROOM OF THE
BEST WESTERN ROYAL BEACH HOTEL SOUTHSEA AT 18:30

HOTEL

Present:-	Colin	Hughes		President	(CH)
	Les	Heyhoe	BCAv	Secretary	(LH)
	Mike	Moncur		Committee	(MM)
	Tony	Webber		Committee	(TW)
	Roger	Aldous		Member	(RM)
	Phil 'Darby'	Allen	MBE	Member	(PH)
	Tony	Coates		Member	(TC)
	Chris	Cole		Member	(CC)
	Peter	Danks		Member	(PC)
	Richard	Dickson		Member	(RD)
	Lyn	Gannon		Member	(LG)
	Dave	Kelly		Member	(DK)
	Tony	Mason	MSM	Member	(TM)
	Peter	Nicholls		Member	(PN)
	Kathryn	Simmons		Member	(KS)
	David	Spicer		Member	(DS)
	Jed	Stone	OBE	Member	(JS)

Note:- Names recorded from those members that 'Signed In' so any omissions due to not making themselves known.

Apologies:-	Pat	Prior	BEM QVRM	Treasurer	(PP)
	George	Mytom-Hart	BEM	Committee	(GMH)
	Dave	Abdy		Member	(DA)
	Arthur	Horne		Member	(AH)

Minutes

1. The minutes of the 19th September * were taken as read.

Deaths

2. None were known or reported since the last issued Newsletter (June 2019) and CH reminded all present that a minute's silence was held in respect of those 'Crossing the Bar' prior to any RNWA Committee meeting, as is customary practise. Whilst names are always published in the Newsletters, members were once again reminded of the following:-

Stella	Brown	QSM	-	03/01/19
Grahame	Boyett		-	18/01/19
Bob	Muir		-	05/02/19
David	McQuitty		-	11/02/19
Sir J. Miles	Huntington-Whiteley	VRD	-	19/02/19
Douglas 'Jimmy'	Jewell		-	15/03/19

Treasurer's Report

3. In view of PP's apologies, the following information was provided as at 5th October 2019 with the balance of the account = £3760.05.

This amount is after deduction for the main invoice received in respect of the 132nd Reunion Dinner for £3,803.70 (further expenditure to follow).

Treasurer's Report (continued)

PP advised that an amount of £1,446.50 had been 'reserved to be treated as restricted funds' for the sole purpose of the proposed RNWA National Memorial Arboretum (NMA). This meant the net account balance for general purpose and operational use stood at £2,313.55

Members

4. LH advised that the membership as at 5th October 2019 was as follows:-

		2018 AGM
Honourary Members:	3	3
Life Members:	30	32
Members:	252	248
Total Membership	285	283

Membership information and figures are regularly produced and updated to members upon production and inclusion in the newsletters.

Election / Re-election of Committee

5. i. Proposed by RD and Seconded by PH, the President CH, Secretary LH & Treasurer PP, together with Committee members GMH, MM & TW were re-elected into their existing roles.
- ii. A vote of thanks and gratitude was given by RD and supported by all.
- iii. LH proposed Lyn Gannon (LG) to become a new member of the Committee and after a brief introduction this was seconded by PH and unanimously accepted with LG being welcomed as a Committee member.

Any other Business

6. i. NMA - The President advised that a hold had been put on everything in respect of plaques, trees and association or club dedications. An email from Marta Richards, NMA Office Administrator dated 1st October 2019 had confirmed this with the comment of "I have forwarded your information to our Fundraising team who will be in touch when the new dedication projects are in place". CH said he would review and diary to follow-up in February 2020 and quarterly thereafter.
- ii. AGM – Together, PD & JS raised some concerns and issues with the style and format that the agenda had taken and wished for it to be reviewed, as in their opinion, it did not fulfil certain criteria or meet with their expectations. * The reading of the minutes as an example and AOB. That said, a discussion pursued whereupon there were clearly differences of opinion amongst the forum. Feedback would be requested after the Reunion Dinner and taken for discussion and reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 18:50

Reminder: You do not have to wait for the AGM to submit AOB.

The next RNWA Committee meeting (*note this is and always has been 'open to non-Committee members to attend'*) will be at the RNA Gosport & Fareham Branch at 19:00 Thursday 21st November 2019.

Les Heyhoe BCAv

RNWA Secretary & Membership

20/10/2019