



## Maritime Warfare School

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### MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD 25 JUNE 2017

#### Present:

Cdre A. Whyntie	Chairman
Cdr GG Meekums	Vice chairman
Lt Cdr M Churchill	OA Secretary
Lt Cdr T.C. James	Committee Member
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Committee Member
Lt Cdr JRD Rouse	A/Sec

In Attendance: Lt C Gittins

The Chairman welcomed Lt Colin Gittins who was standing in for Lt Cdr Legg as Social Secretary.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Capt J Palmer, Lt Cdr J.R. Laurie and Lt Cdr W.E. Legg.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 MAR 17

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

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

Referring to the proposal in para 9 of the last meeting's minutes, Cdre Whyntie said approval would have to be obtained to make a bust of Admiral COLLINGWOOD like the one at Morpeth and it wasn't guaranteed that the cast would be available. Lt Cdr James reported that the WR Mess had considered it too expensive.

a. Lt Cdrs Churchill and James to draft changes to WR Mess Rules w.r.t. the OA.

Lt Cdr Churchill said that they hoped to present draft changes at the next Committee meeting. (See also agenda item 6b). **Action Ongoing**

b. Lt Cdr James to set up a meeting between WR Sec and Capt Palmer re WR Connect.

Lt Cdr James reported that, to date, the meeting hadn't taken place because of the difficulty in finding a convenient mutual date. **Action Ongoing**

#### 4. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Lt Gittins presented a spreadsheet that he had produced giving the estimated costings for the OA Summer Ball for the number of attendees already booked. With another 3 weeks before the book closed, Lt Gittins said that the Summer Ball shouldn't make a loss. Lt Cdr James said that he would need the names of the Ian James Band for the gate.

Future social events were the OA Trafalgar Ladies' Night on Friday 3 Nov 17 and the combined OA/SD Families Christmas Lunch on Sun 10 Dec 17.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

From the Financial report prepared for the AGM, the OA fund stood at £7511.83 on 1 Apr 17.

The Chairman confirmed that the royalties from the Greenie had been transferred to the RNRMC. He also reported that the sword for the 2017 OA Prize had been refurbished. Currently there was another sword waiting for refurbishment for next year, plus the donation of a further sword had been promised.

## **6. OA SEC'S CORNER**

Lt Cdr Churchill, OA Sec, gave the following report.

### **a. Membership update**

Membership to date 23 Jun 17 was 436, reduction of 3 members since 1 Mar 17. With one confirmed new joiner (Lt Cdr Simon Lewis) from 1 Aug 17, membership numbers remained healthy.

- Full/Associate - 22
- Active - 290
- Country - 118
- Honorary - 6

### **b. Wardroom Mess HMS COLLINGWOOD Mess Rules**

As reported at the action at para 3a, Lt Cdr Churchill said that he and Lt Cdr James would prepare proposed changes for presentation to the OA Committee in September. Once approved, the changes would be submitted to the WR Mess Committee in late 2017/early 2018.

### **c. Autumn/Winter 2017 OA Newsletter**

Lt Churchill would be compiling the next Newsletter during July & August and was always keen to receive articles from committee members. In addition to the regular sections, it will include a citation/photo regarding the 2017 OA Sword Presentation in July at Ceremonial Divisions and an update on HMS QE's arrival in her home port. He would also like to include a piece about OA Honorary Member Lt Dudley Roessler, awarded la Légion D'Honneur, France's highest honour, for his heroic action as the CO of a landing craft which fired more than 1,000 rockets at Juno beach in Normandy before the D-Day landings.

The Newsletter will be finalised and published in early Sep, or as soon as the Autumn term Wardroom Social Programme is approved by the WR Mess President. Flyers for the OA Trafalgar Ladies' Guest Night Dinner (Fri 3 Nov 17) and the Combined OA/SD Families Christmas Lunch (Sun 10 Dec 17) will be attached.

## **7. REPORT FROM WARDROOM MESS COMMITTEE (WRMC)**

Lt Cdr James gave the following report:-

- a. The end of year financial report showed an increase of 13% in investments which stood at £62.2K. The deposit account stood at £39K. It was, however, highlighted that bar sales were down and profit reduced by £3.6K

- b. The application for funding to refurbish furniture in the Dryad and Mercury Rooms and to extend the roof in the Woody's Bar had been granted by the RNRMC. It was also anticipated that the work would be undertaken over the next few months at a time to minimise the impact of the work on the Mess.
- c. The Falklands Dinner on 15 Jun was a success and attended by 158 with a number of Falklands Veterans in attendance.
- d. There were still places available at the Wardroom Summer Ball on 15 July.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Lt Cdr James said that there had not been a request to the OA for financial support for the work being carried out on Woody's Bar.

## **8. AGM**

- a. No additional agenda items had been received from the membership.
- b. There was one nomination for the Committee from Lt Colin Gittins.
- c. Cdre Whyntie gave a brief resume of his 'Chairman's Report' that he was going to present to members at the AGM.

## **9. AOB**

There was no AOB.

## **10. DONM**

Dates for the next meetings were confirmed as:-

Wed 13 Sep 17 at 1230  
Wed 6 Dec 17 at 1230  
Wed 7 Mar 18 at 1230

JRD ROUSE  
Lieutenant Commander, OA A/Sec

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