



## The Armourers' Association

### Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 05 September 2015  
**Time:** 17:00 hrs  
**Venue:** Arthur Room – Holiday Inn Express, Leeds  
**Members Present:** 33

**Presiding Member:** Mr Chris Dennis – President

#### **Item 1 – Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and passed as a true record of the proceedings:

**Proposer:** John Buckland

**Seconder:** Derek Wheatly

Carried

#### **Item 2 – Resignation of Chairman**

The Chairman explained that due to family and work commitments he was unable to give the Association his full attention and proposed that he therefore stood down as Chairman with immediate effect. Andrew suggested that as the current Vice Chairman, Nigel Brown was the ideal candidate to succeed him. He also suggested that the next Vice Chairman should ideally be a serving member, perhaps the Trade Champion as he is currently a member of the Association.

#### **Item 3 – Election of new Chairman**

Taking up the suggestion from Andrew Briscoe, the President asked for a vote to elect Nigel Brown as the New Chairman.

**Proposer:** Andrew Briscoe

**Seconder:** Richard Mabbitt

Carried Unanimously

Nigel Brown took his place and assumed the role of Chairman of the Armourers' Association.

#### **Item 4 – Amendment to Dress Code**

The Secretary proposed that the dress for members attending dinners be amended to include the option to wear a suit with Association tie or:

Blazer with Corps badge, Slacks, Association tie.

**Proposer:** Bob Cotter

**Seconder:** Andrew Briscoe

Carried Unanimously



## **Item 5 - Dinner Venue**

The Chairman opened the debate for the venue of the 2016 reunion dinner, mentioning a return to London at either the Victory Services Club or Union Jack Club.

The President reiterated his view from the previous AGM that we should alternate the location between London and a location further north. Members discussed various places including Nottingham, Manchester and Liverpool. It was agreed that the location must have the full range of facilities to help make the dinner viable. It was also agreed that people who reside locally should do the ground work to make sure that a suitable place could be found.

Gary Holden (Nottingham) and Brian Harding (Edinburgh) agreed to look at their local areas for a suitable location.

The general consensus of members present is that the 2016 Dinner be held at the Victory Services Club.

Discussions also looked at a location in Scotland for a dinner with Edinburgh being mentioned as a possibility. The possibility of the VSC being affiliated to the United Services Club to help with discounted prices was mentioned. The Secretary agreed to ask the question of the VSC when booking for the next dinner.

## **Item 6 - Statement of Association Accounts**

Cash at Bank	£1,369
Savings Account	£3,277

### **Creditors**

**Leeds Armouries** £2,640.00 (Paid prior to dinner and not in above figures, wine & port outstanding, £259.40 [Secretaries Note: now paid]).

**Proposer:** Ted Holroyd

**Secunder:** Bill Hayles

Carried Unanimously

## **Item 7 - Any Other Business**

- a) The Chairman discussed the new training regime at Lyneham and the fact that we have 3 members within the training wing: Dave Leuty, Nigel Brown & Ted Holroyd. They agreed that it would become their responsibility to raise awareness of the Association within the Armourer training wing.
- b) The best time of the year for the dinner was discussed, but the general consensus was that, there is no best time and the dates should remain unchanged, next years' dinner will therefore be Saturday 03 September 2016.
- c) A request was made for membership lists to be made available to members. The Secretary stated that details were not put onto the web site to protect members, however a list would be made available by post



on individual requests from members. Bear in mind that the list will only be valid at the time of printing because the membership changes on a monthly basis.

- d) To promote the Association, it was agreed that an article would be sent to the Craftsman magazine. A group photograph of members attending the dinner to be included with the article. Andrew Briscoe kindly volunteered to write the article. Steve Raw has also agreed to produce an article for the Globe and Laurel to promote the association to our RM comrades.
- e) Richard Mabbitt stated that the Proof House would be available for a visit prior to the dinner on 03 Sept 2016.

The meeting closed at 17:40hrs.