

Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)

19:30 Thursday 3rd February 2022 (rescheduled from 20th January 2022)

(Held 'Virtually via Google Meet' - <https://meet.google.com/vqp-saee-kqj>)

Present:

Colin Hughes	(CH)	-	President
Pat Prior BEM QVRM	(PP)	-	Vice-President & Treasurer
Les Heyhoe BCAv	(LH)	-	Secretary & Membership
Lyn Gannon	(LG)	-	Committee Member
Jim Donaldson	(JD)	-	Committee Member
Tony Webber	(TW)	-	Committee Member
Tony Mason	(TM)	-	Committee Member

Apologies:

David Spicer	(DS)	-	Committee Member
Mike Moncur	(MM)	-	Committee Member
Pat McCarthy	(PM)	-	Member
Lesley McCarthy	(LM)	-	Member
Geoff Briggs	(GB)	-	Member
Kathryn Simmons	(KS)	-	Member

1. 'Crossed the Bar'

No known members were reported as having 'CTB' but LH had been contacted by the grand daughter of lapsed 2019 member Norman Baker of Southsea, advising that Norman CTB in January '22.

2. Minutes

The minutes of Thursday 18th November 2021 were proposed by PP and seconded by CH and were taken as read with no further or additional comments by those present. LH stated that prior to issue and circulation, minutes were forwarded for perusal by CH, however if there was found to be any misunderstanding, typo's, anomalies etc. then LH requested that he was contacted asap so they could be corrected immediately as opposed to waiting until the next scheduled meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

PP advised as at Thursday 3rd February 2022 of the current financial situation:-

£4,368.99 - Note: £1,506.50 'ring fenced' for National Arboretum & £65.00 for Memorial Bench
£2,862.49 Net

Further future costs to be paid out from the Net amount will include postage for March newsletter, printing of newsletter, application form for Renewal Dinner 2022, printing production of the RNWA Directory 135th Anniversary edition, subsidy of the Reunion Dinner 14th October 2022 at the UJC and deposit of £250.00 for Royal Beach Hotel 136th Reunion Dinner 13th October 2023, plus other incidental outgoing expenses. Some of the expenditure will be offset from the expected profit received from the Grand National Draw raffle tickets with a usual profit ranging from £600 - £900.

4. Membership

- i. Membership as at 31.01.2022 comprises of:-
 - 3 Honorary Members
 - 31 Life Members
 - 221 Members
 - 255 Total Membership

4. ii. The database records indicate that there are *no members* to be awarded Life Membership 2022.
- iii. In accordance with the RNWA Regulations 5. & 6. the following members are deemed to be 'Lapsed' and will be placed in the relevant section on the RNWA's website reflecting this status:-
David Carr of Haiti / Stephen Cobley of Tonypany / Ozni Simmonite of Llanelli / Eric Thor of Corfe Mullen / Peter Lee of Cardigan – request received from wife 5/2/22 to lapse - was due '21.
- iv. 9 members are outstanding membership contributions due in 2021 – all have been written to in January and will again be reminded with the issue of the March 2022 newsletter.
- v. See attached list (as at 01/01/2022) of Membership Contributions due 2022 – 63 Members i.e., minimum income of £630.00. Listed in Surname Alphabetically also listed via month Jan-Dec. In addition to attachment to accompany these minutes a separate section will be created via the website for all members to view and will be created annually.

5. Any Other Business

- a. It was agreed for the expense of £125.00 for the production and printing of the Grand National tickets to be produced by Betaprint of Gosport - Action: LH. The event is being held on Saturday 9th April 2022, with ticket stubs and relevant payment required to be returned by Monday 4th April to LH. The draw is to be held at LH's home address at 19:00 Tuesday 5th April 2022.
- b. The 135th RNWA Reunion Dinner being held at the UJC 14/10/22 - Guest of Honour to be established and LH liaising with 1st Sea Lord's office. If Adm. Sir Ben Key is unavailable, a proposal to invite the RN's first female Admiral, Rear Admiral Jude Terry, will be made.
- c. Via Lester May and proposed by TW all were unanimous in inviting 26-year-old Wtr. William 'Auggy' Augustine from Grenada (who features in the RN's recruitment campaign) plus one, as the RNWA's complimentary guests. See - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYUIt-LYFXA> - HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. Action: LH

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

RNWA Committee & Members (all welcome!) future 2022 'Virtual meetings are:-

Thursday	-	17 th March	2022	Thursday	-	19 th May	2022
Thursday	-	21 st July	2022	Thursday	-	15 th September	2022
Thursday	-	17 th November	2022				

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