



Minutes of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Instructors Association (ASWI)

Annual General Meeting 2015

DATE: 25th October 2015

VENUE: The Royal Beach Hotel, Portsmouth

TIME: 1200

Attendees

CPO (UW) David Coleman – Chairman / FOST UW4

Mr Bob Burton – Webmaster

Mr Bill Bailey – Treasurer

Mr Peter White – Portsmouth Representative

Mr Archie Gemmill

Mr George Morralee

Mr Dave Bekker

Mr Ian Laurie

Mr Tony Walton

Mr Paul Hitchcock

Mr Les Dalcomple

Mr Tom Williamson

Mr Mike Scott

Mr Alan Quartimane

Mr Ron Linn

Mr Nigel Linger

Mr Dave Hood

Mr Andy Astley

Apologies

Nil

The meeting was opened at 1200 with the Chairman welcoming those attending.

1. Chairman Introduction

The Chairman asked each attendee to introduce themselves and to give a brief depiction of their service.

2. Items Outstanding from 2014 Minutes

- a. Current Gapping – The Chairmen informed the meeting that there is still gapping in the UWW Branch within the fleet. He stated that recruits will now be allocated to the Sonar/Warfare branch to enable the navy to help with this gapping problem.

- b. Also he stated that the FOST sea riders are now coaches and not the big bad inspector, which will hopefully increase membership to the Association.
- c. Also it is the Chairman's intention to promote the association by putting tonight's event in the Navy News with some pictures!

3. ASWI association Update

- a. The chairman commented on how the association is doing, he stated the association will not go back to the glory days of HMS Vernon but with the Portsmouth and West Country association's going strong. Also he said that the PRI's association had folded but we still continue to have a very good relationship with the GI's association.

4. Committee Members Stand-down / Re-election

- a. The Chairman asked if the members were happy in him staying as Chairman which all unanimously agreed.
- b. There is a Gap for the Vice Chairman, it was agreed to sort after a Vice Chairman from the Portsmouth area. The Chairmen agreed to action this

POSITION	MEMBER	APPROVED
Chairman	CPO (UW) David Coleman	YES
Vice Chairman	TBD (Portsmouth serving member)	YES
Portsmouth Social Representative	Mr Peter White	YES
West Country Social Representative	PO(UW) Lee Dudman	YES
Serving Member Representative	CPO (UW) Allan	YES
Webmaster	Mr Bob Burton	YES
Treasurer	Mr 'Bill' Bailey	YES

5. Portsmouth Social Representative

- a. Mr Peter White reported a difficult year this year to hold monthly social as the price has gone up to £30 so it was decided to hold meetings bi-monthly starting in Feb but from Feb to Sep if there was not enough attendees then it was cancelled but a meeting was held in September which was well attended which helped with the 2015 celebrations.
- b. He also thanked all Portsmouth Dave Hood, Nige linger & Paul Hitchcock for their efforts for the trophy's and Menus that were done for the ball.
- c. A social programme will be published for 2016 for possibly Fridays bi-monthly.
- d. The raffle fund has dwindled due to cost but numbers still stay the same.
- e. The next social will be in the Harvester to celebrate Xmas.

6. West Country Social Representative

- a. PO (UW) Lee Dudman was unable to attend the meeting due to medical reasons. But the Chairman commented that all was well in the West Country.

7. Webmasters Update

- a. As stated in last year's meeting this will be the last meeting that Mr Bob Burton will be looking after the Website. A suitable candidate to replace him will be found by him.

b. The Website itself has been busy

1. Visitors to the Site	-	9000
2. Average visitors a day -	20	
3. Busiest day	-	Saturday
4. Busiest Time (2359)	-	8pm (20:00) to 1200
5. Busiest day of the year -	14 th September 2015	

c. The photograph data base is still getting bigger.

d. Bob proposed a new committee title of association Communication Officer which he will take up to enable that all communication is conducted correctly and assist the new webmaster. This was approved by all attending members.

e. The Chairman commented on the efforts of WO (UW) George Emerton of the ASW association and the ASWI's website has a link to ASW news letter from the fleet. A comment from one member although these updates are excellent work assistance is needed with the acronym's that are being used.

8. Treasurer (ASWI Account Update)

Cash Book available.	-	Last Audit available
Last 12 months of Bank Statements	-	Available
112 Fully paid members to date (£10 shortfall is two members still only pay £5)	-	Annual income £1100
Anybody who is unsure if they are fully paid up then contact the treasurer.		
30 day Business Account	-	£4746.96
Current Account as of the 11 th October	-	£6875
Bill for Hotel Paid	-	£3911.80

So the total of money held by the association is £4000

An Auditor used to come from HMS Nelson no longer available, so the treasure requires two auditors from the association as getting someone in from the commercial world will cost too much. Mr Bob Burton & the Chairman volunteered.

9. 2016 Annual Dinner and AGM.

a. A survey was conducted on Survey Monkey with three locations to choose from which were Portsmouth, Portland Union Jack Club or Plymouth. The result was 40 responses:

i. Portsmouth	- 4
ii. Plymouth	- 11
iii. Union Jack club	- 6
iv. Portland	- 8
v. Don't minds	- 8
vi. Others	- 3.

b. As the vote was for Plymouth, the chairman has been looking around for the venue and it has been decided that the venue will be the Copethorn Hotel in Plymouth.

c. Due to conflicting dinners in October the date of the dinner will be in June or July. The Chairman will update.

- d. Guest speaker for next year will be confirmed by the Chairman possibly FOST or CST.

10. Any Other Business

- a. A minute silence will be conducted at this evenings dinner in a mark of respect to the bombing in Paris
- b. Could members please control chatter whilst the Guest speaker is talking?
- c. One member who is Vice Chairmen for the Historic Support Group in Portsmouth Dockyard, those how do not have tickets and the boat house number 4 is now open as well as the gunboat to the stern of Victory. The Mary rose is now closed due to work reopening April next year. Also tickets can be brought cheaper at Amazon. Also an update on HMS Victory was given.
- d. Peter White – Trophy update which the Chairman has an account at the trophy room HMS Nelson.
- e. Tonight's Sponsored raffle will be for the British heart foundation.
- f. Chairman- Tonight's guest speaker will be Lt Cdr 'Lew' Lewis as first sea lord did not reply to the chairman's invitation!
- g. Prize presentation from Babsy for future nominees!
- h. S/Lt lee Ellis will be attending tonight's dinner as the chairman's guest he was an ex CHOP's S

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1254