

FEDERATION OF NAVAL ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of AGM held at

Prince of Wales Hotel
Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1JS

20 May 2017

PRESENT:

Peter Webster	Chairman
Dave Poyser	Vice Chairman
Cliff Snelling	Secretary
George Jones	Treasurer
Terry Woodward	

Observers: Alan Fendick, Ivan Hayward, John Beard, Colin Watson, Terry Hall, Max Horton, John Rawding, J Bradford, Christine Snelling

Meeting opened: 1000

1. Opening Remarks

The Chairman, Peter Webster, welcomed everyone to the 26th AGM of the FNA.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 21 May 2016 at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport were read out, approved and accepted.

Proposed: Colin Watson

Seconded: Max Horton

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary/Membership Secretary Report

The Secretary, Cliff Snelling, said that over the last 12 months he had been updating the Membership List, and emails and letters were sent out reminding members to pay subs. Several Association members have chosen not to renew this year, they seem to have gone over to CONA. Currently we have 15 Association members and 17 Ship's Company members.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, George Jones, handed out copies of the year's bank statements, and apologised for not having a full Profit and Loss report. He said that thanks to donations from our past President Alan Mercer, and the MTGB Project 718 which had closed down, the accounts were very healthy. The balance was £4,135.79 with no expenditure as the Council had reduced the number of meetings held. Income over expenditure at 31 December 2016 was £1,927.04.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Ivan Hayward, seconded by Colin Watson, and agreed by other members present.

7. Reunion 2018

Terry Woodward said that the Council had agreed that IOW Tours should arrange Reunion 2018, and after looking at various options the Council decided that the next Reunion would be held at the Hallmark Hotel, Derby at a cost of £199 for a 3 night/4 day package. The cost included free parking at the hotel, and a

day trip to the National Arboretum. Terry Hall of the Derbyshire Submariners said the Hallmark was an excellent hotel, was convenient to the station and town centre, and had several excellent hostels close by. Booking forms would be available on the website and emailed or mailed to all members.

8. COBSEO Membership/Charity Status

The Chairman said that the Association was no longer in a position to operate as a charity and therefore there was no reason to have charity status. Also, if we were no longer a charity there would be no need to pay for membership of COBSEO, from which we derived no benefit anyway.

The Association discontinuing charity status and membership of COBSEO was proposed by Max Horton, seconded by Robbie Robson, and agreed unanimously.

9. Election of President

Peter Webster said that as Alan Mercer had CTB the Association needed a new President. He said the Council suggested that Robbie Robson, for all his hard work and long, long service to the Association from the outset, be elected as the new President.

Proposed: Max Horton, Seconded: Ivan Hayward, and agreed unanimously.

10. Election of Council Members

The Secretary, Cliff Snelling, said that per the Rules of the Association members of the Council should be re-elected every two years. With no volunteers coming forward the current Council members had continued to remain in office but, for the records, it was now time to re-elect Peter Webster to the position of Chairman, Dave Poyser to the position of Vice-Chairman, George Jones to the position of Treasurer, and Terry Woodward as a member of the Council. With no other volunteers all were unanimously re-elected to their positions.

Gary Eaton, in his absence, was co-opted onto the Council until the next AGM.

11. Change of Constitution and Rules

The Secretary said that as members had elected to discontinue the status of the Association as a charity it was necessary to make the relevant changes to the Constitution and Rules of the Association. A copy of the proposed new rules was given to all members present and, with a few minor changes, the new Rules were accepted by those present.

Meeting Closed: 1055