

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th March 2009

At 8.10 pm at the Members room, 7 Pier Road St Helier, Jersey

Present: 42 members

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr M Ethelston, Mr D Le Maistre, Mr & Mrs De Gruchy, P Mc Garry, D McGarry and M Lamerton.

1. **The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2007 Annual General meeting and they were adopted on the proposition by Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr S Barnard.

2. **Matters arising there from:**

Conversion to a Guarantee Company– The Secretary noted that at a members meeting in 2004 it had been resolved to covert the Society into a Company limited by Guarantee.

Mr McCarthy with Mr Letto and Mr Hamon had been considering this matter further and a paper was circulated giving detail of how this may work and the timing, costs, changes and documentation involved. Mr McCarthy explained the progress and was available to answer any specific questions members may have.

In order to progress matters the Secretary asked for a show of hands to ratify the resolution made in 2004 and this was voted in favour by all present.

3. **To approve the Secretary's Annual Report**

The Secretary's report was considered and adopted upon a proposition by Mr M Ginns and seconded by Mr I Chatterley.

4. **To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

The Treasurer, Mr D Letto, referred to the financial statements as distributed to the meeting. He explained that 2008 had been a reasonable year in terms of overall revenue. Although subscriptions and sales were down on the previous year. Admissions were also lower as there had been less openings during the summer. He added that the Tourism funding had now been used up. 2009 had also seen some legacies given to the CIOS especially from Ron Skinner, a UK member for many years. Excluding tourism funding the figure of £18k compared favourably with £21k (2008) of gross income.

Turning to expenditure the Corbiere guide publication had cost £1,583, events included tea/coffee at meetings. Miscellaneous bunker expenses included generator maintenance and the renovation of a generator from Elizabeth Castle (for use at the Les Landes complex).

Referring to the bank balance he confirmed net assets were £37,245.34 with £19,361.30 in the bank.

The Treasurer thanked all the helpers at the bunkers and also the two Auditors, Mr R Le Sueur and Mr N Le Fondre.

The adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Mr P McCarthy and seconded by Mr S Barnard.

5. **To discuss and (and adopt if approved) any changes to Rules and/or Resolutions**

The Secretary confirmed that no proposals had been received.

6. **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The nominations as outlined on the notice of meeting were considered.

The Secretary explained that the post of Press Officer was still vacant. Mr B Morris agreed

to stand for the post and was proposed by Mr Pasturel, seconded by Mr Mesch.

It was noted on the Proposal forms that four candidates had been nominated from the three Committee member positions. The Secretary further advised the meeting that Mr Amy had withdrawn his nomination and therefore a ballot would not be required.

The adoption of all posts as outlined above was adopted upon a proposition by Mr G Delanoe and seconded by Mr I Chatterley.

7. **Election of Sub-Committees and Chairmen**

The continuation of the Fortifications Sub Committee with Mr M Costard as Chairman was adopted on a proposition by Mr M Amy seconded by Mr D Letto.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr R Le Sueur and Mr N Le Fondre had both offered to stand as Auditor and on the proposition of Mr D Horn seconded by Mr D Hocquard, Mr Le Sueur and Mr Le Fondre were re-elected, with the second Auditor to be co-opted by Mr Le Sueur and Mr Letto.

9. **Approval of Subscription rates for 2009**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Committee recommended retaining the subscription rates as follows: Single member £15 p.a., Couple £22.50, Junior (under 16) £11.25, Family £22.50 (plus £6.00 for each child), Overseas (not inc UK) Members EUR30/US\$30/£20.

The membership expressed the view that this was excellent value for money and the rates were adopted upon the proposal of Mr R le Sueur seconded by Mr D Horn.

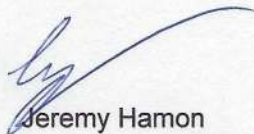
10. **Any other Business**

Cost of Bunker Entry – Consideration was given to the cost of entry to the various fortifications in the Society's care. Mr Costard advised the members that this is considered at each Fortifications sub-committee meeting. It was agreed the entry costs were reasonable albeit at different levels.

Noirmont – Mr Bernal outlined the plans for the excavation of the Westwall type 101v bunker at Noirmont, he thanked member, Mr J Mesch who had greatly assisted with the planning and environmental department as the application was made and progressed.

Meetings 2009 – The President outlined the plans for meetings in 2009, especially noting the French trip and asked members interested in joining this trip to contact him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm



Jeremy Hamon

Secretary 11 March 2009