

Officers' Association
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS COLLINGWOOD
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT HMS COLLINGWOOD 26 JUNE 2011**

Present:

Cdr G Meekums, Chairman
Cdre A Whyntie, Vice Chairman
Lt Cdr W E Legg, Social Secretary
Lt Cdr M C Churchill, OA Secretary
Lt Cdr J R Laurie, Hon Treasurer
Lt Cdr T C James

In Attendance:

Cdr P Moore (Item 8)

1.APOLOGIES

Lt Cdr J R D Rouse

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 MAY 2011

The Minutes were accepted, proposed by Lt Cdr Legg and seconded by Lt Cdr Churchill

3. MATTERS ARISING

Actions from the last meeting

- a. Chairman to contact OALO to arrange that the donator of the sword was invited to the lunch and presentation of the sword at Summer Divisions. The Chairman reported that the OALO has left the RN. Lt Cdr Churchill believes that the OALO is still on terminal leave and should be contactable in order to ascertain an update, which he will investigate.

Action Outstanding

- b. OALO to prepare the nomination process for the award of the OA sword. The Chairman reported that he had received an invitation to attend Summer Divisions which he passed to Cdre Whyntie as Chairman Desig. Cdre Whyntie agreed to contact the Cdre's office to ascertain the nomination process and additionally to ensure that the donator, Lt Cdr K Pile is invited to the presentation.

Additionally there are 2 new applications pending

E.mail Database: Since the March meeting, several members have returned Member Record Update Forms. The database now includes 390 members with only 81 remaining on the paper mailing list.

The Greenie: A notice advertising the Greenie has been placed on the OA Website together with a similarly worded e.mail to e-connected members. Notification to the remaining non e.connected members will be sent by the end of June. It was agreed that as the Greenie covers the integration of WE with Warfare the notification should be sent to all members and not just E(WE).

8. THE GREENIE

The Greenie was presented at the meeting and all members of the committee were impressed at the superb quality of the book. The committee proposed a vote of thanks to Cdr Moore for his outstanding efforts in seeing through the project and overcoming the many 'hurdles' that he encountered. Cdr Moore reported that a number of avenues to enhance sales were opening up and that he may need to use the OA Wardroom account to facilitate sales with RN related civilian organisations.

Cdr Moore requested the committee's approval to donate copies of the book to the following :

Lt Cdr John Stafferton (for proofreading and provision of comprehensive index)
Lt Cdr R Hart (staffing assistance)
Stephen Courtney (Portsmouth Naval Museum)
Collingwood Museum
Admiral Sir Neville Purvis
Widow of the late Admiral Sir Philip Watson

It was agreed that a letter of commiseration to Lady Watson should accompany the book.

Action Cdre Whyntie

In response to a question on price, Cdr Moore stated that whilst the RRP for the book is £25.00, it is the publisher's business what he charges his customers.

Lt Cdr Laurie stated that the £500 advance from the publisher, The History Press will be used to cover production expenses including those of the author.

9. AGM

Nothing to discuss.

10. AOB

A proposal was made by the Chairman to make Cdr Patrick Moore a Life Member of the Officers Association in recognition for his outstanding work on the production of the Greenie, the quality of which is beyond all expectations.

This was agreed, proposed by Lt Cdr Legg and seconded by Lt Cdr Churchill.

The Chairman stated that he had received a reply to his welcoming letter to the new XO, Cdr M J Dreelan in which he agreed to attend an OA Committee meeting when available. It requested that arrangements should be made through his secretary Mrs Mandy Cooksley.

It was agreed that Cdre Whyntie and Lt Cdr James would arrange to meet the XO as a way of introduction with the main priority identifying a new OALO.

Action Cdre Whyntie/Lt Cdr James

11. DONM

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 1230 on Wednesday 7 September 2011.

T C JAMES
Lt Cdr
Acting Secretary