

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018 AT THE ROYAL BEACH HOTEL, SOUTHSEA, AT 18:30**

Present: -	Colin Hughes	President	(CH)
	Les Heyhoe BCAv	Secretary	(LH)
	Pat Prior BEM QVRM	Treasurer	(PP)
	George Mytom-Hart BEM	Committee	(GMH)
	Chris Cole	Member	(CC)
	Jed Stone OBE	Member	(JS)
	Barry White	Member	(BW)
	Tony Mason	Member	(TM)
	David Spicer	Member	(DS)
	Peter Nicholls MBE	Member	(PN)
	Roger Aldous	Member	(RA)
	Mike Coombes OBE	Member	(MC)
	Bill Whaley	Member	(BW)
	Peter Danks	Member	(PD)
	Brian Murphy	Member	(BM)
	Geoffrey Briggs	Member	(GB)

Apologies: -

Mike Moncur	Committee	(MM)
Tony Webber	Committee	(TW)
Alan Baldwin	Member	(AB)
Sir Miles Huntington-Whiteley VRD*	Member	(MHW)
Michael Moss	Member	(MM)
Brian Peck	Member	(BP)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 20th September 2018 were taken as read and agreed.

2. Deaths

None were reported since the 20th September. The President CH was to list in his dinner speech all those that had 'crossed the bar' since the last AGM which would also be published in full in the next RNWA newsletter.

3. Treasurer's Report

As at 11/10/18 a total balance held was £3,344.79 after considering the Reunion Dinner total cost of £3,581.50 of which £2,700.00 had been received, therefore the event had been subsidised by £881.50. This was less than the net profit received from the Grand National.

4. Membership

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

Honourary Members:	3
Life Members:	32
Members:	248
Total Membership	283

Note: Serving RNWA Member WO1 Emma Day MBE has recently been appointed to the Writer School as WO1 Wtr Training, so it is hopeful with Emma's influence 2019 should see an increase of 'new and younger members'.

5. Election / Re-Election of Committee

A unanimous vote of thanks was received from the floor in respect of the past 12 months for the work and support the RNWA Committee had achieved on behalf of its members.

LH put to those present if anyone wished to volunteer to be part of the RNWA Committee with no uptake. That said, JS proposed the re-election of all those currently in a position on the RNWA Committee which was seconded by CC to which the floor endorsed.

6. Any Other Business

i. It was put to those present and it was agreed that the RNWA should proceed in the placing of a tribute by means of a tree being planted and a plaque (design, shape wording etc. to be discussed further in the future) placed in the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), Staffordshire. It was to be dedicated to all those Writers who had lost their lives in conflict from the RNWA's formation in 1867.

The total cost for implementation would be approximately £700.00 with a 3-5 year maintenance cost currently of £60 - £70. All present at the AGM were in favour of costings.

A letter dated 20/09/2018 had recently been received from the solicitors of Lt. Albert John Parsons RN (Rtd) RIP 10/10/2017 leaving a legacy of a £100.00 donation to the RNWA. This sum would be used as the initial payment to achieve the total required for the dedication plaque and plot, together with reaching out to members asking for any donations and by selling that extra book for the Grand National in March/April 2019 with the money generated to assist in funding (to be mentioned in the December 2018 newsletter).

The RNWA Committee agreed to liaise with some members present regarding the plaque itself with the suggestion of a glass engraved item? The majority were in favour of a separate future dedication to be held and not linked to the Reunion Dinner.

ii. 2019 Reunion Dinner – As has always been tradition, held the 2nd Friday in October. Next year's diary date is Friday 11th October. The venue and location will be discussed and decided at the January 2019 committee meeting, considering the comments and feedback regarding this year's venue discussed at the November committee meeting. The decision made, venue and location will be announced in the March 2019 newsletter,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:05.

Date of next meeting: Note alteration of day i.e. **Wednesday** at 19:00

14th November 2018 at RNA Gosport & Fareham Branch.

Please forward apologies if unable to attend.

Les Heyhoe BCav

RNWA Secretary & Membership

14/10/2018