



## Maritime Warfare School

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### **MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD 25 JUNE 2017**

Present:

Cdre A Whyntie	Chairman
Cdr G G Meekums	Vice Chairman
Lt Cdr M C Churchill	OA Secretary
Lt Cdr T C James	
Lt Cdr D L Howe	
Lt Cdr J R D Rouse	A/Sec

16 Members of the Association.

The Chairman welcomed all members and sent a goodwill message to Lt Cdr WE Legg.

**POST MEETING NOTE:** It is with regret to announce that since the AGM on 25 June, Cdr GG Meekums, Vice Chairman and Lt Cdr WE Legg, Social Secretary, have both 'Crossed the Bar'.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Lt D Asby, Lt Cdr R Broome, Lt Cdr K Elsworth, Lt J Humphries, Lt Cdr J R Laurie, Lt Cdr W E Legg, Capt J Palmer, Lt Cdr I Pile, Lt R Reed, Lt J Watts, Cdr B Welch.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19 JUN 16**

The Minutes were accepted, proposed by Cdr G Freeston and seconded by Lt Cdr J Stafferton.

#### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cdre Whyntie, Chairman, gave the following report:-

*I would describe the last year for the OA as very Steady State and without any dramas which, in my opinion, is just as we want it.*

*It is a great shame that Bill Legg can't be with us today as he is in hospital and is rather poorly. I am sure you will join me in sending him our best wishes and a speedy recovery.*

*Our social events have been well attended and as ever, organized by Bill with marvellous support from Colin Gittins.*

*Mike Edmonds who lives in Titchfield has kindly donated his sword to be awarded at Ceremonial Divisions in July. We have had the sword refurbished and it looks like new. Mike and his wife Linda have been invited to attend the Divisions. Whilst having swords refurbished is a bit expensive, I know the Command value the award we donate every year and it is wonderful to see the swords recovered to original condition. I pay tribute to the craftsmen of Crisp and Son Ltd who do the work for us.*

*We were delighted to award Honorary Life Membership to Dudley Roessler. He took part in the D Day landings and was recently awarded the French Legion d'Honneur.*

*Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work in keeping the OA functioning for you the members, and the staff of the Wardroom who look after us so well.*

#### **4. TO RECEIVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

In his absence, Lt Cdr Laurie, Treasurer, had produced his report and copies were made available to the members.

At the last AGM the OA had a sum of £7269.27 lodged with the Mess fund on 31 March 2016. In the last year the income had been £6937.06 accruing a total of £14206.33. Outgoings had been £6694.50 leaving a balance of £7511.83 on 31 March 2017.

Sword refurbishment continued to be the main expense. Two un-refurbished swords were in stock but more were always welcome. OA functions had been well subscribed with the Summer Ball producing a surplus totalling £1251 and the New Year Dance a surplus of £22.80, not much but on the right side. There was a loss on the Trafalgar Night (£755.73) which had the MOD subsidy temporarily reinstated until further discussions may again remove it in the future. Ticket prices are regularly reviewed to regulate income. Function prices would remain at £35/£40 until further notice.

Lt Cdr Stafferton proposed and Lt Cdr Richardson seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted which was passed unanimously.

#### **5. TO ELECT/RE-ELECT OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE**

A nomination for the Committee had been received from Lt Colin Gittins. All the current members of the Committee had agreed to continue. There was a unanimous vote to accept Lt Colin Gittins on to the Committee and to re-elect the current members.

#### **6. DONM**

Sunday 24 June 2018 at 1130.

J R D ROUSE  
Lieutenant Commander  
A/Sec

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