

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) RE-SCHEDULED MEETING THURSDAY
19th JANUARY 2017 HELD AT THE RNA GOSPORT & FAREHAM BRANCH AT 19:15**

Present: Colin Hughes Chairperson (CH)
George Mytom-Hart BEM Treasurer (GMH)
Les Heyhoe Secretary (LH)
Mike Moncur Committee (MM)
Tony Webber Committee (TW)

Members: Philip Allen MBE (PW)
Richard Dickson (RD)

1. Minutes

No prior minutes available.

2. Deaths

CH advised of the 'Crossing of the Bar' of Life Member Fred Davenport who sadly passed away in QA Hospital on Saturday 14/01/17. A Requiem Mass, followed by crematorium and wake at HMS Excellent is scheduled to be held on Friday 3/2/17. Awaiting full details and confirmation to be promulgated. CH would approach n-o-k to ascertain if they wished for PW to parade the RNWA's standard.

An email had been received via Bill McIntosh (ex-WOWtr and ex-RNWA member lapsed 2001) that a colleague and close friend ex-Wtr Paul Newbury had 'crossed the bar'. On checking Paul was not a member of the RNWA.

As a mark of respect, as is usual standard practise, prior to continuing the meeting, all stood for one minute's silence in their memory.

3. Treasurer's Report

As at today, the account balance stood at £3,905.22 - A payment of £60.00 had been paid for annual country membership for the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth, together with payment for the local councils Lottery Act (for Grand National draw activity). No payments i.e. deposit had been paid out for the Reunion Dinner of the 13th October 2017.

4. Membership

To ensure membership names are officially recorded for historical and posterity purposes, membership proposed and seconded were as follows: -

January	-	Pamela	Garner	-	Putnoe, Bedford.
		Denise	Shepherd	-	Gosport, Hants.
		Richard	Perkins	-	Greenhithe, Kent.

Membership contributions as at 31/12/16 comprised of the following statistics: -

3 Honary members & 33 Life members (no payments due)
3 Outstanding 2015 – If contributions not received by end of Jan'17 – Lapse.
16 Outstanding 2016
52 Outstanding 2017 – Total members as at today 253

Discussion and implementation of a 'common renewal date' to be reviewed for January 2020.

5. Reunion Dinner

- i. 130th Reunion Dinner to be held at the UJC, London, Friday 13th October 2017 – a deposit to be made by GMH of £500.00 and forwarded for the attention of Yacine Gueye, Events UJC Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ.
- ii. LH has approached the office of 1SL & CNS, Admiral Sir Philip Jones KCB ADC RN and Lady Elizabeth to be the dinner's Guests of Honour via 1SL's PA POWtr Jane Levley requesting a response by 14/02/17 – required for the purpose of the issue of the March 2017 newsletter.
- iii. In addition to ii. it was agreed for LH to approach The UJC President of the Committee, Vice Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon KBE (Exec) and wife Lady Sue to also be the RNWA's complimentary guests.
- iv. The 3-course menu was decided (based on details supplied for 2016) of Scottish Salmon & Dill Pate, Roast Breast of Chicken and Black Forrest Gateau. 2016 cost was £20.00 and if a slight increase in cost, this was to be expected and accepted.
- v. All were unanimous, irrespective of any price increase, to retain the cost of the dinner at £25.00 for RNWA members and £35.00 for non-members, bearing in mind the total subsidy of the 2016 dinner was approximately £600.00 For 2017 the subsidy could be greater due to hopefully greater numbers attending but this was acceptable. No special gifts were to be arranged or ordered only on very special anniversaries, the next being the 150th in 2037.

6. Any Other Business

- A. The 2017 Grand National is scheduled to take place on Saturday 5.15pm 8th April. LH to arrange and order draw tickets from Speedyprint of Gosport 600 books (253 members x 2 plus 104 for additional requests) for issue with March Newsletter. Draw tickets to be returned to LH by 4th April 2017 (EO meeting for GN draw to be held at Secretary's home address 7pm).
- B. The audit of accounts for 2016/17 took place on Tuesday 10th January 2017 – see attached signed and approved Audit for the period 22/11/16 to 10/01/17.
- C. Life Membership was discussed of member Geoff Luton as submitted on his behalf by CH. It was agreed that due to the uncertainty of the full records of contributions in respect of Geoff's contributions but records held indicated and confirmed him joining September 1958, that effective September 2017 he would become a Life Member. LH to advise and update Geoff accordingly and invite him to receive his certificate at the 130th Reunion Dinner at the UJC.
- D. The RNWA 130th Directory was to only include contact details and in larger print; the 1SL had been invited by LH to write a foreword and provide a picture for the inside cover. The cut-off date for contact details / updates was the end of Jan whereupon the data and info would be passed to Betaprint by LH and passed onto PA to obtain a quote for printing and production.
- E. CH had provided suggested and proposed updates and amendments to the 'Rules & Guidelines' of the RNWA displayed on the website that were currently out of date and required urgent attention. Therefore, please provide your suggested inclusions (in blue), amendments (in blue) and deletions (in red) to CH by the end of February 2017. CH to circulate and to be discussed and reviewed at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 20:15.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th March 2017 – Apologies given in advance by TW.