

FEDERATION OF NAVAL ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes of Council Meeting held at
Manvers Arms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe
24 September 2016

PRESENT:

Peter Webster	Chairman
Dave Poyser	Vice Chairman
Cliff Snelling	Secretary
George Jones	Treasurer
Terry Woodward	
Chris Snelling	Editor/Webmaster
Robbie Robson	

Meeting opened: 1350

1. Opening Remarks

The Chairman said he had attended a CONA Meeting in July. There are 60,000 members now and he had asked the CONA Secretary for a full membership list. Peter said he had also attended a COBSEO meeting, which went on for hours, and didn't appear to have much relevance to us.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Eaton.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Sunderland on 25 June 2015 at the Artillery Club were read out, approved and accepted.

Proposed: George Jones
Seconded: Terry Woodward

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. COBSEO Membership

Both Peter and Robbie said that they felt FNA did not need to be a member of COBSEO as what they do doesn't directly affect us; COBSEO is mainly concerned with the larger military charities. Terry proposed that the FNA resign from COBSEO.

Proposed: Terry Woodward
Seconded: Dave Poyser
Action: Secretary to write to COBSEO

6. Charity Status

The FNA took out charity status when first formed because we attended many events around the country where many donations were received. However, as events began to charge participants it became too expensive to continue. Robbie said he felt that charity status was now of no benefit to the Association. George proposed that a proposal be made to members at the next AGM to discontinue with charity status.

Proposed: George Jones
Seconded: Cliff Snelling

7. Membership Status

Cliff said he had been working on bringing the current membership up to date, with George and Robbie. The Council agreed that if anyone was approached regarding membership fees they were to be directed to George and Cliff. Cliff said he would send out letters to those members who don't appear to have paid this year, together with a Standing Order, asking them to renew their membership from January 2017.

8. Reunion 2017

Terry said he was in regular communication with the Prince of Wales, Southport, who kept him updated of the booking numbers.

9. Treasurer's Report

George handed round a report of the current status of our finances which showed that the Association is stable, and in the black. It was agreed that the signatories on the account needed to be changed, Robbie and Brian removed, Cliff and Dave added. George said he would obtain and send the relevant paperwork to Dave and Cliff as soon as possible.

10. GE and Website

Chris handed round a draft copy of the next GE for comments, and said that the new website address was www.f-n-a.org. Peter asked for his email address to be amended. Terry proposed that photos of the Council be included, this was agreed. It was agreed to produce two copies of the GE per year at the moment.

11. Any Other Business

- Dave Poyser said that he had obtained a quote for FNA polo shirts which would cost £18 each. He agreed to provide pictures for the GE so that these could be advertised.
- Dave said he had attended Britannia's Reunion Organisers event and suggested venues for 2018 of Llandudno or Buxton. The Council asked Terry to contact Llandudno for costs.
- Cliff asked if the Minutes of meetings were normally sent out to members. The Council agreed that this should be the case.
- Terry said everyone was pleased to see Peter and Robbie at the meeting, and thanked them for making the effort to attend.

12. Next Meeting

AGM - Saturday 20 May 2017

Meeting Closed: 14:50