

# FEDERATION OF NAVAL ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of AGM held at

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

21 May 2016

## **PRESENT:**

Dave Poyser	Vice Chairman
George Jones	Treasurer
Terry Woodward	

**Observers:** Cliff Snelling, Alan Fendick, Joe Smith, Dave Gymer, John Beard, Evan Bloomfield, Colin Watson, Terry Hall, Max Horton, Alan Smith, John Erskine, J Brown, J Bradford

**Meeting opened:** 1030

## **1. Opening Remarks**

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how nice it was to see so many in attendance. He said everyone was probably now aware that sadly our President, Alan Mercer, had Crossed the Bar.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Peter Webster (Chairman), Robbie Robson (Secretary), and Brian Joy who resigned as Treasurer on 28 May 2015.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 9 May 2015 at the Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkstone were read out, approved and accepted.

Proposed: George Jones  
Seconded: Terry Woodward

## **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

Dave Poyser read out a report from Robbie in which Robbie stated that regrettably, due to his and his wife's ill health, he felt that he had no alternative but to resign as Secretary of the FNA.

Robbie had obtained an old membership list from Brian Joy in electronic format which he had been unable to open, but he said that he would get the list up to date as soon as possible.

Robbie wished everyone a good weekend.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

George Jones thanked John Beard for his examination of the Accounts of the Association. John said he had examined the books in August as well as today and he wished to congratulate the Treasurer on the way they are kept which made everything easy and clear to read and understand.

George stated that the Income over Expenditure up to 12 September 2015 showed a Loss of **£146.86**. At the end of April 2016 Income was £6,438, with Expenditure for the AGM being £4,620, leaving a balance of £1,818.50 at 27 April 2016.

George said that no previous records or accounts had been passed to him, and in future he would separate the figures to show Association Membership fees, Individual Membership fees, Reunion payments, and any other income.

Proposed: Joe Smith

Seconded: John Erskine

## **7. Membership Report**

Terry Woodward stated that the administration of the membership is a disaster. He had managed to open a file sent by Brian Joy to Robbie Robson which showed the information was two years out of date. The list showed 47 Individual Members, 46 Association Members, 3 Individuals unpaid, 7 Associations unpaid, and 4 Associations ceased. Terry said he was aware that some of the Associations listed no longer existed, and that Robbie would be working to update the list and, where possible, include email addresses.

Terry said that the Guardian Ensign was sent out by email and therefore not all members received a copy. The last issue was June 2015. The format of the GE will change and hopefully all members will receive a copy, by email if possible to save costs, or by mail.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- Dave Poyser said the position of Secretary was now vacant and that Cliff Snelling had volunteered to take over. He asked if there were any other volunteers, which there were not. A vote was taken by the members present, and Cliff elected to the position of Secretary. Cliff is also Secretary of the HMS Ganges Association, the largest single ship Association.
- Dave asked those present if anyone wished to be a member of the Council. Meetings are usually held at the Manvers Arms in Edwinstowe, and expenses could be paid. Unfortunately there no volunteers.
- J Bradford said he had sent his £25 deposit, and the cheque had been cashed, but that there was no booking for him when he arrived. The hotel organised a room for him but he had had to pay in full. The Treasurer said he would refund the £25 immediately, and look into this after the weekend.
- The Vice Chairman stated that Britannia Hotels had appointed Lana as the FNA representative in Southport and that we had been offered a good deal to return to the Prince of Wales in 2017. Members said that they appreciated the informal atmosphere and were happy to return next year. Dave said more details would be available to members after breakfast on Sunday. Also the FNA would consider using Isle of Wight Tours in future years, depending on the cost of packages they could provide. This would save any one person taking on the huge responsibility of organising a Reunion.

**Meeting Closed:** 11:18