

ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING HELD THURSDAY
16th MAY 2019 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA CLUB AT 19:00

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

Apologies:- Nil

1. Minutes

AOB 4ii. was carried forward (Action: PP) from the minutes of Thursday 21st March 2019 and were therefore taken as read.

2. Deaths None to report or known.

3. Treasurer's Report

i. As at 16th May 2019 the balance held was £5,9920.20, however there remained two outstanding Grand National winning payment cheques of £10 each. Also see item iii. below.

ii. Of this sum are amounts held and received for the Dinner and NMA.

iii. 14th May an 'Out' entry on the latest statement showed an amount of £10 for cheque No. 000052 – the last cheque no. issued was for 000032 so was this a banking error? PP would liaise with the bank and investigate.

4. Membership

i. New Members: Mary McIntyre (nee Phillips) of Buckie, Banffshire / Andy Langston of Gosport, Hants / Andrew Griffiths of Gosport, Hants / Don McGeorge of Bourne, Lincs.

ii. 270 Members in total – 3 Honourary, 30 Life & 237 Members.

iii. 56 Members are female i.e. 21% - 2 years ago it was as low as 10% - let's push for 2019 to make it above 25%!?

iv. In the June Newsletter the questions will be asked as to a. Who is our oldest (by age) member and b. the oldest i.e. year of entry on joining the RN? These questions are being asked in case the RNWA records or database are inaccurate and not up to date and to add a bit of involvement with members.

5. Any Other Business

i. DK purchased a 'Wtr' Car sticker – see back page for image – from ebay which appeared to be effective however it was noted that the 'Crown' was not that of the RN but appeared to be an 'Army Crown'. LH would contact the seller to ascertain if this could be corrected in order that consideration might be given to purchase by RNWA members for future use. Also see immediate response from seller with the good news that it will be revised and updated.

- ii. An email had been received 16th May from member WO1 Wtr Emma Day who is the DMLS Wtr LTO asking if the RNWA would be interested in obtaining a small number of heritage items as next term the school is moving to the new college at DCLPA, Worthy Down. Subject to Emma's response of items and photographs, CH would respond accordingly.
- iii. 132nd Reunion Dinner Friday 11th October 2019 at the Royal Beach Hotel
 - a. LH had contacted the outer office and PA of the Second Sea Lord (appointed 26th April 2019) Vice Admiral Nicholas Hine CB, inviting him and his partner Zoe to be the Guests of Honour with a RSVP of 7th June in order that this information could be promulgated by mid-June's Newsletter.
 - b. As at 16th May, there were 38 attendees with further promotion of the venue to be published via the June Newsletter – closing date of 20/09/19.
 - c. An overpayment of £7.20 had been received from G.A. Baldwin 8th May '19 and PP was requested to refund via bank transfer (amount 'paid for port').
 - iv. Newsletter – Content and articles were to include Grand National results, update regarding the NMA (not reported or minuted separately but available via Newsletter) and request for Website Volunteer.
 - v. It was agreed for CH to obtain a £125 voucher for the 'Writer of the Year' Awards Ceremony being held at DMLS on 4th July 2019 and to recoup reasonable expenses incurred as the RNWA representative. It was suggested by DK and considered a good idea that perhaps CH could mention that if it were at all possible at a future date upon moving to DCLPA if a RNWA Committee meeting could be held there, giving the 'new and the old' the opportunity to mingle, meet and find out about the new location and RNWA.
 - vi. Grand National – Monies received, after considering full expenditure i.e. postage & printing, stationery etc., the net amount received would be split between supporting iii. & v. and the NMA to receive 1/3rd of the net amount.

AOB 5.i



New message from: [the-sticker-corps](#) (4,887 ★)

Good afternoon Les, thank you for your message.
 I will certainly change the crown over for you (it's the crown from the combined forces badge).
 I'm actually out of the office for the weekend now so if you can bear with me until Monday I'll get straight on with it.
 Have a good weekend and all the very best.
 Paul.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 19:55.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Gosport & Fareham RNA Club at 19:00 Thursday 18th July 2019 – please forward any apologies in advance of the meeting.

Les Heyhoe BCAv

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 Secretary
 18th May 2019