

F N A representatives report (Tabled 23rd October 2015 Derby AGM)

During the year the Council have met 3 times, in January, April and September, minutes of January meeting are available, the September minutes have not as yet been issued.

To centralise travel as far as possible the council meetings were held either in Nottingham or Edwinstowe (close to Mansfield)

The main items on the agendas this year have been:

1. Transfer of treasurers documentation to our very own GT Jones
2. Requesting clarifications from the membership secretary about membership numbers and subscriptions
 - a) There are 2 levels of members, Association and individual persons
 - b) The increase in subs last year had not been addressed correctly by the Membership secretary, some members and Associations, who pay by direct debit, had not adjusted the debit to take into account the change. This is now being addressed.
3. The 2015 AGM was discussed at length, as you will remember there was concern as to previous useage of the hotel in Folkstone, resulting in cancelled bookings. (Members of at least one other organisation however, wrote to the FNA secretary that they had had an enjoyable weekend) At least one of our own, however, did not feel comfortable and checked out early. In future years, this should not arise as the FNA is going back to its original routine and checking out proposed hotels with an overnight stay (sponsored by the hotel) having said that a proposal at the 2016 AGM will likely be favourable in that IOW tours be given the responsibility of Hotels, bookings and admin. (I am the proposer !!)
4. At the April meeting the "Honorarium" of £60, paid to the Membership Secretary/Editor was raised and after a heated discussion it was agreed it would no longer be paid. (It's a relic from the start up period of the FNA) HOWEVER after the meeting the Membership secretary, when away from the rest of the council decided he couldn't "work" with some of the council and so resigned. (His resignation letter is available for you to read) The 2 council members he couldn't work with were GT, as treasurer and me as your Rep!!) I shall refrain from uttering the words we all have on the tip of our tongues!!
5. Prior to the Editor losing his dummy, he had endeavoured to kick start the FNA website, with some success it has to be said But the web site takes some finding with an address listing of www.f-n-a/co.uk so it features way down the page is googling FNA or similar. It is unclear at this time what the future holds for the site, watch this space!
6. During the year the Chairman and Secretary attended CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) meetings in Portsmouth and will continue to do so, maybe in future the FNA will have one attendee and not two, seems a bit overkill otherwise.
7. To Clarify a couple of membership points:
 1. FNA is a member of CONA
 2. RNA is a member of FNA
8. Useful reading are the original "Constitution" of the FNA set up 25 years ago and the Aims of CONA, both documents are available for your perusal.

9. At the September meeting the role of the CONA "Holiday Group" was discussed, Mr Erskine likely knows more about this issue than anyone in the room and im sure will be happy to enlighten us.
10. My view is that CONA appears an agency for travel, insurance and as a discount store. I realise some of the businesses it is promoting are donating to CONA but I question how many of us take the time, every time, when buying something, to go via NECTAR, and many other loyalty schemes that are around at the moment (Maybe Im wrong and its just me that is too idle !!
11. The 2016 AGM weekend is likely to be in Southport, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, on the weekend of Friday 20th May departing Monday 23rd May. At the time of writing these notes, 5/10, I am waiting confirmation which will come after a visit to the hotel by the FNA weekend organiser/secretary.
12. Feelings about SSA FNA and CONA: I personally cant see the FNA, in its present format, being around in 5 years time. But I also see that CONA's mission is not the same at the FNA, which you will see from their "aims" as issued. Without "donated" support CONA cant function but its early days yet. My submission to you is for the SSA to remain in the FNA at present until at least we all have a vision of future aims. The SSA pays subscription of £15 to be in the FNA but at present there is no subscription to CONA, as indeed there are no rules, constitution or committee.
13. Hope that makes some kind of sense !!

Terry Woodward

FNA Rep

Minutes of Council Meeting of the FNA, held in the Manvers Arms, Edwinstowe,
1300 on Saturday 13th September 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

P. WEBSTER	CHAIRMAN
R. ROBSON(Ganges)	SECRETARY
G. JONES.(Survey Ships)	TREASURER
D. POYSER(Ganges)	V/CHAIRMAN
B. JOY(Tiger)	M/SECRETARY/EDITOR
T. WOODWARD(Survey Ships)	COUNCIL

Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

- 1/ APOLOGIES. --- There were no apologies.
- 2/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. --- Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record.
- 3/ MATTERS ARISING. --- The Secretary reported that Tony Hadley had decided that due to failing ability to travel he would not be standing for Council in 2015. An item had been inserted in the GE. It was decided that a replacement would be sought at AGM.
- 4/ SECRETARYS` REPORT. --- A report and update on CONA was proffered supported by the Chairman, due to tardy attendance by the Secretary equally due to traffic conditions. A debate ensued on matters attributed to the subject. An update on the 2015 AGM weekend was forwarded stating that a verbal agreement had been reached with the Grand Burstin at a cost per head of £96. A complete run down of availability to us over the weekend was given and debated. The weekend was publicised in Navy News, RBL and Wartime News. It was stated that contact with the management/staff of the venue is not good. It was also stated that the system of payments will change and all monies paid for reunion will be paid into the Main Funds and managed by the Treasurer. Report accepted.
- 5/ TREASURERS REPORT. --- The Treasurer stated that he was endeavouring to put the accounts into proper order with a conciliation, which had fallen by the wayside in recent years. It was stated that at present a statement of account was not viable until everything was sorted out and in its proper place. Report was accepted.
- 6/ GUARDIAN ENSIGN. --- The Editor/Mem` Sec` distributed a draft copy of the GE for perusal and any changes/additions that may be required/necessary before general distribution. Various items were raised and debated and the booking forms and Secretarys` brief were agreed. Insertions in the GE for reunions etc` was raised and it was agreed. It was forwarded that the contact details for Joe Erskine, Survey Ships needs to be updated due to change. Report accepted.

