

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING THURSDAY  
17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA AT 19:00**

Present: -	Colin	Hughes	President	(CH)
	Les	Heyhoe BCav	Secretary	(LH)
	Mike	Moncur	Committee	(MM)
	George	Mytom-Hart BEM	Committee	(GMH)
	Tony	Webber	Committee	(TW)
	David	Kelly	Member	(DK)

Apologies: -

	Pat	Prior BEM QVRM	Treasurer	(PP)
	David	McQuitty	Member	(DM)

1. Minutes

No minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were available.

2. Deaths

There were no known members deaths since the last produced minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report

i. It was agreed that in the absence of PP the existing current account held with HSBC was to be closed by the end of May/June and only the Lloyds Bank account was to be in operation.

ii. On viewing the on-line account statement, LH established that the amount held in the Lloyds RNWA account stood at £5,822.82. A high figure taking into account sums received totalling £1,645.00 for payments & donations to attend the RNWA Reunion Dinner in October 2018.

4. Membership

Membership as at the date of the meeting comprised of: -

Honourary Members:	3
Life Members:	30
Members:	248
Total Membership	281

i. New members – **March** Gerry Fanning of Rostrevor, Australia, Robert Millard of Watford, **April** Gladys Harding of Chelmsford, **May** Naomi Harvey of Lee-on-the-Solent, Mike & Pauline Davies of Winchester.

5. Any Other Business

i. CH will be attending the HMS RALEIGH Logistics Award Ceremony on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with yet again the winner of the 'Writer of the Year' being a female. CH will make the necessary purchase of a gift voucher for the agreed value and reclaim.

ii. Life Membership Certificates were to be reviewed over the coming year, but it was agreed to make use of those held in stock which should last for a few more years.

iii. The March 2018 Newsletter was missing from the website, so LH was requested to rectify; this was important as it advised members of the 'new Lloyds a/c details'.

5. Any Other Business (continued)

iv. 131<sup>st</sup> RNWA Reunion Dinner – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. 50 names to-date had been received with a final reminder proposed to be issued in the August 2018 Newsletter.

v. Regrettably LH had received notification that 2SL was unable to attend as the GOH for the Reunion Dinner, however 2SL had appointed a replacement and Rear Admiral Chris Gardner CBE (our current CNLO), Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Ships) and SRO for the Type 26 Global Combat Ship Programme, will be attending accompanied by his wife.

NB: R/Adm. Gardner has attended as our GOH in recent years when held at the UJC.



vi. GDPR forms would be issued in due course and the response made known at the next meeting.

vii. LH had received an email 16<sup>th</sup> May from Nigel Coy who recently visited the National Memorial Arboretum and asked if the committee could investigate the possibility of a plaque or the planting of a tree or something in its simplest form recognising the RNWA? – Action CH.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:10.

Date of next meeting, 19:00 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at RNA Gosport & Fareham Branch.

Les Heyhoe BCav  
RNWA Secretary & Membership  
06/07/2018