

ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) RE-SCHEDULED MEETING THURSDAY
28th JULY 2016 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	Member (TW)

1. Minutes

No prior minutes available.

2. Deaths

LH had been informed by widow Maureen Wood that her husband, Life Member John Wood of Portchester had 'Crossed the Bar' on the 25th July 2016. The Committee held one minute's silence in memory of John. All were welcome to attend John's funeral at The Portchester Crematorium, South Chapel at 1.45pm on Monday 8th August 2016.

3. Treasurer's Report

As at today, the account balance stood at £5,632.38 including £980.00 received in respect of the Reunion Dinner for the 14th October 2016.

4. Membership

Due to promotions via LH's efforts and support from members and various media, 2016 membership was on the increase. To ensure membership names are officially recorded for historical and posterity purposes, membership proposed and seconded are recorded as below for the respective bi-monthly meetings held in: -

July 2016	-	Cdre Doug Lewis CBE (Cdre Rtd RN) of Barnes, London
		John Hart CBE (Cdre Rtd RN) of Arundel, West Sussex
	.	David Marsh (Lt Cdr Rtd RN) of Wroxton, Banbury
	.	David Maule BEM (WO Wtr Rtd) of Torquay, Devon
	.	Michael Seaward (CPO Wtr Rtd) of Torquay, Devon
	.	Peter Easton (L/Wtr Rtd) of Ramsgate, Kent
	.	Neil Hitchcock (L/Wtr Rtd) of New Milton, Hampshire
May 2016	-	Paul Johns (WO1LogPers Rtd) of Swindon, Wiltshire
March	-	Andrew Arnold (Lt Cdr Rtd RN) of Ottawa, Canada
	.	Gerald Beard MBE (Lt Cdr Rtd RN) of Monmouth
	.	John Cotter (CPO Wtr Rtd) of Qawra, Malta
	.	Michael Harper (CPO Wtr Rtd) living in Malawi
	.	Jonathan Richardson (L/Wtr Rtd) of New Milton
	.	Frank White (Wtr Rtd) of Marsh Chapel, Lincolnshire
	.	Henrietta Goodrum (Wtr - Serving) of Locksheath, Hampshire
	.	Frederica McCarthy (Wtr - Serving) of Bury, Manchester

5. Reunion Dinner

i. J. Donaldson's Life Certificate remained in the possession of the President from 2014 as he was unable to attend the dinner on the 9th October 2015. Subsequent to the meeting LH confirms that JD will be attending the 2016 Dinner as a complimentary guest to receive his certificate so arrangements to be made for framing and payment by CH/GMH.

ii. It was agreed for the reimbursement of £60.00 (paid invoice to be supplied to Treasurer) to be paid to LH in respect of preparation printing costs.

iii. LH was to approach The News to try to send a personal complimentary invitation to the Grand Daughter / Great Grand Daughter of Petty Officer (Writer) Albert Symonds who was serving in the Town Class Light Cruiser HMS Southampton during the Battle of Jutland (WW1), as this was the 100th Commemorative year; the 15-page journal of Albert had recently been received and placed on the RNWA's website.

iv. As at today, there are 41 attendees with the hope that it will exceed 50 by the closing date of Friday 23rd September 2016.

6. Any Other Business

A. CH had recently attended the HMS RALEIGH Awards presentation day (hence why the meeting had been rescheduled by a week) presenting the 'Writer of the Year' Trophy (for the period January to December 2015) to Wtr Tessa Farrow now serving on board HMS ALBION.

Post Script: "A letter of thanks for the RNWA gift voucher from Logs(Wtr) Tessa Farrow was received by the President on Friday morning, 29th July 2016".

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

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th September 2016 – Apologies given in advance by MM

Minutes produced and circulated by LH

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