



The Armourers' Association

Annual General Meeting

Date: 07 September 2019
Time: 17:05 hrs
Venue: Jurys Inn Hotel, Nottingham
Members Present: 16
Apologies: Jimmy Dowling; Nigel Brown

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: Bill Hayles
Secunder: Roger Stone
Carried

Item 2 – Statement of Association Accounts

The Secretary showed members the current status of our accounts as at 07 September 2019.

Cash at Bank	£1,375.74
Savings Account	£2,387.69

Creditors

Jurys Inn Hotel £156.00 (final payment for dinner)

Armourer Statue

We paid £750.00 for the mould to the Armourer Statue from our savings account, which now belongs to the Association.

We have so far purchased two lots of 10 statues at a cost of £1,300.00 and income is currently £1,250.50, with 5 statues still in stock at a value of £417.50.

Annual Reunion Dinner

Income for the 2019 dinner is below the cost of the venue. We were contracted to 40 attendees and with 30 paying members/guests attending, expenditure exceeds income by £334.00. This has been partially offset by donations from members of £261.00 and further offset by income from the raffle on the night of £236.00.

Proposer: Andrew Briscoe
Secunder: Jay Neal
Carried



Item 3 – Election of Secretary

The post of Secretary is due for election according to the rules of the Association and the 5-year tenure clause.

Notices were sent out via email and post to all registered active members, no nominations were received from any member.

Bob Cotter indicated that he was willing to continue in the role of Secretary and the President asked all attending for a show of hands.

Proposer: Jay Neal

Seconder: John Wood

Unanimous (including 8 postal votes, “at the Chairman’s discretion”)

Carried – Bob Cotter will therefore continue in the role of Secretary

Item 4 – Presentation Statue

The President informed members that we have paid £750.00 for the mould for the Armourer Statue and that the Association has sole rights to it. We have now sold 15, but to break even we will need to sell 50. The President encouraged everyone to purchase either one for themselves or as gifts for Christmas, Birthdays or just a thank you.

The President further stated that the purchase price is considerably lower than comparable statues sold by other organisations.

Item 5 – Vacant Committee Positions

The President also informed everyone that the post of Chairman will be due for election at the next AGM in accordance with our rules and the 5-year tenure clause. He also informed everyone that our current Chairman Nigel Brown will not stand for re-election for personal reasons.

We have two positions which are not filled at present:

1. Vice Chairman: (to become Trade Champion?)

This will hopefully be filled by one of the serving members at Lyneham, to enable us to keep in contact with the service aspects of members.

2. Vice Secretary:

The role of Secretary has been identified for some time as a single point of failure, due to the number of “hats” worn. The duties of the Secretary are varied and include the following:

- a. General secretarial duties
- b. Annual Dinner organisation
- c. Membership database
- d. Association accounts (Treasurer)
- e. News Letter editor and scribe



- f. Sale of Association items
- g. Web site

Due to the way the database is organised, membership and sale of items are closely linked and by association this also means the accounts. But the following could be compartmentalised:

- General secretarial duties
- Annual dinner organisation
- News Letter Editor and scribe
- Web Site

Item 6 – Venue for 2019 Dinner

The President informed members that the Nottingham venue is not viable due to the low numbers attending, ease of access, parking and costs involved. We would therefore need to look at an alternative.

From the floor it was suggested that we might consider the VSC again, but this was discounted due to the high costs involved.

Another suggestion was that we go back to the Marsh Farm Hotel. It has good parking and easy access and they do allow us to provide our own Port!

After further discussion on the pros and cons of the Marsh Farm Hotel it was decided to hold a vote to hold the next dinner at Lyneham.

Proposer: Andrew Briscoe

Secunder: Bill Hayles

Carried

Item 7 – Future Venues

The President asked for views on where we should hold our future venues, we have over 700 active members on our list, but we are lucky to get 20-25 members attending dinners with their guests.

The Marsh Farm Hotel was again mentioned, citing that the management are flexible and that it is easy to get to.

Jay Neal informed members that there is a seminar held at Lyneham each year and that it might be possible to link it to the dinner, which would boost numbers attending. He also said that he would discuss the possibility of the Mess at Lyneham hosting the dinner. We would still need accommodation and use of the Marsh Farm Hotel and possible discounts to the cost of rooms should be looked into.

The Secretary mentioned that previous attempts to use the Mess had met with the issue of Cfn and JNCO's not being allowed access.

Action: Jay Neal



Item 8 – Any Other Business

Apologies

Jay Neal informed members that ASM Rob Grisley is now the “Trade Champion”, he sends his apologies for not attending this year but will endeavour to participate in the future.

Armourer Training

Jay also informed members that the RAF Armourers were now coming into line with the current Armourer training and that the Navy would do so in the future.

This may have implications for the Association should these Armourers wish to join the Association once their training is complete. Our current rules do not permit RAF or Navy Armourers to join the Association and should be included as an agenda item at the next AGM.

The meeting closed at 18:30hrs.