



The Armourers' Association

Annual General Meeting

Date: 06 September 2014
Time: 17:30 hrs
Venue: Presidents Suite – Victory Services Club
Members Present: 28

Presiding Member: Mr Andrew Briscoe – Chairman

Item 1 – Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Proposer: Nigel Brown
Seconder: Tim Baldwin

Carried

Item 2 – Move of training establishment from Bordon to Lyneham

Members were told that the move of Army training is expected to be Sept 2015. RAF armourers have been attending courses at Bordon, but only for specific weapon types. RAF Regiment armourers do have the same type of training, but the RAF have their own association which is much larger than our own. It was felt that if we were to allow membership we could be swamped by the numbers. The suggestion was put forward that an affiliation may be a way forward and the committee were asked to look into this and report back to the membership.

Action: Committee

Item 3 – Dinner Venue

The Secretary read out the results of the survey for the preferred location from members both by email and post.

Liverpool	7.0%
Birmingham	8.5%
Leeds	5.7%
Nottingham	7.0%
London	56.3%
Other	15.5%

There were 48 respondents by email and 18 by post, giving a total of 66. This out of a total of 389 active members. The figures should therefore be taken as a rough guide only.

The Chairman shared with members the results of his enquiries to the Royal Armouries in Leeds. They have several rooms for hire and a range of dinner menus', they can also arrange cheaper accommodation for block bookings.



The cost of room hire was queried and the Chairman took the action to clarify the costs. It was also stated that members may wish to make a weekend of the trip with visits to the weapons rooms and also the pattern room.

The discussions concluded that we must attempt to provide those living further North of London the opportunity attend an Association Dinner. The majority of members attending the AGM indicated that they would be willing to travel for the next dinner. It was proposed that the annual dinner for 2015 be held at Leeds and the following year to revert to London. If successful the pattern will be repeated.

Proposer: John Buckland

Seconder: Nigel Brown

Carried

Item 4 - Any other business

(a) Members asked if the Association could sell Polo/Tshirts with the Association logo. The secretary stated that sales of stock items were very slow and this does tie-up monies which then can't be use elsewhere. Two members with experience in selling goods via the internet volunteered to look into the provision of this kind of item and provide costs:

Axel Foley

Phil Harley

It was also suggested that the Association items for sale were advertised on facebook. This to be looked into by Del Longstaff/Axel Foley.

(b) The method of paying monies to the Association was raised and the Secretary stated that the option of paying by bank transfer is now available. The Secretary should be contacted for details.

(c) The Secretary read a brief statement of accounts:

Cash at Bank £5,497.99

Savings Account £1,977.96

Creditors

VSC £2,525.00 (approx. cost of Annual Dinner)

Country Images £405.60 (Engraved wine glasses for dinner)

(d) John Buckland asked all present to give a vote of thanks for the hard work done by the committee. The Chairman thanked those present on behalf of the committee.

The meeting closed at 18:10hrs.