

Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA) Committee & Members meeting held

19:30 Thursday 20th July 2023

Held virtually via Google Teams – see Hyper Link:- <https://meet.google.com/ahs-rfcg-smu>

Present:	Colin Hughes	(CH)	-	President
	Pat Prior	BEM QVRM (PP)	-	Vice-President & Treasurer
	Les Heyhoe	BCAv (LH)	-	Secretary & Membership
	David Spicer	(DS)	-	Committee Member
	Jim Donaldson	(JD)	-	Committee Member
	Mike Moncur	(MM))	-	Member
	Kathryn Simmons	(KS)	-	Member
	Robert Carr	(RC)	-	Member
	John Glover	(JG)	-	Member
	Richard Jones	(RJ)	-	Member

Committee Members Apologies

	Tony Mason	(TM)
	Lyn Gannon	(LG)
	Tony Webber	(TW)

Member Apologies

	Nigel Coy	(NC)		Pat Haselden	(PH)
	Gillian Orchard	(GO)		Brian Wead	(BW)
	Jed Stone	(JS)			

1. 'Crossed the Bar' (CTB)

Fortunately, no members since the last meeting were known to have CTB.

Sadly, LH had received notification from member David Kelly (DK) of Fareham that he had been advised he had a terminal illness and wished the Committee and members to be informed. LH will liaise with DK's daughter regarding future funeral arrangements notifying the Committee and members.

2. Minutes

The minutes of Thursday 18th May 2023 were proposed by PP and seconded by KS 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 Thursday 20th July 2023 the current financial situation was:- £6,989.53 - Note: includes amounts 'ring fenced' for National Arboretum (NMA), Memorial Bench and payments received for 2023 Reunion Dinner.

PP confirmed that all Grand National 2023 payments had been made and all cheques cleared.

See AOB iv. regarding discussion in respect of the closure of the NMA project.

4. Membership (as of 20th July 2023)

- i. 3 Honorary Members
- 28 Life Members
- 213 Members
- 244** Total Membership

4. Membership continued

- ii. There are six (6) members whose membership remains outstanding for 2022 and a FINAL reminder would be issued, having received no response to previous reminders, by the end of July 2023 otherwise their membership would be considered lapsed.
- iii. 30 members remain to pay membership contributions for 2023 – 5 pre-July and 25 July – Dec’.
- iv. *New members* proposed by LH and seconded by CH:-
 - a. AB (Wtr) Jack Roberts of Penzance (July 2023 - 2025) – ‘Writer of the Year’
 - b. Mrs Dawn McAuliffe (nee Phillips) of Plymouth (June 2023 – 2025)
 - c. Mr Chris Payne of Park Gate, Fareham (June 2023 – 2025)
 - d. Mr Matthew Payne of Nottingham (June 2023 – June 2025)
 - e. Miss Patricia Haselden of Liverpool (June 2023 – June 2025)
 - f. Mr Glenn Tinsley of Sleaford, Lincs (June 2023 – June 2027)

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

- i. CH advised that he had received notification that the two Southsea RNWA benches were scheduled to receive maintenance and upkeep during 2024 by Portsmouth City Council.
- ii. The 136th Reunion Dinner – 13th October’23 at The Queens Hotel Southsea – see attached list (in Surname Alphabetical Order) of current attendees – reminder *closing date* Monday 11th Sept.’23
- iii. PP advised that the current RNWA Constitution requires updating and everyone was asked to review and forward amendments, together with ensuring everyone received advance opportunities for applying for any of the official positions of the committee prior to the Annual General Meeting. Notification would be published in the next scheduled RNWA Newsletter due August 2023.
- iv. In view of no NMA project, a proposal has been received from JG that a tree and plaque were placed at Chatham or somewhere similar. LH upon receipt of the proposal approached Chatham and was advised that this was not possible, but a bench was permissible subject to various terms and conditions and costings. Subsequently, CH contacted Ian McHugh (IM), WO Wtr at the Defence College of Logistics, Policy & Administration (DCLPA) at Worthy Down, Hants’ (the ‘current home of ‘Writer’ Training) to propose the feasibility of a tree & plaque being placed there? All were unanimous in this initial proposal and agreed to CH & LH pursuing this line of enquiry, arranging a meeting at DCLPA, and reporting back at the next scheduled meeting. Action: CH, LH & IM by 21st Sept.’23

Dates of next scheduled RNWA Meetings 2023 – held virtually, see front page Hyper Link.

7.30pm / 19:30 - Thursday 21st September

5.30pm / 17:30 - Friday 13th October (Annual General Meeting – Queen’s Hotel, Southsea)

7.30pm / 19:30 - Thursday 16th November

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm / 20:20

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Surname of attendees – 136th Reunion Dinner The Queens Hotel Southsea - Friday 13/10/23As of 23rd July 2023

1	ROGER	ALDOUS
2	DENNIS	ALGER
3	PHILIP	ALLEN MBE
4	ROBERT	ALLSOPP
5	DAVID	ALLSOPP OBE
6	ANDY	ARNOLD
7	MICHAEL	ATKINSON
8	JANE	BALLARD
9	MICHAEL	BLATCHFORD
10	GARY	BOWER
11	STEPHEN	CAMPBELL
12	BEVERLEY	CARRINGTON
13	SANDRA	DAVIS
14	JUNE	ELLIOTT
15	STEPHEN	ELLIOTT
16	IONA	FLEMING
17	PAT	FRANCIS
18	STEVE	HAMBLIN
19	VINCE	HAWKINS
20	STEPHEN	HEGGIE
21	LYN	HEYHOE
22	LES	HEYHOE BCav
23	CAROL	HIGHAM
24	KENNETH	HIPWELL
25	NORMAN	HOWDEN
26	COLIN	HUGHES
27	GARY	HUGHES
28	DAVID	JONES
29	DAVID	KELLY
30	ADAM	LAPPIN
31	GRAHAME	LONG

32	JUNE	LONG
33	PATRICK	MAGILL
34	SHIRLEY	MAGILL
35	SHEILA	MANTON
36	BARBARA	MASON
37	TONY	MASON
38	DON	McGEORGE
39	ANNE	MILLER
40	JOHN	MILLER
41	Ron	MILLER
42	CELIA	MYERS
43	PAM	NAPIER
44	PETER	NICHOLLS
45	MATTHEW	PAYNE
46	TRACEY	PENFOLD-GREEN
47	PAT	PRIOR BEM QVRM
48	TREVOR	RAFFERTY
49	DAVID 'ALF	RAMSEY
50	DAVID	RAWLINGS
51	PIPPA	RIELLY
52	JACK	ROBERTS
53	DOREEN	SHAW
54	KATHYRN	SIMMONS
55	DAVID	SPICER
56	MARILYN	STEPHENS
57	JED	STONE OBE
58	CAROLYN	TURNER
59	DAVID	TURNER
60	GILL	WALBY
61	PENELOPE	WALLIS
62	SUE	WALTERS
63	LINDA	WHIBLEY
64	ANNE	WILLIAMS
65	Ron	WILLIAMS

