

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2011

At 8.05 pm at the Members' Room, 7 Pier Road, St Helier, Jersey

Present: 42 members

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr R Amy and Mr & Mrs I Norman.

1. **The Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary, Mr J Hamon, read the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting and they were adopted on the proposition of Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr M Costard.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14 April 2010 and they were adopted on the proposition of Mr J Pasturel, seconded by Mr G Sty.

2. **Matters arising therefrom:**

Update on Guarantee Company

The Secretary updated the meeting on the Company formation and advised members that the constitutional documents were available on the CIOS (Jersey) website or direct from him if required.

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

The Secretary's report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr R Le Sueur, seconded by Mr D Horn

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 2010 had been a reasonable year, and when the cost of the current year's Review publication was excluded, subscriptions and book sales were both up. Recurrent bunker administration costs were slightly less whilst donations were up by £681.

Turning to expenditure, Mr Letto praised the professional approach at Noirmont in particular and said that the visits by groups such as Leger Tours were a tribute to the hard work by Mr P Burnal and the team over recent years. The cost of printing, stationery and postage were all higher although the stock of new membership cards would last 3-4 years.

Fees of £1,450 had been paid to Voisin's for the work undertaken in advising the Committee and then incorporating the Company. Mr Letto thanked Mr J Giovannoni and Mr I Strang from Voisin's for their work which far exceeded what was reflected in the amount charged. Mr Letto also referred to the hire charge for the Members' Room whereby a catch up in payment for 2008-09 had been made in 2010.

Mains electricity had been installed at Noirmont and a grant had been obtained for the majority of this cost. This was a fantastic asset and the ease of lighting enabled members to help with openings without the need to move the generator or deal with fuel. The cost of electricity would increase in the future, but this will be partially offset by lower fuel costs. States funding for the signage upgrades had also been received.

Referring to the Balance Sheet he confirmed that net assets were £31,989.83 with a bank balance of £14,572.03.

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 proposition of Mr D Hocquard, seconded by Mr M Newton.

Mr Le Sueur expressed his thanks to Mr Letto on behalf of the members for the meticulous record keeping and work undertaken by the Treasurer, which was largely unseen.

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 proposed officers were therefore:-

	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Paul Burnal	D Letto	J Hamon
Vice-President (1)	Michael Ginns MBE	M Costard	J Ginns
Vice-President (2)	Ian Chatterley	A Chatterley	M Lamerton
Secretary	Jeremy Hamon	P Le Conte	C Bouchet
Treasurer	David Letto	P McCarthy	G Delanoe
Editor of Publications	Matthew Costard	J Hamon	S Costard
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	M Walton	J Hamon
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondre	S Le Conte	G Delanoe
Press Officer	Bernard Morris	J Pasturel	R Le Plongeon
Committee Member (1)	Patrick McCarthy	D Letto	P Burnal
Committee Member (2)	Damien Horn	M Walton	G Delanoe
Committee Member (3)	Tony Chalker	J Stoakes	P Burnal

The adoption of all posts as outlined above was adopted on the proposition of Mr B Goode and seconded by Mr R Le Sueur.

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

Mr Costard advised the meeting that the Fortifications Sub-Committee was becoming less necessary as there were no large projects being undertaken centrally and less lobbying and funding requirements in relation to large excavations. He further advised that whilst he accepted nomination as the Chairman of the Fortifications Sub-Committee for the next year he would be standing down from this role in 2012.

The continuation of the Fortifications Sub-Committee with Mr Costard as Chairman was adopted on the proposition of Mr W M Ginns seconded by Mr S Barnard.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr Le Sueur had offered to re-stand as Auditor. However, as Mr Le Fondre was a Director of the Company he had decided not to offer himself for re-election. Mr M Saunders offered to stand in his place and on the proposition of Mr G Delanoe seconded by Mr A Chalker, Mr Le Sueur and Mr Saunders were elected.

9. **Approval of subscription rates for 2011**

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

The membership expressed the view that this was excellent value for money and the rates were adopted on the proposal of Mr D Maindonald, seconded by Mr D Horn.

10. **Any other business**

Support for gun barrel retrieval

Mr G. Zimmer addressed the meeting and expressed the view that the Society was not supportive of Guernsey's attempts to retrieve the gun barrels from the bottom of the cliffs at Les Landes. He went on to add that Mr Ginns in particular was against this idea. Mr Costard answered that Mr Ginns was one of the stalwarts of the Society and had devoted much of his life to the preservation of German fortifications. The Society owed him an

immense debt of gratitude, and it was inappropriate to criticise him in this way. Mr Burnal explained to the meeting that the gun barrels were not owned by the Society and that no views about their retrieval had been expressed by the Society as a body. At this point Mr Zimmer left the meeting. Further discussion followed and it was agreed to record in the minutes that the Committee and Society had no objection to the gun barrels being retrieved.

Loan of OT railway truck to the Jersey War Tunnels

The Secretary explained that the CIOS had been approached by the Jersey War Tunnels seeking the loan of the truck for a display in 2011-12. It was noted that the truck was currently on display at the La Carrière bunker although, with limited openings, it was not very accessible to the public. Reservations were expressed, but it was agreed this could proceed subject to the following conditions:

The JWT would be liable for the cost of the removal, transportation and supervision of the railway truck, and would ensure that adequate insurance cover was provided; any damage or dismantling required at the existing location would be made good by the JWT; the truck would be retained in original condition and not painted or interfered with in any way without the express permission of a member of the CIOS Committee; exhibition of the truck would be in such a way as to minimise degradation, and in particular it would not be stored in damp conditions; a sign would be displayed with the truck stating that it was on loan from the CIOS, and the truck would be made available for inspection on a periodic basis by a member of the CIOS Committee; at the end of the loan period the truck would be returned to a location chosen by the CIOS, and at a mutually convenient time, with any expense for this operation likewise being met by the JWT, and with adequate insurance cover in place; the fees for drafting any legal documentation relating to the loan would be borne by the JWT (but agreed beforehand); ownership of the truck would be retained by the CIOS (Jersey) and it would not be sold or lent onwards by the JWT under any circumstances; finally, as a *quid pro quo*, CIOS members would be given free admission to the JWT during the loan period.

Events 2011

Mr Burnal gave an outline of the proposed events for 2011, and it was noted that the speaker at the dinner in May would be Mr Le Sueur.

Other matters:-

Guernsey

Mr R Heaume, President of the CIOS (Guernsey), addressed the meeting. He thanked the "Jersey branch" for the opportunity to attend the AGM and say a few words. He said 2011 was a special year as the CIOS had first started in Guernsey in 1961 and this was the 50th anniversary. Some Jersey members would be invited to attend a special dinner in Guernsey in October and a social sub-committee had been set up to take the proposals forward.

Mr Heaume advised the meeting that the Guernsey branch was affiliated to Bletchley Park; a visit was planned in October 2011 to include a visit to Duxford, and Jersey members were invited to join the party going from Guernsey. A maximum of 30 people could be accommodated and the Jersey Secretary would be asked to co-ordinate attendees from Jersey.

Finally, Mr Heaume announced that the Mirus No.1 gun site had been acquired and that restoration had commenced. Hopefully, a visit could be arranged in 2012 to view the complex and see how the work was progressing. He added that the Battalion Command Bunker at Beau Sejour was also in the hands of the CIOS (Guernsey) and was being utilised as an office resource.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm


Jeremy Hamon,

Secretary

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