

MINUTES OF THE ANTI SUBMARINE WARFARE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION (ASWI)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2013 AT THE
HEIGHTS HOTEL PORTLAND.

ATTENDEES

Peter White – Chairman
Bob Burton – Web Master
Bill Bailey – Treasurer
Tansy Lee West Country rep
Norrie Millen
Ian laurie
Phil Wratten
Lez Dacombe

Dave Bekker
Tom Williamson
Brad (Gerald) Bradbury
Paul Hitchcock
Tony Walton
Archie Gemmill
Alan yates
Anth Greening

APOLOGIES

Andy Gleave – Portsmouth Area Ex-Serving Members Representative
Tim Allport
Nigel Lingar
Rod Roddaway

Bagsy Baker
Rob Ayling
Dave Hood

The meeting was opened at 1635 with the Chairman welcoming those attending.

1. [Chairman's Report](#)

Pete White thanked all for attending, Pete informed everyone that he felt it was time to stand down as chairman a position that he had held since 2006. Pete was very encouraged by the interest being shown by the serving members and that the time had come for him to hand over the chairmanship to a serving member. Pete talked about the highlights of the past year and the reintroduction of a President Captain Beard RN Commanding officer HMS Westminster.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the President to be passed to the members. The letter was passed around and has since been uploaded onto the website

The Chairman concluded with his overwhelming thanks of gratitude for the hard work and continued support he receives from the Association Committee all of whom have served their tour of office equalling that of or, well beyond that of any predecessor. Without this support and dedication, the Chairman believes the association may well have folded long ago. He

also highlighted his thanks to the association Members and their Wives who regularly support the association, thanking them support and enthusiasm at all the social functions.

Peter drew the attention to all to the re instated Seamaster magazine and thanked CPO (UW) Tansy Lee for his efforts and all that had contributed to the edition. Peter felt that the association was on a high and he wished his successor all the best for his term in office.

- [Treasurers Report](#)

The Treasurer highlighted that he had the last 12 months Bank Statement and Cash book available for viewing should member wish.

He reported there are 76 fully paid up members to date; which generates an income to the association of £760.

The 30 Day Business Account	£ 1744.40
The Current Account	£ 2982.67

The books will be sent for auditing in February 2014.

A vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his continued hard work and support was proposed the Chairman and seconded by Bob Burton.

Contact treasurer for Financial details treasurer@aswi.co.uk

- [WebMaster's Report](#)

A busy year with website being updated on a near weekly basis. Items for including on the website have increased and additional content including Movies have been added to the

The website hosting package has been upgraded which will allow for unlimited web space allowing larger movie files to be uploaded.

Website statistics 2013

Visitors

Total user visits 5840

Average 18 visitors per day

Busiest day Monday

Busiest time is at 11 AM and 8 PM

10% of visitors remain on the site for up to 15 minutes

The busiest day was 1st October 302 hits (Seamaster was uploaded 1st October)

Website content

Files 5558 files

Pages 280

Pictures 6327

Hyperlinks 15500

Photographs databases

1955 – 2000 = 10500 entries

1948 – 1956 = 1600 entries

1935 – 1945 HSD Courses = 2804 of course result details.

Post AGM Note:

Course lists for Submarine Detectors courses 1941 – 1942 will be added to the database during 2013 / 2014.

- [ASWI Slops](#)

Bob reported that he still has a small amount of older stock available on the website and that newer stock was available via the forever jack website.

The ASWI Association pins purchased last year have been given to members who pay by standing order. Additional pins will be sold at £4 each.

- [Committee election 2013 - 2014](#)

The Association committee stood down and the following volunteered to serve for 2013/ 2014

Chairman: CPO (UW) Tansy Lee
Vice Chairman CPO (UW) Anth Greening
West Country Rep: PO (UW) Lee Dudman
Serving members rep: CPO (UW) Gary Crouchman
Treasurer: Bill Bailey
Ex serving member's rep: Andy Gleave
Social sec Portsmouth: Pete White
Webmaster: Bob Burton
Proposed by Paul Hitchcock seconded by Alan Yates

- [Change of membership to include Leading Seaman \(UW\) on completion of qualifying course.](#)

Chairman Tansy Lee explained that in the changing structure of the navy Leading Hands are responsible for the training of the junior ratings in all aspects of ASW from weekly departmental training to on watch training in a cruising watch. LS UW are trained in Coaching and mentoring techniques during LRLC and act as Divisional Leading Hands, drafting Mid period appraisal reports for the Petty Officer.