Meeting closed. Next meeting January 31st, Manvers Arms 1300.

Minutes of Council Meeting of the FNA, held in the Manvers Arms,
Edwinstowe, 1300 on Saturday 31st January 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

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2/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. --- Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record. BJ, DP.

3/ MATTERS ARISING. --- The Secretary reported that Tony Hadley had decided that due to failing ability to travel he would not be standing for Council in 2015. An item had been inserted in the GE. It was decided that a replacement would be sought at AGM.

4/ SECRETARYS' REPORT. --- A report and update on the CONA meeting of the previous week. It was stated that the meeting went well and all appeared to be going well and in the right direction with more associations joining up. It was also stated that more associations were planning to hold their final reunions during the coming year, which raised the fact that we have amoral duty to assist where possible these organisations, even though it is an apparent uphill struggle to do so. An in depth discussion on the possible advantages, etc` of CONA. An update on the 2015 AGM weekend was presented stating that bookings were greatly reduced for this year, being due to varying reasons. Payment cheques for AGM Weekend were handed to the Treasurer.

5/ TREASURERS REPORT. --- The Treasurer proffered a statement of accounts with conciliation, which lays out the accounts as should be. An in depth explanation and discussion ensued. It was requested that cheques for payment from the FNA Account to the Value of £150 be signed by the Treasurer without the requirement for a counter signature. This was agreed unanimously. DP. BJ. Report was accepted.

6/ GUARDIAN ENSIGN. --- The Editor/Mem' Sec' requested a Sec`s Brief for the next edition asap. Sec` would sort out asap. Editor gave a statement and explanation on an insert in the edition. It was then reported that he had another cancer in the liver, this being number 5 and would have to have an operation in the very near future. There was a loss of some 10 Members. Report accepted.
Meeting closed.

Next meeting, April 18th 1300. Castle Marina Park, Castle Bridge Road,
NG7 1GX.

Minutes of Council Meeting of the FNA, held at Castle Marina Park
Hotel, Nottingham, 1300 on Saturday 18th April 2015.

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B. JOY (Tiger)	M/SECRETARY/EDITOR
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Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

1/ APOLOGIES. --- Dave Poyser, V/C.

2/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. --- Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted as a true record. BJ, DP.

3/ MATTERS ARISING. --- There were no matters arising.

4/ SECRETARYS' REPORT. --- The Secretary that a CONA meeting arranged had been cancelled and the next one would be in July. The AGM was stated to be down on numbers due to varied reasons, being the immigrant situation at the hotel recently, CTB and the venue itself. Some concern was raised as to Council and Member attendees in reference to the AGM, which was sorted acceptably. The situation over the booking had been eventually settled.

5/ TREASURERS REPORT. --- The Treasurer proffered a statement of accounts with an explanation. The subject of the Honorarium paid to the Mem/Sec`/Editor and its necessity was raised. The Secretary explained what the payment was and its origin stating that he did not require it. An in depth involved debate ensued as to its viability, which culminated in agreement to pay the monies due as float and the Honorarium anomaly officially be removed at next AGM. The point of there being different subscription amounts recorded on the accounts was raised, which was explained as being due to updating, or lack of, subscriptions. Report was accepted.

6/ MEMBERSHIP/GUARDIAN ENSIGN. --- Editor/Mem' Sec' forwarded a statement on the Membership status, showing that there were some overdue in subscriptions. A debate ensued on the situation and it was agreed that those in question be made aware that no more newsletters would be forwarded. Next GE would be after the AGM. Report accepted. Meeting closed.

Next meeting, September 12th 1300. Manvers Arms, Edwinstowe.

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Dear Robbie

After much soul-searching and long deliberation I find it impossible to work with certain members of the committee.

I hereby Resign as Membership secretary, Newsletter editor, and Webmaster,

I feel that last committee meeting I was very unfairly treated regarding the £60 gratuity.

They never took into consideration the amount of work takes to build a website, yours costs you nothing, and price of a normal website is anything from £200 to £5000.

Then there's the newsletter out of all the people on the committee only Robbie and Dave gave any input. It takes a lot of time concocting editing printing postings but the committee felt this was not good value for their £60

Regarding the membership secretary's job George thinks it's only putting money in the bank what about the sending out of the membership renewal, printing the envelopes, posting them but that just happens it doesn't take time to do all these things.

Wishing you all the best for the future

Yours fraternally B.Joy

B Joy 28.7.2015