

# Submariners Association

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## NMC Zoom Meeting held

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Starting at 1300

### Present

Mr Barrie Downer (Chairman)  
Mr. Iain Mackenzie MBE (Vice Chairman)  
Mr Stuart Brown (National Treasurer)  
Mr. Ian Vickers (National Secretary)  
Mr. David Woolterton (National Membership)  
Mr. F Powell. (Committee)  
Mr. Andy Bain (Committee and Treasurer elect)  
Mr. I Atkinson (Vice President)  
Mr Jim McMaster (Vice President)  
Cdr. R. Seaward OBE (Vice President)  
Mr Mark Smith (Committee)  
Mr. Andy Knox (Committee)

### 1. Welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone for joining this NMC Zoom meeting this afternoon and sorry for the delay in getting everyone in.

### 2. Apologies.

Rear Admiral Niall Kilgour CB (President)  
Rear Admiral A. J. Whetstone CB (Vice Presidents)  
Mr Frank Pas (committee)  
D. Barlow (Vice President)  
Mr Rick Elrick (Vice President)  
Mr. Andy Morgan (Committee)  
PO Mark Butchart (Serving Rep)  
CPO Martin Drake (Serving Rep)

### 3. Minutes of the 18th April 2020 Meeting.

Proposed Andy Bain

Seconded Frank Powell  
The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

These minutes and any other paperwork released by the NMC to the Submariners Association members and Branches is intended for members and should not be published to the general public.

#### 4. Outstanding Actions from 18<sup>th</sup> April 1230 Meeting – Action Grid

270419-01	Over 90 badges	IV	On Going
201719-05	Arboretum Memorial.	SB	On Going
110120-02	Embankment funding (industry)	SB	On Hold
110120-03	Embankment funding (Navy)	JM	Complete
180420-03	Museum Trustee	IV	On Going

**a. Over 90 badges** **IV** (270419-01)

The Secretary said that he was not good at designing and asked if anyone else could help. It was suggested something on the lines of the commendation certificate would be suitable. Stuart Brown said he would produce something. This he has done. The committee are making a few changes before it is ready for the signatures to be added, printed and sent to our over life members.  
Ongoing

**b. Arboretum Memorial.** **Tom Herman/SB** (200719-05)

The competition for the design is still running for another 2-3 months to allow the sea cadets to join in. There will be at least a year's delay in seeking funding for industry. Tom Herman will let us know when things improve. The NMC feel there has been a lack of communication from Tom and the Memorial group. Stuart Brown has now relinquished his position on the Arboretum Memorial Committee and Andy Bain will take his place. There were two volunteers, but Ian Vickers stood down.  
Ongoing

**c. Embankment Funding (Industry)** **SB** (110120-02)

On hold until the country gets back to normal, this is the same reason as the Arboretum Memorial has been put back over a year.  
Ongoing

**d. Embankment funding (Navy)** **JM** (110120-03)

This is now complete. The Navy are well aware of the costs involved but no decision has been made to funding due to the COSM Board meeting overrunning. The Chairman will ask again at the next meeting.  
Complete

**e. Museum Trustee** **IV** (180420-03)

I have not had any reply from the Gosport Branch.  
Ongoing

#### 5. Correspondence

**The Gosport Branch** have asked the NMC for guidance regarding Facebook and their website to make the SA more appealing to their serving members. The NMC has been asked if there are any standards we should adhere to? In reply, the NMC have discussed this and as long as

GDPR is adhered to, and personal data is protected at all times, there is no reason not to have Facebook or any other platforms to support the Branch.

The National Secretary will respond to the Branch and send a general warning about GDPR requirements to all Branches.

**September 2021 Cenotaph Parade.** This is a new bi-annual parade held by the RNA. They are now looking for other Associations to join. The National Secretary will find out more about it and report back. (180720-01)

**Submarine Community – where now.** New document from Tom Herman. This was received too late to be discussed at the meeting. Members of the NMC are to read through and pass on their thoughts to the Chairman.

## 6. Officers Reports

### Secretary's Report      Ian Vickers

Not much to report this quarter. The Covid 19 pandemic has put a stop to most things and it has been a time to regroup. Zoom has been a new experience for many, and several Branches have been in contact with me to help them start using zoom for branch meetings and keeping in contact with members.

I have had suggestions from members who live too far away from their Branch meeting places to stream the meeting live so they could join in. This would be up to the individual Branch but it is possible and would make the meeting more inclusive.

It has been suggested that I have a zoom meeting for secretaries as a means of keeping in touch.

### Treasure's Report      Stuart Brown / Andy Bain

The Treasurer's handover report is as follows: -

#### Overview

The Association accounts remain in a healthy condition in the main. The Slops account whilst is reasonably healthy overall the majority of the cash is tied up in stock holding.

The Handover from Stuart. A. Brown to Andy Bain - the incoming Treasurer continues at snail's pace due to slow processes at the bank.