Vote paid up members were had been able to vote online a total of 30 members had taken up this option and were not able to vote at the meeting.

In favour = 25

Against = 5

Did not mind = 11

Passed that that Leading Seaman (UW) will become full members of the ASWI Association on completion of qualifying course.

- [Change membership to include membership of Aircrewman \(ASW\) into the association](#)

In favour = 38

Against = 0

Did not mind = 3

Passed that Aircrewman (ASW) can become full members of the association.

- [Change membership to include Submariner Sonar Senior rates.](#)

In favour = 38

Against = 1

Did not mind = 2

Passed that Submarine Sonar senior rates can become full members of the Association.

- [Change membership to allow Sonar Senior rates from other navies to join the association.](#)

After discussion it was agreed that associate membership would be allowed this means that there would be no voting rights.

In favour = 26

Against = 5

Did not mind = 10

Passed that Sonar Senior rates from other navies may apply for associate membership .

- [A proposal is to link the ASW Association to the ASWI Association.](#)

The ASW Association was formed 11 months ago to allow anyone who had completed a sonar course to belong to an association.

The membership is at present (1st October 2013) is 223 members.

The ASW Association has recovered all of its initial outgoing expenses for the initial set up of the association. This has been achieved via members website advertising, paid up membership and access to the members area, and also the selling of ASW Association pins.

The aims of the ASW Association are very similar to that of the ASWI Association. Links to both websites are below.

www.aswassociation.org.uk

www.aswi.co.uk

The following is proposed:

- 1) Transfer the domain name www.aswassociation.org.uk to the ASWI Association.
- 2) Host the ASW Association website on the ASWI Association hosting package (No Cost to the association)
- 3) All ASWI Paid up members will have access to the members area of the ASW Association website and automatically become members of the ASW Association if they wish.
- 4) All paid up members of the ASW Association who qualify to be members of the ASWI Association will become paid up members of the ASWI Association. They will have access to the ASWI member's area.
- 5) Advertisers of the ASW Association will advertise on the ASWI Website on payment of a years advertising (£10).

6) ASW Association functions will be self funding and will not draw on resources of the ASWI Association.

This proposal will have to be submitted to the ASW Association Paid up membership before a final decision is made.

After some discussion it was understood that the ASW Association would be the growing ground for the ASWI Association.

In favour = 25

Against = 2

Did not mind = 14

Agreed to the linkage of the ASW association to the ASWI association. Transfer of domain name to the ASWI Association

- **Award of Sonar Trophies to qualifying Courses:** It was agreed that ASWI Sonar trophies will be awarded to qualifying courses.

ASWI Cup will be awarded to the top PO UW Student of each course.

Another trophy will be selected by Vice Chairman and awarded to the top LS UW on completion on S2087 Sonar Controllers Course.

- **Association Sponsorship from defence companies:** Tansy proposed that the ASWI Association investigate sponsorship of the association.

Action Tansy Lee and Anth Greening to investigate any prospective sponsors.

- Future Dinner Dance dates:

Proposed that 2014 dinner takes place at The Heights Hotel Portland. 2015 Dinner 60th Anniversary of the association will be in Portsmouth.

Action Committee to identify venue for the 60th Anniversary dinner

- AOB

Bob Burton proposed a vote of thanks to Pete White and proposed that Peter should become a life member of the association in recognition of his service. Seconded by Paul Hitchcock passed in Favour.

- Historical TASI's crest s

Pete White produced an original TASI crest which was recovered from the TASI Club in HMS Vernon, this crest was present on the opening of the club house on 1st December 1965

The second one was found in ex-FCPO TASI Ted Roberts lofy on his recent passing

It was decided to present the original 1965 crest to the Association main club house on whale Island

The Ted Roberts crest to have suitable inscription on brass tally and to be on display in the FOST UW office in Plymouth.

Pete White Also produced a number of other trophies that have been intrusted in the chairman to use as appropriate.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1755.