

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING THURSDAY
19th JULY 2018 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA AT 19:10**

Present: - Colin Hughes President (CH)
 Les Heyhoe BCAv Secretary (LH)
 Pat Prior BEM QVRM Treasurer (PP)
 Mike Moncur Committee (MM)
 George Mytom-Hart BEM Committee (GMH)
 Tony Webber Committee (TW)

Apologies: -

 David Kelly Member (DK)
 David McQuitty Member (DM)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 17th May 2018 were taken as read and agreed.

2. Deaths

As is customary when a member 'Crosses the Bar', a minute's silence was held in respect of John Kinghorn of Gosport - RIP 31/05/2018.

3. Treasurer's Report

- i. In accordance with 3.i of the 17th May minutes, PP closed the HSBC account in June which held a total of £25.84, transferring it to the present Lloyds current account.
- ii. PP advised that there remained one uncashed cheque for £10.00 outstanding from the April 2018 Grand National.
- iii. As previously stated, the current balance appears extraordinary healthy, but this is due to the income received for the future October Reunion Dinner. Therefore, taking i. & ii. into account, the total balance held was £5.923.76

4. Membership

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

Honourary Members: 3
Life Members: 31
Members: 247
Total Membership 281

- i. New member – **May** Robert Wallace of Holme, Carnforth.

5. Any Other Business

- i. CH attended the HMS RALEIGH Logistics Award Ceremony on the 12th July 2018 hosted by Commander Suzi Nielsen RN, Commandant Defence Maritime Logistics School, to present The RNWA Trophy to Wtr Rebecca Young (UPO RNAS Culdrose). More about Rebecca's achievement and citation together with the ceremony will be able to be viewed on the website. CH was to receive reimbursement for attending the ceremony and the purchase of the prize (£125), totalling £184.66 – Action: PP & LH.
- ii. A payment request for the printing of the March newsletter and purchase of ink cartridges was requested to be paid to LH for £120.00 & £30.00 respectively which was agreed – Action: PP & CH.

5. Any Other Business (continued)

- iii. 131st RNWA Reunion Dinner – Friday 12th October. 58 names to-date had been received with a final reminder to be issued in the August 2018 Newsletter.
- iv. A reasonable response had been received in respect of the issue of GDPR forms issued to the 281 members, but it was of concern that 92 i.e. 32% had yet to respond and provide an answer. *Strictly speaking* this means that these members should not be contacted by any form of media by the RNWA. That said, these members will be forwarded a newsletter with a FINAL GDPR reminder with a cut-off date of 21st September 2018 (same cut-off date for the Reunion Dinner). The outcome could have an adverse effect on the total number of members and will be discussed at the next RNWA meeting.
- v. Further to Nigel Coy's email of the 16th May, CH investigated the potential for a tree and plaque to be placed in the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) on behalf of all the Writers who have fell in conflict from the RNWA's formation in 1867. Without going into to finer detail the initial cost would be approximately £700. Prior to proceeding, it would be put to members via the RNWA August newsletter and discussed and ratified at the AGM for a proposed date of Spring 2019. In the meantime, LH agreed to try to visit the NMA to establish a suitable placement for the tree and plaque and exact details etc.

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

Date of next meeting, 19:00 Thursday **20th September 2018** at RNA Gosport & Fareham Branch.

Les Heyhoe BCav
Membership

RNWA Secretary &
22/07/2018

