



Minutes of the Anti Submarine Warfare Instructors Association (ASWI) Annual General Meeting 2014

DATE: 27 SEP 14 VENUE: The Heights Hotel Portland

TIME: 1700

Attendees

CPO (UW) Julian Lee – Chairman / HMS SOMERSET
Mr Bob Burton – Webmaster
Mr Bill Bailey – Treasurer
Mr Peter White – Portsmouth Representative
PO (UW) Lee Dudman – West Country Representative / FOST PLANNER 6
CPO (UW) David Coleman – FOST UW4
PO (UW) Darren Smith – HMS SOMERSET
Mr Archie Gemmill
Mr Muzz Cowley
Mr Roger Baker
Mr Lez Dacombe
Mr Jan Franklin
Mr Dave Bekker
Mr George Morralee
Mr Tom Williamson
Mr Ian Laurie
Mr Peter Green

Apologies

Mr Tony Walton
Mr Paul Hitchcock
Mr Rob Ayling

The meeting was opened at 1700 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. It was ascertained that PO (UW) Smith was the Nozzer in the room.

2. Items Outstanding from 2013 Minutes

Leading Hands permitted to join the association – a number of LS (UW) have joined in the last year - latest member to join LS (UW) Ashley Howe.

Re-invigoration of ASWI Membership – there are currently 21 serving members within the association – CPO Lee / Coleman will continue to canvas the Fleet for new members.

Current Gapping – The Chairman informed the meeting of the current gapping in the UWW Branch within the Fleet – hopefully with the new branch invigoration with personnel joining up as UW ratings the branch and association will become stronger in the future.

3. Committee Members Stand-down / Re-election

Due to personal reasons CPO (UW) Anth Greening has stood down as Vice Chairman.

The following members were put forward for election / re-election:

Position	Member	Approved
Chairman	CPO (UW) Julian Lee	Yes
Vice Chairman	CPO (UW) David Coleman	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
Ex Serving Representative	Agreed that post will be withdrawn	Yes

4. Portsmouth Social Representative

Mr Peter White informed the meeting that there has been a number of successful events hosted in Portsmouth in the last year but numbers attending have dropped due to ill health. However, a number of Serving Members have attended the recent socials and if West Country personnel are in Portsmouth during a social then they are welcome to attend. The following socials are programmed for the remainder of the year:

Date	Venue	Event
Tuesday 28 Oct	Club House Whale Island	American Supper Night and Raffle
Friday 28 Nov	Club House Whale Island	Christmas Supper and Raffle

5. West Country Social Representative

PO (UW) Lee Dudman informed the meeting that he has reinvigorated the West Country Social scene with his own sense of occasion. There have been three social events and the slush fund stands at £75. The next planned social events are:

Date	Venue	Event
Fri 28 Nov	Ship Visit Plymouth	Sonar Introduction and Social Event
Thu 11 Dec	St Levans Inn Plymouth	West Country Christmas Social 3 x Monkeys Re-match Vs GIs

The last 3 x Monkeys Challenge was a success – a lot more serving members of the UWW / AWW Branch have shown interest in attending. CPO (UW) Morris FOST UW5 has promised not to 'Up Uckers Table' this time.

6. Webmasters Update

Mr Bob Burton informed the meeting that he is willing to act as Webmaster for one more year before he wishes to stand down. Again a busy year with many new members profiles being added – the Joining Form is working well. Some expenditure has been made with the typing up of a number of large documents, two of which are linked in the latest Seamaster. The History of the ASW Branch up to 1938 has been typed up and will be added to the website shortly. The Submarine Detector Course results database was added this year with 1613 entries made.

Visitors to the Site	-	7665
Average visitors a day	-	21
Busiest day	-	Sunday
Busiest time	-	8pm (2000) / 1200
Busiest day of the year	-	07 May (10527 hits)

Website Content:

5660 files
320 pages
6600 pictures
16450 hyperlinks

Photograph Database:

1955 – 2014: 11308 with photos: increase of 800 names
1948 – 1952: 1600 with photos: no change to entries

Database Course Results:

Submarine Detector Courses: 1941 – 1942: 1613 entries (NEW)
Higher Submarine Detector Courses 1935 - 1945

Remember to refresh the website each time you log-on for new added content.

Personnel are to fill in the Membership Form when joining for service history to be added.

If you have any additions for the site, then please contact the Webmaster.

A renewal of the website hosting is due in July 2015 agreed that the cost will be in the region of £206 for 3 yrs.

Mr Peter White asked that if no one can be found to be Webmaster after Mr Bob Burton has stood down whether a civilian company be employed to run it on our behalf. CPO (UW) Lee / Coleman will canvas the Fleet to find out if there is an up and coming LS (UW) willing to run the website.

7. Treasurer (ASWI Account Update)

Cash Book available. Last Audit available

Last 12 months of both Bank Statements available

88 Fully paid up members to date - annual income £890

Anybody who is unsure if they are fully paid up then contact the Treasurer.

30 Day Business Account - £1745.15

Current Account (as of 27 August) - £5228.55

Bill for hotel paid this week - £2945.00

Various Payments this month - £350.50

Incoming Payments this month - £260

Total = £2193.5

Still to pay for flowers, welcoming drink and the table wine.

The books will be sent for Auditing in February after I have received January's Bank Statements.

8. 60th Anniversary Celebrations 2015 Annual Dinner and AGM

A Guest Speaker should be arranged ASAP. Current nominations are:

Captain ASW – Capt Asquith (CO HMS PORTLAND) – nominated by CPO (UW) Lee

First Sea Lord – nominated by Mr Peter White

CPO (UW) Lee will ascertain if both are available for the 2015 Annual Dinner.

Nominations for the location of the 2015 Annual Dinner and AGM:

Location	Approved
MWS Collingwood	No
Maritime Club	No
Royal Beach Hotel Southsea	Yes

The only available date for the Royal Beach Hotel is Saturday 14 Nov 2015 and the current costing for the 2015 Annual Dinner will be £40 a ticket. It was decided by all present that the Royal Beach Hotel will be approached to hold the 2015 ASWI Association Annual Dinner.

9. ASWI Association HQ Location

The ASWI HQ will change to the FOST UW Office in Room R4 Raleigh Block Devonport Dockyard.

10. Any Other Business

PO (UW) Dudman stated that HMS Drake's WO & SR's Mess have space available on their walls for naval memorabilia and would the association consider donating items to the mess for display, it was agreed by all present for this to happen – PO Dudman will take lead on organising memorabilia from HMS Collingwood and the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth.

PO (UW) Dudman asked if the Sonar Chairs – 16 chairs in total - currently at MWS Collingwood could be used at the 60th Anniversary Dinner – the meeting was informed that a number of the chairs are currently in a bad state of repair and that they will cost a lot of money to repair. Men's Shed has been approached to provide costing on the repair of the chairs – the chairs will not be used at the anniversary dinner – more information to follow.

Many items of memorabilia that have gone missing have now been found and are at the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth (Captain Cooks sleigh and skis).

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1800.