



HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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24 June 2019

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD 9 JUNE 2019

Present:

Cdre A. Whyntie	Chairman
Lt Cdr D.L. Howe	Vice Chairman
Lt Cdr D. J. Rook	Treasurer
Cdr D. Coombs	OA Secretary
Lt Cdr M. P. Carr	Membership and Social Secretary
Lt Cdr T.C. James	WRMC Representative
Capt J. Palmer	Webmaster
Lt Cdr C. F. Brooks	Committee Member

17 Members of the Association

Attending:

Capt J. N. McGrath Chairman Desig

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cdr N. J. Quine Committee Member, Lt Cdr J.R.D. Rouse, A/Sec, Cdr A Dent, Lt Cdrs Churchill, Hambrook, Kidd, Peck, Pile, Scott, Sherriff, Stafferton and White.

2. Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting held on 1 July 2018

The Minutes were proposed as a true and accurate account of what took place.
Proposed by Capt J McGrath and seconded by Cdr C. Stanley.

3. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented to the meeting and copies were made available to the members. It is reproduced below:

Treasurers Report

My report for the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Officers Association commences from the last reported position from the 14th May 2018 AGM where the fund stood at £7,262.91. From the ongoing OA account activity through the year up to this meeting, as recorded by the WR Mess Treasurer, our current financial position stands at; £7,412.24.

As far as notable activity through the year is concerned we have provided a subsidy of £379 to the OA Trafalgar Night dinner and £1,043 for the OA Valentine Night event. In addition, the OA Committee have been in possession of two second hand swords and decided to have them both refurbished within this financial year. Our previous sword refurbishment supplier has ceased trading but our Chairman has managed to identify another provider which we have now engaged, at some very competitive rates. Although most of the sword expenditure has already been made it should be noted that we have a further liability on collection of the swords of £216, against the above stated financial position.

From the Chairman's appeal for the Collingwood Bust the Association members have raised a commendable £4,779, most of which has already been spent. There is likely to be a further amount required for the socle (or plinth) for the bust, but as far as the Officers Association is concerned the Collingwood Bust procurement is expected to be cost neutral to our fund.

The annual detailed receipt and expenditure figures are provided overleaf for the information of our members. For reference, the last years equivalent totals are also provided. The Wardroom Treasurer – Jo Darcy - has been commendable in her support to the OA's and myself throughout the year. The HMS Collingwood Wardroom is thanked for providing our Association with an auditable medium to piggy back our fund onto.

4. Annual Social Programme

Future provisional dates are:

Spring Ball	Saturday 14 March 2020
Summer Ball	Saturday 11 July 2020
Trafalgar Ladies Night	Friday 30 October 2020

5. To receive the Chairman's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019

The Chairman welcomed those present and delivered his annual report which is reproduced below.

HMS COLLINGWOOD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION CHAIRMANS REPORT 2019

So this is the last Chairman's Report I have to inflict on you poor long suffering members. It's been another good year for the OA and so well supported by the committee.

We welcomed Cdr Mark Walker as the new Mess President and who is actually acting CO at the moment. Captain Rob Vitali moved on 2 weeks ago on promotion to Commodore. He has been appointed to NCHQ to run the finances and we wish him the best of luck. He was a particularly supportive Captain to us the OA for which we can be grateful.

The 2019 OA sword has kindly been donated by Captain Charles Crawford a past Captain. We have yet to receive the nominations, but it is in hand. We are now using Pooley Sword, a fine company based at Shoreham on Sea. A fascinating company and much better value than our previous firm we used.

In a few moments you will be asked to vote in the new committee including John McGrath. John has kindly volunteered to be your chairman for the next 2 years, after which he takes on another role, so plenty of time to find a relief.

I move on to help a charity in our village of Titchfield.

I would like to express my personal gratitude to Scott, our Mess Manager, and Gary who so enthusiastically runs our social events and has kept me in good order at Trafalgar Night Dinners. Also, all the Wardroom staff whether front of house or behind the scenes. They work so hard for our enjoyment.

Thanks too to the Committee for all their hard work over the past year. I know you will support John and indeed you are all meeting very soon to move things forward.

It has been a privilege to be your Chairman so thank you all for your support. I look forward to attending events sitting on the back benches so to speak. The OA is important to us and our families as we all get a little older.

After the vote we will move downstairs for the unveiling of the Bust of Admiral Lord Collingwood. This will be my last act as Chairman, and I will say a few words and then we will move on to lunch. Thank you

6. To elect/re-elect officers to the Committee

With the exception of Cdre Whyntie, all current members of the committee are available for re-election. One new nomination for election to the Committee has been received:-

Capt John McGrath, Proposed by Cdre Whyntie and seconded By Lt Cdr Rouse.

There was a unanimous vote to accept all the current members of the committee and also to elect the new chairman Capt John McGrath.

6. DONM

The Nineteenth AGM of the HMS Collingwood Officers' Association will be held at 1130 on Sunday 14 June 2020.

The chairman closed the meeting thanking members for their continued support. The members then made their way to the Wardroom Foyer for the unveiling of the bust of Admiral Collingwood

D L Howe
Lt Cdr RN
Vice Chairman

Treasurers detailed report of income and expenditure

OA's Fund Annual Statement 2019

		2017/18	2018/19
Income	Central Fund B/F	£7,607.92	£7,262.91
	Pro rata subscriptions	£37.63	
	Members Subscriptions	£6,316.97	£6,181.03
	Collingwood Bust		£4,779.00
	Sword refund	£129.00	
	Total	£14,091.52	£18,222.94
Expenditure			
	WR Levy	£3,205.00	£3,132.50
	Lt Cdr Legg contribution	£250.00	
	WR Falklands dinner	£33.33	
	OA Subsidy		£8.33
	WR Summer Ball	£166.67	£33.33
	WR Trafalgar Night	£16.67	£12.50
	WR Burns Night	£16.67	£25.00
	WR Xmas Ball	£166.67	£50.00
	Subsidies to OA events		
	Trafalgar night	£513.82	£379.74
	Valentine Night	£500.50	£1,043.21
	Summer Ball	£287.55	
	Sword	£1,129.00	£1,084.25
	Dining out ex Committee members		£180.37
	Refund Subs	£99.98	£198.29
	Committee Mtgs	£62.61	£50.00
	Committee Expenses	£209.66	£325.58
	Collingwood Bust		£4,287.60
	Presentations/donations	£18.50	
	Greenie expenses/donation	£151.98	
	Total	£6,828.61	£10,810.70
	Balance C/F	£7,262.91	£7,412.24