

# Submariners Association

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## MINUTES OF THE NMC MEETING held by Zoom meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 1930

**Present:** Cdr. Bob Seaward OBE (Vice President)  
Mr David Barlow (Vice President)  
Mr Jim McMaster (Chairman)  
Mr Iain Mackenzie MBE (Vice Chairman & Parade Marshal)  
Mr Nigel Mellor (asst Treasurer )  
Mr Ian Atkinson (Treasurer)  
Mr David Woolterton (Membership)  
Mr Frank Powell (Committee)  
Mr Stuart Brown (Committee)  
Mr Frank Pas (Committee)  
Mr Brian Tate (Committee)

- 1) **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them for particular decorum and please follow the suggested etiquette whilst we conduct this meeting our first full zoom meeting
- 2) **Apologies:** Apologies were submitted on behalf of Rear Admiral Niall Kilgour CB (President), Rear Admiral Tony Whetstone CB, Mr Ray Gritt, (both Vice Presidents), Mr Andrew Morgan (Committee)
- 3) **Minutes of July 2017 NMC meeting:** this was discussed and agreed by all present
- 4) **Correspondence**

Nigel confirms that he has forwarded all correspondence electronically since our last meeting and therefore has no further relevant correspondence for today.

6) **Officers Reports**

Secretary - Jim McMaster

Jim informed us that he had been fulfilling this role and was sending out all correspondence received and there were no outstanding issues

There were no questions for the Secretary.

Treasurer - Ian Atkinson

Ian informed us that this month has been fairly quiet with only a few Out-goings or In-comings. These mainly consisted of Direct Debit transactions. The uptake for this new method of paying annual subscriptions has been very slow and disappointing. It is a convenient, safe method of payment and would save everyone time and hassle. It is also intended to phase out the unsuccessful and unmanageable Standing Orders. Ian would encourage everyone to consider the Direct Debit method of payment.

At this point the Chairman pointed out that he had been used as a 'guinea pig' because of his lack of knowledge of most things computerised and he found the system very simple to understand and the transaction was completed in less than two minutes. Please give this a go!"

Financial data is as promulgated to all branch Secretaries in the Treasurers monthly report.

When viewing the Business Account Balance please bear in mind that £15,000 is 'ring-fenced' for the Embankment Parade over the next 3 years.

There were no further questions for the Treasurer.

Membership Secretary - David Woolterton.

David gave us a brief update on some of the issues that had been identified and that he was working his way through these, but was finding it a challenge with some branches as they did not want to respond to emails.

In the intervening time we now seek volunteers to take on the following roles on a permanent basis, closing date for applications will be 1<sup>st</sup> November, the successful applicants will take up the posts then and seek ratification at the NCC in March 2018

**National Secretary** - Terms of Reference available on request

**National Treasurer** - Terms of Reference available on request

**National Membership Secretary**

Serving Rep. - Paul Swaby

Nor report available at this time

- 7) **Embankment Parade Up-Date & NMC attendance at Westminster Service**  
There will be a meeting of the NMC on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1600 in the UJC to run through any last minute issues or concerns and to ensure all tasks have been assigned
- 8) **2018 Reunion and NCC Venue**  
The venue for the 2018 Reunion and NCC is now fully booked and the usual circular with menu and accommodation requirements will be distributed very soon. The hotel this year is in a village setting as opposed to a city centre. The main reason for this is that city centre hotels carry a larger cost - sometimes in the region of £30 - £40 per person. This is a very nice hotel and the staff has been extremely helpful with making all the arrangements and are looking forward to welcoming all of us.  
Brief details are as follows;  
The annual Reunion including the conference for 2018 will be held at the **Premier Best Western Yew Lodge Hotel** over the weekend of **23 to 25 March**. The conference itself will be on Saturday **24<sup>th</sup> March**.
- 9) **The Option of Obtaining Charitable Status,**  
Ongoing subject and will be discussed at a later date to decide on where we go from here
- 10) there being no more business to discuss the meeting was closed and all agreed to meet at the UJC on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017