

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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

Present: 47 members

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr B Penaluna. Mrs Burnal and Mr & Mrs I Norman.

Mr Burnal welcomed Mr Heaume from the Guernsey CIOS.

1. **The Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2011 Annual General meeting and they were adopted on the proposition of Mr D Horn and seconded by Mr M Costard.

2. **Matters arising therefrom:**

**Loan of OT Truck to Jersey War Tunnels ("JWT")** – This had not taken place, in part due to the lengthy conditions that the 2011 AGM had suggested being put to JWT.

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

The Secretary's report was read and considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr G Delanoe

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 2011 had started to see the recession bite with fewer memberships and less bunker takings.

Bunker takings were dependant on the number of openings and in 2011 La Carriere had been mothballed. Looking back in time, Mr Letto stated that in 2001 bunker admissions had been £11,391. Mr Letto reminded the members that there is a significant commitment required when public money is provided in terms of grants etc for refurbishment. If sufficient volunteers cannot be found internally the only options are to mothball further sites or consider paying students and part time workers to open bunkers. Mr Letto said this is going to be a consideration the CIOS needs to revisit in the next few years.

The balance of £1,249.50 had been received from the States of Jersey for funding of signage.

Turning to expenditure the cost of publishing the review had been £8,313.87; Mr Letto noted this was higher than previous years due to the number printed and the length and quality of production. Fuel costs had reduced to £120 although there was an electricity cost coming through as each site was added to mains electricity, there was also a saving in generators maintenance and replacement.

Referring to the balance sheet he confirmed that net assets were £27,429.15 (down by £4,560 from 2010) with a bank balance of £12,629.50.

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

The adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Mr D Horn and seconded by Mr M Newton.

Mr R 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 is largely unseen by members.

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:-

**Proposed Officers**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
President	Paul Burnal	D Horn	A Chalker
Vice president (1)	Michael Ginns MBE	J Ginns	M Costard
Vice President (2)	Ian Chatterley	A Chatterley	M Lamerton
Secretary	Jeremy Hamon	D Letto	D Maindonald
Treasurer	David Letto	P McCarthy	J Hamon
Editor of Publications	Matthew Costard	W M Ginns MBE	P McCarthy
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	P Burnal	J Hamon
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondre	G Delanoe	D Gardner
Press Officer	Bernard Morris	J Pasturel	A Allix

Committee Members: 3 to be elected from:

Committee Member	Patrick McCarthy	D Letto	W M Ginns MBE
Committee Member	Damien Horn	C Isherwood	G Delanoe/ R Russell
Committee Member	Tony Chalker	D Maindonald	R Russell
Committee Member	Tony Pike	W M Ginns MBE	R Le Sueur

The adoption of the nine uncontested posts above was adopted on the proposition of Mr D Horn and seconded by Mr D Hocquard.

The Secretary called for a poll in respect of the election for the three Committee Member positions and the Auditor's acted as scrutineer's. Each proposer of a Committee Member addressed the meeting to provide an insight and background to each of the four candidates. It was noted that all candidates were very capable and would make a valuable contribution to the Committee. The result of the Poll was that Mr Chalker, Mr Horn and Mr Pike were elected to the position of Committee member.

Mr Le Sueur asked if four committee members could be elected, Mr Hamon replied this was not currently possible under the constitution but the Committee would consider this further for next year. The Minutes record a vote of thanks to Mr McCarthy who had played an active part of the CIOS and Committee for a number of years being especially involved in the transformation to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

As outlined in the Secretary's report Mr Costard had announced his retirement retired from the Fortifications Sub Committee ("FSC") at last year's AGM. The function of the sub-committee was reviewed by the main Board and it had been decided that there was no longer a need for the FSC and that the interests of members could be represented by a Director to act as Fortifications Co-ordinator, Tony Chalker had agreed to perform this role. The other role identified was Heritage and Planning Liaison Officer and Mr Costard had agreed to perform this role.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr R Le Sueur and Mr Saunders had both offered to re-stand as Auditor and on the proposition of Mr N Le Fondre seconded by Mr Horn, Mr Le Sueur and Mr Saunders were elected.



9. **Approval of Subscription rates for 2012**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Committee recommended increasing subscriptions rates by a modest amount to those rates detailed in the meeting notice. The increase was proposed to co-incide with the introduction of an option to pay by standing order and it was the Committee's intention to retain the rates for the immediate future thus allowing renewals to take place without the need to change the rate paid. The subscription rates were as follows: Single member £18 p.a., Couple £27.00, Junior (under 16) £13.50, Family £27.00 (plus £6.00 for each child), Overseas (not including UK) Members EUR25/US\$35/£23.

The membership expressed the view that this was excellent value for money and the rates were adopted on the proposal of Mr R Le Sueur seconded by Mr J Pasturel.

10. **Any other Business**

**Archivist Report**

Mr Isherwood gave a comprehensive report covering events that had taken place in 2011. The "hands-on" events had been particularly popular and he thanked Mr N Walker for his optics talk and Mr M Walton for his walks at Noirmont on the archives day. Also thanks to Mr D Horn who had manned the book sales desk for the whole day!

He had been busy cataloguing the artefacts and responding to the ever increasing number of enquiries - some very obscure. Mr Isherwood advised the meeting that donations to the archive had included a red cross box, 3 gas masks, a German helmet and a hand produced model Spitfire.

**Ceremony's**

Mr Le Sueur explained there were three occasions where he believed it to be important that the CIOS was represented concerning the occupation, these being: The Trinity Commando raid wreath laying, Annual Holocaust memorial day in January and the Slave workers memorial service. The President advised the meeting that there had been an omission of official attendance at one recent service due to ill health, however this was not a change of CIOS policy and every effort would be made to ensure attendance by a representative of the CIOS at each of these.

**Guernsey** – Mr Bernal invited Mr Heaume to address the meeting:

Mr Heaume said he very much enjoyed coming to Jersey, as his Grandfather had since 1908. He said he had enjoyed the evening, citing the archives day and book sale as two thoughts to take back to the Guernsey CIOS. He said the liaison was very good and appreciated by all involved. The 2012 review was due to be produced at the end of the month. Other news was that the Mirus project was delayed due to rights of access.

He added that the Bletchley park trip had been a great success and he hoped this would happen every 3 years the next trip being scheduled for 2014.

In Guernsey there were two additional organisations, Festung Guernsey and Guernsey armouries. Both being very active in the restoration side with many new sites open in the last year.

**Events 2012**

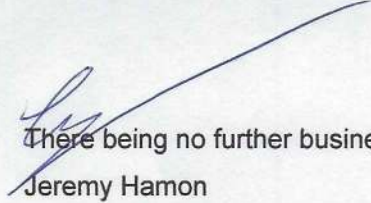
Mr Hamon outlined the proposed schedule of events for 2012.

**AOB**

Mr Russell's letter was read to members by Mr Bernal and noted, he was disappointed to see sites being mothballed and hard work over the years being wasted due to a lack of resources and/or volunteers. This had been touched on earlier by Mr Letto and at present there were few additional volunteers coming forward. Of special mention was Corbiere where a lack of persons to man the bunkers was likely to mean very few openings in 2012. The Committee would be giving this further consideration although it was acknowledged



that there were no solutions that would be easy or suit all interested parties.

  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Jeremy Hamon

Secretary 14 March 2012