



**Sea Harrier Association
Annual General Meeting**

27th June 2015 @ 1315

Quicksilver Mail Public House, Yeovil

Attendees

Stuart King
Billy Borland
Harold Butler
Lewie Lewis
Gary Neil
Robin Gellet
Popeye Law
Steve Collins
Ray Borland
Mark Quirke
Topsy Turner
Steve Abbott
Sandra Parkinson
Brian Johnstone
Pete Duvall
John Keenan

Apologies

Graham Bond
Geoff Borland
Kev Bugg
Bob Bunyard
Eric Burton
Pete Cummins
Darin Cutbush
Andy Duthie
Mick Gowen
Ian Keers
Chris Mann
Tina Mann
Bill Paterson
Duncan Reid
Andy Shields
Brian Stanley
Mal Teague
Sarah Weedon
Nick Williams- Jones
Alan Jones

1. Chairman's Welcome, opening remarks and message from the President

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 1325.
He thanked everyone for attending, giving up some of their weekend to do so.
He had a phone call from Duncan Reid that morning to apologise for his late notice, but he would be unable to attend.

2. Minutes and matters arising from previous AGM (Sept 2014)

The minutes of 2014 AGM were accepted as a true record

**Proposed: S King
Seconded: H Butler**



3. **Apologies were announced for both the AGM and the SHA dinner**

Duncan Ried has now decided to relinquish his role as the SHA President but will stay in post until someone worthy of consideration has been nominated and elected by the Association.

4. **Matters arising from previous meetings**

November Ceremonies

A discussion was had regarding the requirement to pre book a table / room on the Saturday evening for our annual gathering for November Ceremonies in London. It was decided that we should just leave it for the time being and sort out a local venue for interested parties nearer the time if needed.

30 parade tickets have been applied for.

If you have already prepaid and booked accommodation, you will be allocated a ticket. However, if you wish to attend, you must let Billy know. You must collect the ticket from him personally since it won't be sent in the post.

Notice has already since been sent out re muster times, routine and rig.

In previous years, we have gone to the Tattersall Castle post march past, however it is becoming increasingly expensive and doesn't really suit our eating / drinking requirements. An alternative location is to be sourced for this year.

Action: A Lander

AGM Dinner Venue

Up until John B unfortunately having his stroke, all arrangements were in place. However, Tom took on any outstanding matters and the night was a great success.

SHAR Standard

Due to John's circumstances, no feed back has been had re the SHA Standard. Discussion was had as to whether we should nominate a new person to continue enquiries or close the matter for the time being.

The Junglie Association could be asked re the costing for their Standard and it is understood that it had to be bought via the RBL. It was pointed out that a volunteer would be needed to carry it, which would involve commitment; training and a uniform would need to be sourced.

Popeye offered to find out costing and ask how the Junglie Association were progressing with their Standard and report back at a later date.

Action: R Law

Steve Abbot asked if any investigation had taken place re the design and manufacture cost for a blazer badge. A discussion followed, and it was concluded that since it would only be worn by a few personnel, on limited special occasions ie FW dinners and November Ceremonies, that no further enquiries would be made.



Garden Of Remembrance

Members to make sure all eligible are named iaw constitution and regulations. Sadly two more guys have just been added.

5. **Treasurers Report** attachment provided (figures and stock report)

**Proposed: P Divall
Seconded: B Johnstone**

6. **Membership Report**

Current membership was 125, which was very pleasing.

John Butt and John Drummond were firmly in our thoughts.

There were a few imminent events but it was stated that generally the number of members attending events is always lower than expected. The committee asked for ideas to come forth re networking and advertising to increase attendance numbers to both SHA dinner and membership into the Association.

The 899 plaque has been to mounted to the FAA memorial but no date is known yet for the dedication. *Alan Breward, ex Buccaneer, Vixen and 899 has yet to arrange a date*

Action: B Johnstone

7. **Election of Treasurer / Social Secretary**

Because of the rolling change of Committee every three years, it is time for a re-election of the Treasurers post.

No communication has been received from anyone in advance of the meeting (2 weeks minimum) to offer themselves for the post, and Lewie is happy to continue. He thanked everyone for their continued support.

Unanimous vote

Although John Butt still holds the position of Social Secretary, his current disposition dictates that he is unable to perform the duty at the moment. Because his recovery process may mean he is out of action for some time, it was suggested we vote for an interim Social Secretary.

An action was placed on Billy to ask for volunteers, but in the mean time, Brian Johnstone and Brian Martin offered their services

**Proposed: Billy B
Seconded: S King
Unanimous vote**

8. **Chairman's Report**

Alison Phesse is to be contacted to make sure she is still has and interest in being and Honorary Member of the Association bearing in mind she has moved on with her life now. It was thought that Graham Napier would be the best person to ask her what she wanted.

Mark Pether wants to become a member of the SHA, due to his connection with the 800 Sea Cadets. Also B Johnstone had been contacted on by Lewis Gaylard who would like to to become an Associate member but has never served. He is keen to belong to the SHA community – since Sea Harriers are his hobby and he is currently writing a book about the



SHAR. We also have member's children who want to belong to the SHA. This is not possible due to the current constitution. Perhaps a new 'kind' of membership needs to be discussed.

Action: Committee

Popeye stated that the Field Gun Association Membership is very tightly controlled and it works very well for everyone since there are definite boundaries.

Although the constitution is not perfect, it is a live document and it was agreed to leave it for another year to finalise it. The Committee is always open to ideas as to its structure and proposed amendments. Further Committee discussion is to take place away from the meeting to decide what / when with respect to rules and regulations detailed in the constitution. It was suggested that rules regarding association membership should be decided by the Committee before going to the public domain. When committee has decided, their conclusion can be disseminated to the group and ratified, hopefully before year end.

9. Charity

It was suggested that any monies left over from the Fixed Wing Dinner go to the Stroke Association or where perhaps the rest home where John B is being cared for.

10. 10th Anniversary SHA event

It will soon be the 10th anniversary of when the last sea Harrier flew. To mark this occasion, it was suggested that a celebratory dinner be organised, open to all the SH community , not just SHA members.

Proposed venues are: HMS Victory
HMS Warrior
Under Concorde in the FAA museum
Harrier Heritage Centre @ Wittering

Any other suggestions are, of course, welcome

The meeting ended with a thank you by the Chair for everyone's attendance and input at 1427.

DONM and location tbc and will be dependent upon choice of location for the 10th Anniversary event.

