



Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)

19:30 Thursday 15th September 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
	Tony	Mason	(TM)	-	Committee Member
	David	Spicer	(DS)	-	Committee Member
	Jim	Donaldson	(JD)	-	Committee Member
	Lyn	Gannon	(LG)	-	Committee Member
	Phil	Allen MBE	(PA)	-	Member
	Pat	McCarthy	(PM)	-	Member
	Lesley	McCarthy	(LM)	-	Member

Committee Member Apologies

Tony Webber (TW) Mike Moncur (MM)

Member Apologies

Kathryn Simmons (KS) Christine Senior (CS)
Alf Parr (AP) June Terry (JT)
Brian Wead (BW) Peter Wead (PW)
Geoff Briggs (GB)

1. 'Crossed the Bar' (CTB)

The Committee recognized the CTB of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th of September 2022. A minutes silence was held in recognition and honour of HM The Queen's service to her country and the people.

In addition, a further minutes silence was held for the CTB of members:-

9th July – Bryan Hayter of Melksham / 4th August - David Abdy of Pudsey / 8th Sept.- Brian Murphy of Portsmouth

2. Minutes

The minutes of Thursday 21st July 2022 were proposed by LG and seconded by PP 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 14th September 2022 of the current financial situation:- £6,471.54* - Note: £1,506.50 'ring fenced' for National Arboretum & £65.00 for Memorial Bench – * also included in this sum is £2,180.00 received for the 2022 Reunion Dinner

4. Membership

Membership as of 15th September 2022 comprises of:-

3 Honorary Members
29 Life Members
219 Members
251 Total Membership

New members are:-

March	-	John	Hall	Gosport	Hants	
April	-	Mark	Yates	Spalding	Lincs	
August	-	Alison	Moffatt	Exeter	Devon	
.		Helen	Bailey	(nee Owen)	Plymstock	Devon
September	-	Julie	Sugden	(nee Graham)	Exmouth	Devon
		Elaine	Binks	(nee Blurton)	Whitley	Hants

5. Any Other Business

A i. Reminder – Closing date FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER (non-negotiable) for Friday 14th October 135th RNWA Reunion Dinner at Union Jack Club, London. Guest of Honour (GOH) the Royal Navy's first female of Flag Officer rank, Admiral Judith Helen 'Jude' Terry OBE, Naval Secretary and Director of People & Training.

ii. See Annex A. of the Alphabetical order of current (as at 17/09/22) attendee members and guests for the Reunion Dinner – If your name doesn't appear contact LH immediately.

iii. CH to ascertain name & guest of 'Writer of the Year 2021' (WOTY) as to confirmation of their attendance as complimentary guests by 30/09/22. If attending, the GOH will present the WOTY trophy.

B. A visit has been arranged by CH for some of the RNWA Committee to visit The Defence College of Logistics, Policing and Administration (DCLPA) at Worthy Down on Thursday 22nd September – see <https://insidedio.blog.gov.uk/2019/09/16/new-facilities-taking-shape-at-worthy-down/> As well as a tour of the facilities, questions will be raised regarding the current and future 'Writer trophy award', current and past 'Writer memorabilia and museum items' e.g. DA & PA questioned what had happened to the Writers' Museum items located at the Supply School, in particular a fountain pen that was used by the late Queen on her visit to South Africa in the 1950's. CH would investigate and advise accordingly. Postscript: In the minutes of the 18th of July 2019, it was stated that the museum exhibits were divided up between the UPOs and the only articles left over were old uniforms of officers.

C. AGM 14/10/22 at the UJC – If you wish to be part of the RNWA Committee please forward your name to the RNWA Secretary by 07/09/22. Likewise, any endorsements to the existing Committee most welcome or any objections, if standing for reelection.

Next meeting: Thursday 17th November 2022 at 19:30 via Google Teams **

Les Heyhoe BCav RNWA Secretary & Membership

H: 023 9235 7181 / M: 07494 150563

Email: linda.heyhoe@btinternet.com

18th September 2022