

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

19:30 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

<b>Present:</b>	Colin Hughes	(CH)	-	President
	Pat Prior	BEM QVRM (PP)	-	Vice-President & Treasurer
	Les Heyhoe	BCAv (LH)	-	Secretary & Membership (via 'phone)
	David Spicer	(DS)	-	Committee Member
	Jim Donaldson	(JD)	-	Committee Member
	Tony Webber	(TW)	-	Committee Member
	Mike Moncur	(MM))	-	Member
	John Glover	(JG)	-	Member
	Don McGeorge	(DM)	-	Member

## Committee Members Apologies

Tony Mason (TM)  
Lyn Gannon (LG)

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Jed Stone OBE (JS)                      Brian Wead (BW)  
Peter Danks (PD)                         Bob Carr (BC)

## 1. 'Crossed the Bar' (CTB)

Peter Wead (brother of RNWA member Brian Wead) of Borough Green, passed away on 15/08/23. A minutes silence was held in his memory.

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were proposed by PP and seconded by JD 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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 the current financial situation was:- £7,749.71 - Note: includes amounts 'ring fenced' for National Arboretum (NMA), Memorial Bench and payments received for 2023 Reunion Dinner totaling £3,680.00. The invoice for the dinner should be received by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September which will be in excess of the sum received due to payment for drinks per table and port for the loyal toast.

## 4. Membership (as of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

- i.            3 Honorary Members  
              28 Life Members  
              220 Members  
              **251 Total Membership**
- ii.           4 Remain outstanding for 2022 – Final reminder issued. To be lapsed in January 2024.
- iii.          28 membership contribution remain outstanding for 2023 January – December.
- iv.          6 New Members:- Margret (Greta) Grindell of Weymouth / WO1 Wtr. Natalie Bywaters of Gosport / CPO Wtr. Andrew Burnett of Eastney / PO Wtr. Leanne Roberts of Falkirk / Robert May of Plymouth / Jane Billingham of Exeter

## 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

i. The 136<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner – 13<sup>th</sup> October'23 at The Queens Hotel Southsea – see attached list (in Surname Alphabetical Order) of the 83 attendees, including Guests of Honour. If you don't see your name on the list and you were expecting to attend, having paid, and submitted your application prior to the closing date of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, then please immediately contact The Secretary.

ii. CH advised that the RNWA Constitution had been discussed and revised by the committee and the website updated accordingly. All present stated they agreed with the changes which had been implemented but final ratification would be sought and confirmed at the AGM being held on 13/10/23.

iii. Election of RNWA Committee 2023 / 2024

Name		Volunteer for	Seconded by
Colin Hughes	(CH)	President	Les Heyhoe BCAv (LH)
Pat Prior BEM QVRM	(PP)	Vice President & Treasurer	Colin Hughes (CH)
Lyn Gannon	(LG)	Secretary	Tony Mason (LG)
Don McGeorge	(DM)	Membership Secretary	Colin Hughes (CH)
Tony Mason	(TM)	Committee Member	David Spicer (DS)
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Tony Webber	(TW)	Committee Member	Colin Hughes (CH)
Jim Donaldson	(JD)	Committee Member	Les Heyhoe BCAv (LH)

The above names will be presented to those attending the AGM 13/10/23 to be officially voted 'into office and positions' subject to final approval.

iv. CH advised that he and LH had recently met with WO1 Wtr Ian McHugh at the Defense College of Logistics, Policy & Administration (DCLPA) at Worthy Down, Hants' (the 'current home of 'Writer' Training) with a view of ideally a tree, bench and plaque placed there as a memorial to past 'Writers'. The WO1 (Army) the establishment lead is currently on leave until 25<sup>th</sup> Sept but a request for 10 different scenarios has been left with him to review and a request for costings to be provided and shared at the AGM for discussion and 'the way forward' – all subject to cost and quotes.

Dates of next scheduled RNWA Meetings 2023 .

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

7.30pm / 19:30 - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (new link and arrangements to be made LG)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm / 20:00

*Les Heyhoe BCAv*

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22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

136<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner The Queens Hotel Southsea - Friday 13/10/23

Alphabetical Surname Order - As of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Closing date)

NO.	FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
1	JOHN	VOYCE OBE ADC	42	DAVID	KELLY
2	MARIE	ROBERTS	43	ADAM	LAPPIN
3	SARAH	ADAMS	44	PATRICK	MAGILL
4	ROGER	ALDOUS	45	SHIRLEY	MAGILL
5	DENNIS	ALGER	46	SHEILA	MANTON
6	PHILIP	ALLEN MBE MSM	47	BARBARA	MASON
7	ANDY	ARNOLD	48	TONY	MASON
8	MICHAEL	ATKINSON	49	DOM	McGEORGE
9	JANE	BALLARD	50	IAN	MCHUGH
10	NORMAN	BARTLEY	51	ROBERT	MILLARD
11	JANE	BILLINGHAM	52	ANNE	MILLER
12	MICHAEL	BLATCHFORD BEM	53	JOHN	MILLER
13	GARY	BOWER	54	RON	MILLER
14	ANDREW	BURNETT	55	CELIA	MYERS
15	STEPHEN	CAMPBELL	56	PAM	NAPIER
16	BEVERLEY	CARRINGTON	57	PETER	NICHOLLS MBE
17	ANTHONY	COATES	58	MATTHEW	PAYNE
18	MYRNA	COATES	59	TRACEY	PENFOLD-GREEN
19	SANDRA	DAVIS	60	PAT	PRIOR BEM QVRM
20	RICHARD	DIXONSON	61	TREVOR	RAFFERTY
21	JUNE	ELLIOTT	62	DAVID 'ALF	RAMSEY
22	STEPHEN	ELLIOTT	63	DAVID	RAWLINGS
23	IONA	FLEMING	64	PIPPA	RIELLY
24	PAT	FRANCIS	65	JACK	ROBERTS
25	KEVIN	FUDGE	66	LEANNE	ROBERTS
26	REBECCA	FYANS MBE	67	DOREEN	SHAW
27	LYN	GANNON	68	IAN	SHEARSEY
28	GRETA	GRINDELL	69	BELINDA	SIDELL
29	STEVE	HAMBLIN	70	KATHYRN	SIMMONS
30	VINCE	HAWKINS MSM	71	DAVID	SPICER
31	STEPHEN	HEGGIE	72	MARILYN	STEPHENS
32	SUSAN	HEGGIE	73	JED	STONE OBE
33	MARK	HENDERSON	74	CAROLYN	TURNER
34	LYN	HEYHOE	75	DAVID	TURNER
35	LES	HEYHOE BCAv	76	GILL	WALBY
36	CAROL	HIGHAM	77	PENELOPE	WALLIS
37	KENNETH	HIPWELL	78	SUE	WALTERS
38	NORMAN	HOWDEN	79	STACEY	WARWICK
39	COLIN	HUGHES	80	LINDA	WHIBLEY
40	GARY	HUGHES	81	ANNE	WILLIAMS
41	DAVID	JONES	82	LUKE	WILLIAMS
			83	DAVID	WINTER