

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)  
held at the RNA Gosport Branch at 19:15  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Present: -	Colin Hughes	President	(CH)
	George Mytom-Hart BEM	Treasurer	(GMH)
	Les Heyhoe	Secretary/Membership	(LH)
	Mike Moncur	Committee	(MM)
Apologies:-	Philip Allen	MBE Committee	(PA)
Absent: -	Roland Carter	Committee	(RC)

1. *Minutes*

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were taken as read.

2. *Deaths*

No member's deaths were reported.

3. *Treasurer's Report*

GMH advised the committee that as at the date of the meeting funds held were £3,547.01 Payment had been made of £250.00 for the deposit of the 2015 Reunion Dinner, £15 annual membership for the Federation Naval Association, £60 annual membership of the Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth and £20 to renew the Lotteries Licence held with Fareham Borough council to enable the 2015 Grand National draw.

4. *Membership*

As a result of LH advertising the RNWA via the Face Book group page of 'Royal Navy Writers' applications have been received, with hopefully more to follow. The 'Dauntless Association' (ex-WRNS) and The WRN's Association had also been contacted and articles promoting the RNWA and encouraging ex-WRN Wtrs to join, would be publicized via their respective newsletters in the New Year. New members proposed by LH and seconded by CH and accepted as members are:-

Mrs Karen Dowden (nee Francis – ex-WRN Wtr Pay)	of Truro, Cornwall.
Mrs Janice Wylie (nee McGowan – ex-POWRN)	of Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside.
Mr Terry Pizzey (ex-POWtr)	of Stubbington, Hampshire.
Mr Thomas Richardson (Lt. Cdr. RN Rtd.)	of Helston, Cornwall.

5. *Any Other Business*

- i. Reunion Dinner 2015 – LH would provide a PA system for speeches as the hotel required £200 to hire one. The menu as advised to the committee (Hotel - Davina Jones letter of 24<sup>th</sup> October) was accepted. Cost per head by the hotel is £36 (£35 in 2014) however it was agreed that to encourage new members to attend the RNWA was prepared to 'take a loss / subsidise the venue' by a bigger margin than in 2014, therefore the cost per ticket would be £25 RNWA Members (£30 in 2014) and £35 for Guests (same as in 2014 but £1 cheaper than cost price i.e. subsidy). The details would be promulgated via the website. It was decided that subject to favourable rates and terms and conditions, the 129<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner would be held in London, the Union Jack Club on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (to be confirmed mid-2015).
- ii. Grand National for 2015 takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April; agreed to order 250 books\* - LH
- iii. Newsletters issue in December & February 2015, enclosing Grand National tickets\* - CH/LH

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15 – *Next Meeting 15/1/15 @ 19:00*

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