

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING HELD THURSDAY**  
**18<sup>th</sup> JULY 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)
Apologies:-	'Dixie'	Dickson	Member	(DD)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were taken as read.

2. Deaths Good news - None known or reported.

3. Treasurer's Report

- i. As at today, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the amount held was £6734.79.
- ii. Included in i. is the sum of £1,520.00 received for the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Reunion Dinner and the 'restricted funds' held for the NMA of £832.31.

4. Membership

- i. New Members: Michael Hughes MBE of Curdridge, Hants. / Kathryn Simmons (nee redhead) of Gosport, Hants. / Thomas Keddy of Waterlooville, Hants. / Lyn Gannon of Fareham, Hants. / Derek Cooper of Hartlip, Kent /
- ii. 274 Members in total – 3 Honourary, 30 Life & 241 Members.
- iii. Two resignations had been received – one was from Paddy Erskine of Cosham, Hants. due to ill health. LH thanked Paddy for her past support, especially on attending the Reunion Dinners and wished her future good health.
- iv. 4iv. of the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> May announced that in the June newsletter the RNWA would seek to find out about the 'Old & Bold' and some good responses had subsequently been received by LH (members have been given to the end of August to respond and supply details):-

Name	DOB	Joined RN	Joined RNWA
Frank White	18/08/1927	09/01/1945	March 2016
Bill Walsh	29/12/1927	16/07/1946	27 <sup>th</sup> November 1946

5. Any Other Business

- i. 50 'Wtr' Car stickers had been purchased at a total discounted cost of £75.00 inc. p&p and would be used as a gift to members of the Association who attended the October Reunion Dinner. .
- ii. CH had liaised with DMLS Wtr LTO WO1 Wtr Emma Day MBE (RNWA Member) and established that heritage items had in the majority of instances been dispersed amongst various establishment UPO's; only a few items were available such as uniforms but the RNWA had no facility to store or house them. The Committee were of the opinion that an inventory should be obtained and

passed to them for future reference in case the relevant site, location and UPO were considering disposing of such items in the future and the RNWA should be given the opportunity to ascertain if they should hold the historical artefacts?

Action: CH

iii. On the school moving from HMS RALEIGH to the new college at DCLPA, Worthy Down CH will liaise to hold a RNWA Committee meeting there with the possibility of having a look around.

iv. 132<sup>nd</sup> Reunion Dinner Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Royal Beach Hotel

a. LH had contacted the outer office and PA of the Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral Nicholas Hine CB, inviting him and his partner Zoe to be the Guests of Honour. Regrettably they are unable to attend, however his representative Rear Admiral (promoted May 2019) Phil Hally MBE, ACNS People Transformation & Navy Transformation Director and his wife Joanna have confirmed their attendance.

b. As at 18<sup>th</sup> July, there were 52 attendees with the expectation of further interest following the promotion of the venue via the June Newsletter – note the closing date of 20/09/19, no exception due to the ordering of food and seating plan.

v. A letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 had been received from AB2 Wtr Mark Cook, Winner of the RNWA Trophy thanking CH for his attendance at the Awards Ceremony and winner's gift, together with confirmation that he will be joining us at the Reunion Dinner. Mark as winner also receives 2 years complimentary membership to the RNWA – see attached letter for info..

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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (finalised figures for the Reunion Dinner, apart from 24 hours, will be known by this date) – please forward any apologies in advance of the meeting.

*Les Heyhoe BC Av*

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RNWA Secretary  
& Membership

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Mr Colin Hughes  
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*Transforming Seafarers' Lives*

12 July 2019

Dear Sir,

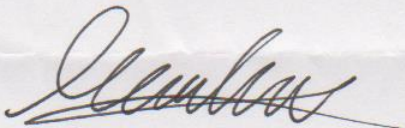
I would like to pass on my very sincere thanks to you for presenting me with the Royal Naval Writers' Association Trophy and the very generous accompanying gift of the £125 PC World voucher. I was enormously proud to be nominated and subsequently selected for this award, and touched that you took time to come to HMS RALEIGH to support all of the award winners.

The day was a great experience for my fiancé and me and it is an event I will never forget. It has provided me an even greater determination to progress and succeed in my career in the Royal Navy.

I especially enjoyed getting to know you and learning about the Royal Naval Writers' Association.

Once again, thank you for your very generous support of this award. It was a great pleasure to meet you. I am looking forward to meeting you again at the RNWA reunion dinner in October.

Regards



Mark Cook  
AB2 Writer  
HMS Nelson UPO