



**Minutes of the 2017 A.S.W.I.s' A.G.M
Rembrandt Hotel Weymouth**

Saturday 30th September 2017

Attended	Apologies
CPO(UW) Dave Coleman (Chairman)	Mr Paul Hitchcock
Mr Bill Bailey (Treasurer)	Mr Pete White
Mr Ian Laurie	Mr Norrie Millen
Mr Dickie Antcliffe	Mr Carl Robertson
Mr Paul Gower	Mr Rob Ayling
Mr Chris Sanders	Mr Muzz Cowley
Mr Alan Yates	Mr Mike Scott
Mr Tom Williamson	
Mr Andy Astley	
Mr Ray McCready	
Mr Bob Burton (Communications)	

1. Chairman's Welcome and Toast

The Chairman proposed a toast to Danny Manners who 'Crossed the Bar' today.

2. Minutes and Actions from the 2016 AGM

These were read, discussed and approved.

3. Election and Re-election of Committee

Position	Member	Approved
Chairman	CPO (UW) Dave Coleman	Yes
Vice Chairman	CPO (UW) Peter White	Yes
Portsmouth Social Representative	Vacant – see note below	
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

Mr Peter White has reluctantly stood down from the Portsmouth Social Representative. The Chairman thanked Peter for his support over the years and hoped to see him at future events. The Chairman will look for volunteers for the Portsmouth position.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bill Bailey précised his report and passed copies around for inspection. The Association accounts were audited by Bob Burton for the last calendar year and they remain healthy and increased by £895.84. Bob informed the meeting that he felt that he would not wish to audit the account books next year because he will be receiving and making a number of payments to the association transferring the remaining funds from the ASW association. Chairman's summary: "The finances are healthy".

5. Website Report

Bob Burton remains the website and communications officer. This last year has seen a number of initiatives and the old ASW association website has been closed and any additional pages transferred to the ASWI website. The members' lists have been amalgamated and new content added. Bob has been experimenting with the website and looking at updating the way that it is structured and he had started to transfer it to a word press website which has a number of advantages.

Bob stated that there are a number of challenges to the new website which he thinks are beyond his capabilities. Bob asked that professional help be sourced to help set up the initial pages. Andy Astley offered the support of his contacts to look and see what could be done. The Demo website can be found at www.aswassociation.org.uk

Facebook remains the most popular medium for communicating.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed the meeting he will be drafted to Portsmouth next year into the PWOCM billet. During this assignment he will identify a PO / CPO to push reinvigorate the Association in Portsmouth.

Current planned Association events:

Sun 12th Nov - Remembrance Day wreathe laying in HMS Drake, followed by Sunday Lunch in the WOs', SRs' & SNCOs' Mess.

ASWIs Christmas Drinks - £50 to Portsmouth / £50 to Plymouth – Chairman to email Treasurer for release of funds. Intentions to hold Plymouth Christmas Drinks in HMS DRAKE WOs', SRs' & SNCOs' Mess – date and timings to be confirmed.

7. 2018 A.G.M. and Dinner-Dance Venue and Date

Portsmouth is due to host the 2018 dinner due to rotation from Plymouth, to elsewhere and Portsmouth. Much discussion took place with the HMS Victory, HMS

Warrior and also the Royal Beach Hotel all being discussed. Action: Bob to look at all options and report back so that a decision can be made.

Once the venue and date have been confirmed, the Chairman will contact the 1st Sea Lord to see if he would be the VIP / Guest Speaker. If unavailable, then the new FOST will be contacted.

7. Any Other Business

A number of members present asked about the changing of the name of the association to reflect that opening up of the association. Bob informed the audience that it was agreed at the last AGM that there would not be any change to the association name until the association had stabilised from the opening up. The Chairman did state that it may be pertinent to look at this next year and also nearer the time to request feedback from the membership.

Meeting Closed at 1706