



The Armourers' Association

Annual General Meeting

Date: 07 September 2013
Time: 17:30 hrs
Venue: Trafalgar Room – Victory Services Club
Members Present: 24

Presiding Member: Mr Nigel Brown – Deputy Chairman

Item 1 - Election of new President

Ratification of Chris Dennis as the new President

Proposer: John Buckland

Seconder: Nigel Brown

Carried Unanimously

Item 2 - Venue and format for the 60th Anniversary dinner

Members discussed various options in a very vociferous debate, but felt that for next year the dinner should be held at the Victory Services Club

Carried Unanimously

Note:

The members also discussed the proposals being put forward for other venues and expressed a wish for the membership to be canvassed to find out how many would attend at:

- Nottingham
- Leeds (with a visit to the Royal Armouries)

A discussion also took place regarding a change of date of the re-union dinner. No suitable date was suggested, so it was agreed to continue holding the dinner on the first Saturday in September.

Item 3 - Official guests for the 60th Anniversary dinner

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers, Brigadier (Ret'd) Paul Cort was put forward as a potential guest of honour. Richard Mabbitt will discuss this with him.

Jan & Marie, the clerks working in the postings office were proposed as guests, subject to being traced. Del Longstaff agreed to co-ordinate efforts to trace them

John Buckland also proposed that HRH The Duke of Edinburgh be invited to attend, based on his intervention to stop the name change of Armourer to "Weapons Technician". The Chairman requested that the Secretary write a letter to HRH asking that he attend the 60th Anniversary Dinner as Guest of Honour.



The committee will pursue the guest invitations and keep members informed of progress.

Item 4 - Change to the constitution to permit Armourers from other services to join our Association, e.g. RAF & Navy

After much discussion it was felt that this item should be deferred until next year due to the fact that Lyneham will become the centre of Armourer training for all 3 services. At this stage it is not known if the training will be the same for all, or if each service will conduct its own dedicated training courses.

Item 5 - Any other business

a) Dinner Dance Format:

It was proposed that the format of the reunion dinner for next year be a dinner dance

Proposer: John Buckland

Seconder: Ken Langley

Carried Unnanimously

b) Member Survey:

The Secretary was asked to place a survey form on the web site and provide an interim newsletter for the end of this year with the express purpose of establishing how many members would be prepared to travel to other venues. A survey form will also be placed on the Armourers' facebook forum. Of those present 80% indicated that they would be prepared to travel to another venues.

The meeting closed at 18:55hrs.