



Maritime Warfare School

Officers' Association
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD 1 March 2017

Present:

Cdre A. Whyntie	Chairman
Cdr G.G, Meekums	Vice Chairman
Lt Cdr J.R. Laurie	Hon Treasurer
Lt Cdr T.C. James	Committee Member
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Committee Member

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Capt J. Palmer, Lt Cdr M. Churchill, Lt Cdr JRD Rouse, and Lt Cdr W.E. Legg.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27 December 2016

The Minutes were accepted, proposed by Lt Cdr Laurie and seconded by Lt Cdr James.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Lt Cdrs Churchill and James to draft changes to WR Mess Rules wrt the OA.

Action on going.

b. Lt Cdr James to set up meeting with Mess President with reference to eligibility of membership to OA.

Action cancelled OBE.

c. Lt Cdr James to set up a meeting between WR Sec and Capt Palmer, OA Webmaster,
with reference to WR Connect.

Action on going.

4. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The feedback from the Valentines Ball was very good, the band and especially the food (hot food in February) went done well, and almost all comments were positive except for one about wines on the tables which will be discussed with the Social Secretary in due course. Dates for future events are:

Summer Ball	29 July 2017
Trafalgar Night	3 November 2017 (late because of previous Mess bookings).

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The report covers the period 1 December 2016 to 31 January 2017. As stated at the last report the Association funds stood at £3960.55 on 30 November 2016. Since then and after all transactions shown in the financial report attached there is a total of £7704.14.

Trafalgar Night produced a surplus of £629.78 and this time last year the fund stood at £7462.20.

The OA currently has 2 swords in stock, one fully refurbished and ready to be presented and one which is yet to be refurbished.

6. OA SEC'S CORNER

Membership Update:

Membership to date 1 Mar 17 is expected to be 439, however this is the time of year when Jo requests settlement of 2017 OA membership subscriptions from banks/building societies and there are always a few members who have cancelled their DD's or changed their payment source without advising either Jo or me, hence our meeting in June may likely reflect fewer members than 439. The breakdown is:

- Full/Associate – 21
- Active – 290
- Country – 122
- Honorary - 6

Worthy of note: the previous SNO to HMS Queen Elizabeth was awarded the OBE; congratulations to Captain Simon Petitt.

7. REPORT FROM WARDROOM MESS COMMITTEE (WRMC)

The business case for the upgrade of the TV room to extend it into Woody's has been delayed with the aim now to have it ready for 2017.

The Wardroom Treasurer was asked to provide options to increase Mess Subs including the Officers' Association contribution which currently stands at £9.26 per annum for an Active member and £2.63 for a Country member. The option the Mess Committee is proposing is to increase Mess Subs for serving Officer's and Civilian members by £1 per month and the OA contribution to £10 per annum ie an increase of 0.74p.

It is intended to hold a Falklands Dinner on 15 June 2017 with a similar format to the Jutland Dinner of 2016.

8. AOB

The Collingwood Remembrance Ceremony was very well attended and the OA will be invited to lay a wreath again this year.

Collingwood Divisions are planned for the 21 July 2017. Our chairman has requested citations for the OA sword. FOST will be taking the salute this year.

For consideration; OA to put a link on the NCLINK website to the OA site.

For consideration; there is a replica bust of COLLINGWOOD but it is in Morpeth. The original cast is available and Collingwood are considering having a 3rd bust manufactured and for the COA to contribute.

10. DONM

Dates for the next meetings:-

Sun 25 Jun 17 at 1030 followed by the 2016 AGM at 1130

Wed 6/13 Sep 17 at 1230 (tbc)

Wed 6/13 Dec 17 at 1230 (tbc)

Wed 7 Mar 18 at 1230 (tbc)

D L Howe
Lieutenant Commander, OA A/A/Sec

Distribution:

Committee Members
Wardroom Mess Treasurer
WRNB

HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday 1st March 2017

Wardroom HMS Collingwood at 1230

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. **Income and Expenditure for the Period 1st December 2016 – 31 January 2017.** As stated at the last report, the Association Funds stood at £3960.55 on 30th November 2016. Since then the following transactions have taken place leaving a total of £7704.14.

Date	Transaction	Amount (VAT Ex)	Balance VAT Ex)
30 November 2016	Brought Forward	3960.55	3960.55
7 December 2016	Committee refreshments	-12.50	3948.05
9 January 2017	Trafalgar Night surplus	629.78	4577.83
13 January 2017	Churchill Expenses (VAT Inc)	-3.45	4560.60
13 January 2017	Churchill Expenses (Vat Exc)	-6.78	4553.82
25 January 2017	121 Country Members W/R Contribution	-320.25	4233.57
25 January 2017	288 Active Members W/R Contribution	-2666.40	1567.17
25 January 2017	OA Members at WR Burns Night	-16.67	1550.50
31 January 2017	121 Country Members Subscriptions	1007.93	2575.09
31 January 2017	288 Active Members Subscriptions	5279.04	7837.47
31 January 2017	OA Attendees at WR Xmas function	-133.33	7704.14
31 January 2017	Carried Forward		7704.14

2. Trafalgar Night unexpected surplus of £629.78 is included.
3. This time last year the fund stood at £7462.20.
4. Two swords in stock. One refurbished and ready for presentation this year. The other yet to be refurbished.



JR Laurie
Lt Cdr RN
Hon. Treasurer