

Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)

19:30 Thursday 19th May 2022

Held virtually via Google Teams – see Hyper Link:- <https://meet.google.com/vqp-saee-kqi>

Present:	Colin Hughes (CH)	-	President
	Pat Prior BEM QVRM (PP)	-	Vice-President & Treasurer
	Les Heyhoe BCAv (LH)	-	Secretary & Membership
	Jim Donaldson (JD)	-	Committee Member
	David Spicer (DS)	-	Committee Member
Apologies:	Lyn Gannon (LG)	-	Committee Member
	Tony Webber (TW)	-	Committee Member
	Tony Mason (TM)	-	Committee Member (Connection problems)
	Mike Moncur (MM)	-	Committee member (Illness)

1. 'Crossed the Bar'

A minutes silence was held for the following who were reported as having 'CTB':-

- i. 02/03/22 - John Lumley HARGRAVES of Waterlooville, Hampshire.
- ii. 13/04/22 - Tom BARDSLEY of Scarborough, Yorkshire.
- iii. 14/05/22 - Henry LENNOX of Edinburgh.

Notification had also been received about the demise of a regular guest dinner attendee Leslie Mortimer MBE who passed away aged 88 on 7th April 2022

2. Minutes

The minutes of Thursday 17th March 2022 were proposed by DS and seconded by LG and were taken as read with no further or additional comments by those present.

3. Treasurer's Report

PP advised as at close of business Wednesday 16th March 2022 of the current financial situation:-

£6,171.53 * - Note: £1,506.50 'ring fenced' for National Arboretum & £65.00 for Memorial Bench

* Included in this sum is £1,290.00 received for the 2022 Reunion Dinner.

4. Membership

Membership as at 19th May 2022 comprises of:-

- . 3 Honorary Members
- . 30 Life Members
- 222 Members
- 255** Total Membership

5. Any Other Business

- i. The reunion Dinner Guest of Honour remains to be confirmed unfortunately having without success by LH (first time for everything) to secure the presence of either 1SL or 2SL. LH now to approach Rear Admiral Jude Terry (a Logistics officer and 1st female Admiral) with a requested response by 31st May 2022. To-date 38 attendees – see Annex A.

- ii. No Change or update - CH provided the following update ""As everyone is aware the future of the award of the Writer of the Year trophy is uncertain now that the Logistician (Wtr)s are now trained with their Army and RAF counterparts. A new Head of Naval Training is expected to join Worthy Down in May after which a meeting will be held to decide the future of an Award Ceremony and the individual awards."
- iii. National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) – advised by CH no contact or response received. A potential visit by LG or CH is intended in June or at a later convenient mutual date as to the feasibility of a ‘Writers memorial’ and more importantly what type and cost.
- iii. LH stated that accompanying the JUNE Newsletter would be the 140th Anniversary & Platinum Jubilee RNWA Directory (produced every five years) listing every member’s name and contact details (excluding email address) together with a Black & White 14/10/22 Reunion Dinner application

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:35

RNWA Committee & Members (all welcome!) future 2022 ‘Virtual meetings are 19:30 (sign in from 19:10):-

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Thursday	-	21 st July	2022
Thursday	-	15 th September	2022
Thursday	-	17 th November	2022

Note: AGM - 14th October 2022 at The Union Jack Club, London.

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21st May 2022

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Annex A. to RNWA Minutes of 19th May 2022 - (Surname Alphabetical Order)

Jane	Adams
Denis	Alger
Michael	Blatchford
Beverley	Carrington
Mike	Coombes OBE
Steve	Hamblin
Vince	Hawkins
Lyn	Heyhoe
Les	Heyhoe BCAv
Carol	Higham
David	Hill
Nancy	Hill
Colin	Hughes
John	Large
Doug	Lewis
Albert	Light
Mary	Light
Patrick	Magill
Barbara	Mason
Tony	Mason
Don	McGeorge
John	Miller
Debi	Mills
Celia	Myers
Pat	Prior BEM QVRM
David	Ramsey
David	Rawlings
Doreen	Shaw
David	Spicer
Marilyn	Stephens
Cassandra	Terry
June	Terry
David	Turner
Gill	Walby
Penny	Wallis
Andrew	Whitfield
Anne	Whitfield
Linda	Wibley