#### Accounts status – as at 31<sup>st</sup> of June 2020

##### Association main account:

Balance on the account:	£69,949.01
Income for June 2020:	£485.00
Expenditure for May 2019:	£593.00

##### Blue plaque account:

Balance on the account:	£2,313.65
Income for June:	£0
Expenditure for May 2020:	£9.00

##### Reunion account:

Balance on the account:	£17,486.45
Income for June 2020:	£0.00
Expenditure for May 2020:	£132.00

##### Slops account

Balance on the account:	£573.12
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Income for June 2020: £178.00  
Expenditure for May2020: £9.00

Stocks turnover is largely static, and stocks remain high. At the current run rate the stock turn is 1:18 i.e. it will take approximately 18 months to rotate the stock.

### **Membership Secretary Report                  Dave Woolterton**

Despite the difficulties with COVID-19 things on the membership front have been relatively steady. Since my last Report Membership numbers are up from 1530 to 1559 (that's a + of 29), but are still down 15 on the start of the year, with most but not all, coming from late payers and from those who were lapsed at the end of last year.

There has been a total of 11 Current & 16 Lapsed members who CTB during this period, which is about the same as during the same period last year.

I am still having difficulties in getting branches to report back to me on outstanding applications that they may have to process.

I have had some branches provide me with updated details on its members, but this has been pretty low to say the least.

### **Serving Rep Report**

*No report*

#### **7. Reunion 2020 plans.**

**I. Mackenzie**

Planning is going ahead - things are being transferred to next year. I have had a few people cancel but most are still going next year. Lord Boyce will not be able to make it next year.

#### **8. Embankment Parade**

**I. Mackenzie**

See Annex A

#### **9. Process/timescale for the Treasurer Handover - including arrangements for a change of signatories**

Andy Bain explained that he is now on the Accounts as a signatory and the delay is getting onto the online banking. The forms for this had been submitted but had bounced back with one error. This would be rectified, and the forms will be back with the bank for Monday. Ian Atkinson has helped with the process. The timescale for this change, while frustrating, is normal for the banks due to the money laundering regulations. I should soon be on all accounts.

#### **10. Reading through the R & C I see at Clause 5 (b) (iii) that 'The Honorary Vice President (if any) who shall be Rear Admiral Submarines - providing that he is a Member and has accepted an invitation etc. ... during his term as RASM).**

As COSM is now our Senior Submariner should we (if we haven't already) invite COSM to be Honorary Vice President as some point – if so when?

**Barrie**

COSM has not yet been invited. After discussion it was decided that a recommendation will go to Conference next year to amend the R C to read 'Head of the Fighting Arm Submarines' (HOFA Submarines) instead of 'Rear Admiral Submarines'

#### **11. AOCB.**

a. Submariners Association Diaries. Mark Smith has taken on the responsibility for the diaries. Branches have been asked for their requirements.

b. There is a meeting of the Submariners Fund next week Iain Mackenzie -our rep. -will feed back after the meeting.

### Date of Next Meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> October**      **Brierley Hill if possible or again on zoom**  
**9<sup>th</sup> January**        **Brierley Hill**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April**          **Brierley Hill**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July**            **Faslane Weekend**

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## Annex A

I emailed Middle Temple (MT) two weeks ago to initiate the setting up of our November Remembrance Ceremonies 2020. I received a reply back from a Mr Collin Davidson saying that MT is going through a major refurbishment and the Hall, where we would parade, should 'Wet Weather Routine' be in force, was full of boxes and unavailable.

I went to London to meet Collin and indeed the Hall cannot be used. The lawn is available but the area where the Drum Head is normally placed and the path the VIP's stand on will be boarded off. This still leaves plenty of room if we change the layout of the Parade. We can do this by having the Drum Head on the patio area to the left of where we normally parade.

### This still leaves a few problems to overcome:

1. Social distancing
2. Wet weather routine
3. Hip Flasks

### Solutions:

1. Reduce the attendance of both Veterans and Serving Members. This year will be a stricter, ticketed event. **I would ask all Branches to restrict numbers attending to up to 10% of their Branch members.** Standard Bearers are not counted as part of the Branch total but, all must follow directions below.

Those attending must send me a SAE addressed to **Mr Iain Mackenzie, 41 Grafton Road, Worthing, BN11 1QY** with Branch name, Telephone number and email address to reach me by COP Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020. I will then post back their ticket.

NOTE: If the member requires a carer (restricted to 1) I will need their contact details as well.

2. Those attending are to ensure they come prepared for cold and wet weather as access into the Middle Temple building will only be for the bathroom. I would recommend buying a cheap plastic cagoule (normally about a £1).

3. We will be toasting our fallen comrades so hip flasks will be allowed. However, the passing round of hip flasks is not permitted. I would ask all members to strictly adhere to this order for obvious reasons.

I don't have to tell you how disappointing it is to have to enforce these restrictions but, we must protect our members.

### **Wreaths**

Wreaths will be laid as normal and, given this year's circumstances, I would encourage all Branches to order a wreath through me. The cost of a wreath is £25, cheques to be made out to "Submariners Association Wreaths" and sent to my address as above. Wreath orders must be with me by COP 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Iain Mackenzie  
Vice Chairman  
Parade Marshal

**Mr Iain Mackenzie, 41 Grafton Road, Worthing, BN11 1QY**