

**ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY
14TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA CLUB AT 19:10**

Present: -	Colin	Hughes	President	(CH)
	Les	Heyhoe BCAv	Secretary	(LH)
	Pat	Prior BEM QVRM	Treasurer	(PP)
	George	Mytom-Hart BEM	Committee	(GMH)
	Tony	Webber	Committee	(TW)
	Richard	Dickson	Member	(RD)
	Dave	Kelly	Member	(DK)
Apologies:-	Mike	Moncur	Committee	(MM)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM were taken as read with additional discussion and annotations made regarding 6i & ii.

2. Deaths

Thankfully none have been reported or have been made aware to the committee since the AGM held on the 12th October 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report

As at 05/11/18 a total balance of £3,572.82 was held; as at date of production and issue of minutes a further £100.00 had been paid in so the total stood at £3,672.82 on 15/11/18 *.

4. Membership

No change in membership since publication of figures provided for AGM i.e.:-

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

Subject to members 'Crossing the Bar', the proposal and intention is to try and strive for at least an additional 17 members between now and Dec'2019 to increase the membership to 300+

CH would arrange for the new approved enrolment / membership form to be placed on the RNWA's website via the webmaster – main change is the deletion of password criteria and introduction of online payment method.

5. Election / Re-Election of Committee

In view of the absence of TW & MM at the AGM, TW was advised that in their absence they had been re-elected – by cc to MM, advised accordingly also.

6. Any Other Business

i. National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), Staffordshire. It was discussed and reiterated that *'the majority were in favour of a separate future dedication to be held and not linked to the Reunion Dinner'* as discussed and agreed at the AGM and annotated accordingly in the AGM minutes of the 12th October 2018 – all of whom attended the Reunion Dinner were forwarded a copy of the minutes, therefore the subject was closed and not open to interpretation or reconsideration.

ii. At the AGM and the request for financial support and sponsorship of the RNWA NMA memorial plaque, in addition to the recent £100 A J Parsons legacy, subsequent support had generously been received from the following:- Brian Murphy £100.00 (25/10), Norman Howden £100.00 (5/11), I & F Coombes £50.00 (5/11) & Colin Hughes £100.00 (15/11*) – Total to-date £450.00 of £700.00 i.e. 64% of proposed Target.

iii. Grand National Saturday 6th April 2019 – 3 Books of GN Raffle tickets will be issued with the idea being that the additional book sale of £5.00 the proceeds of which will be put towards the NMA memorial plaque; to be inserted with March newsletter.

iv. Friday 11th October 2019 RNWA 132nd Reunion Dinner – In view of the very favourable comments and feedback received the decision was made to again hold next year's RNWA Reunion Dinner at The Royal Beach Hotel, St Helen's Parade, Southsea, Hants., PO4 0RN. The decision was also made promptly prior to the AGM's minuted dates as a result of the hotel requiring a £200.00 deposit by the 6th December 2018 – agreed and PP to arrange. In view of the potential for hopefully more attendees (86 in 2018) in 2019 the dinner will be in The Ark Royal dining room suite – 'above ground' from the reception area with a larger capacity. Cost of the dinner was to remain as agreed at £30 per RNWA member and non-members & guests at £40.00 per person (actual cost of dinner £33.50 per head with house wine in addition at £17.95 per bottle and toasting port at £3.60 per glass) – so the dinner could be subsidized up to £1,000 worst case scenario – all were in agreement to proceed and supported the proposal.

A 3-course dinner with new selected option menus, including coffee:-

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| <i>Starters</i> | - | A. | Leek & potato soup served with croutons. |
| | | B. | Duck & orange pate
Served with red onion marmalade and Ciabatta. |
| | | C. | Char grilled chicken Caesar salad
Finished with parmesan shaving. |
| | | D. | Home cured salmon
Served with citrus mayonnaise. |
| <i>Main Course</i> | - | E. | Pan fried breast of chicken
Finished with a mushroom & tarragon sauce. |
| | | F. | Four hour Braised blade of beef
Finished with a red wine & thyme sauce. |
| | | G. | Sea bream fillet
Served with a cream herb sauce. |
| | | H. | Mediterranean vegetable & mozzarella wellington
Served with a Provençale sauce. |
| <i>Dessert</i> | - | J. | White & Dark chocolate mousse
Served with a vanilla sauce. |
| | | K. | Strawberry meringue nest
Filled with Chantilly cream. |
| | | L. | Amoretti filled profiteroles
Finished with a warm chocolate sauce. |
| | | M. | Bakewell Tart
Served with custard |

Accommodation – available at discounted room rates of £65.00 a single room and £95.00 a double room, quoting RNWA 111019, direct via booking with the hotel at T: 023 9273 1281 Email: enquiries@royalbeachhotel.co.uk / www.royalbeachhotel.co.uk

v. 2019 Meeting Dates – 19:00 at The RNA Fareham & Gosport Branch, 66 Fareham Road, Gosport, Hants., PO13 0AG (T: 01329 310060), unless otherwise advised:-

Thursday	17 th	January
Thursday	21 st	March
Tuesday	2 nd	April - Draw for Grand National - Secretary's Address
Thursday	16 th	May
Thursday	18 th	July
Thursday	19 th	September
Friday	11 th	October – Annual General Meeting at Reunion Dinner
Thursday	21 st	November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15

Date of next meeting:- 17th January 2019 - please forward apologies if unable to attend.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year for 2019

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RNWA Secretary & Membership
23/11/2018