

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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

Present: 42 members

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from D Maindonald, N Le Fondre, R Heaume, D Le Flem, M Cassidy, J Mesch and Mr & Mrs I Norman.

### 1. **The Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2012 Annual General meeting and they were adopted on the proposition of Mr D Horn and seconded by Mr M Costard.

### 2. **Matters arising therefrom:**

**OT Truck** – It was noted this had been moved to Noirmont.

**Ceremony's** - Mr Le Sueur reminded the meeting that 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. He was pleased to report a wreath had been laid at each in 2012 and he hoped this would continue.

**Board size** – the Secretary explained the size had been considered and it had been recommended to remain at the present number.

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

The Secretary's report was read and considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr N Walker and seconded by Mr G Delanoe, the Secretaries report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

### **To approve the Archivist's Annual Report**

Mr Isherwood gave a comprehensive report covering events that had taken place in 2012.

He said there had been a constant stream of enquiries from historians to authors of raunchy novels!. Mr Isherwood showed some photographs by international photographer Marc Wilson who had recently been in the island as part of his "last stand" project; this has been widely covered by the Media.

Martin Morgan (who published the Festung Guernsey books a few years ago) has been looking to do the same for Jersey, however a number of volumes are still missing and a public appeal has been made.

The archives day in 2013 will be at Trinity Parish Hall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 4pm and will be even bigger and have a home front theme – there will be lots of substitute foods to try out.

The Secretary's report was read and considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr W Goode and seconded by Mr J Pastural.

### 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.

The subscription income had increased due to the increase in subs. Last year, sales of publications had increased with approximately £3,300 being sales of the new Tunnels book.



Donations included £500 from Engelbert Hoppe, a donation from Sub Britannica Group of £500. A further £200 had been received from the Swiss Army group. Group visits were fast becoming a valuable source of income for the CIOS although required additional resource to organise.

The sign at the Kernwerk had generously been funded by nearby resident Mr Holley.

On the expense side the printing costs had increased to £12,994 mainly due to the Tunnels book publication. £4,400 had also been spent on the Guernsey review. The expenditure of £982 on signage had been funded by the State of Jersey Development Fund.

Overall the accounts show a loss of £(2,901.27) (vs. a loss of £(1,937.43) in 2012)

On the balance sheet; the assets ended the year at £33,091.82 a change of + £6,422.53, again due to the tunnels book publication. The bank balances being down from £12,629.50 to £9,728.23.

A grant had been received for £5,000 from Tourism for the funding of the mains electricity at Corbiere. Mr Bernal mentioned that the number of openings of the Corbiere complex was less than the level of grants received would encourage the CIOS to do, only 12 hours in 2013 at the casemate and 18 hours at the M19 he once again appealed for volunteers.

Following a question, Mr Letto explained that the Members room hire had not been included in the 2012 accounts but was in the process of being paid at a reduced rate thanks to the Societe Jersaise.

The adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Mr D Horn and seconded by Mr J L'Ecrevain.

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. It was noted that no proposal had been received for the position of Treasurer, however Mr Letto volunteered to continue in this role if elected.

The proposed officers were therefore:-

**Proposed Officers**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
President	Paul Bernal	D Horn	G Delanoe
Vice president (1)	Matthew Costard	M Ginns MBE	J Hamon
Vice President (2)	Ian Chatterley	A Chatterley	M Lamerton
Secretary	Jeremy Hamon	D Horn	J L'Ecrevain
Treasurer	David Letto	J Hamon	M Ginns MBE
Editor of Publications	Paul Ronayne	J Hamon	M Costard
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	D Horn	G Delanoe
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondre	S Le Conte	E Satchwell
Press Officer	Bernard Morris	J Pastural	J Hamon
Committee Members: 3 to be elected from:			
Committee Member	Tony Pike	J Hamon	P Bernal
Committee Member	Damien Horn	G Delanoe	J Hamon
Committee Member	Tony Chalker	P Bernal	J Hamon



The adoption of all positions above was adopted on the proposition of Mr R Le Sueur and seconded by Mr J L'Ecrevain.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr R Le Sueur and Mr Saunders had both offered to re-stand, however Mr Le Sueur stated he has happy to stand down if another volunteer came forward. Mr Delanoe offered his services as Auditor and on the proposition of Mr D Le Maistre seconded by Mr R Le Sueur, Mr Delanoe and Mr Saunders were elected.

The Board thanked Mr Le Sueur for his services as Auditor over the past years.

9. **Approval of Subscription rates for 2013**

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Board recommended retaining the subscriptions rates at the present level (they had increased in 2012) as detailed in the meeting notice. 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 D Horn seconded by Mr D Hocquard.

10. **Any other Business**

**Events 2013**

Mr Hamon outlined the proposed schedule of events for 2013. It was noted that a talk was due to take place in the members room at 1.15pm on 21 March entitled "An outsider's view of the fascination of the Occupation" by Dr Anthony Daniels.

Mr Bernal gave further information on the proposed Caribdis event scheduled for 30 September 2013.

**Fireworks** – Mr Bernal outlined a "firepower demonstration" which had been organised privately by Mr Bevis of Starburst Fireworks, members were invited to attend between 6.30 and 7.15 on 22 March where the pyrotechnic display was anticipated to be spectacular.

**Michael Ginns MBE** – After 40 years of continuous service, Michael Ginns had stepped down from the Committee of the CIOS. He had been president for 7 years, vice president for 9 years and Secretary for 29 continuous years - a very hard act to follow. Mr Bernal presented an engraved silver plate to Mr Ginns for his 40 years service and said "Michael is an inspiration to all occupation historians".

In response, Mr Ginns recounted the origins of the CIOS from the kitchen of "Dicky Maine" in 1971 to today's Limited Company. Mr Ginns recounted that the highlight for him was securing and opening of the Command Bunker at Noirmont in 1977. "We started with nothing, an empty bunker and tilly lamps!" he recounted. He said he had made many friends over the years, especially noting those in Bad Wurzach and ex servicemen from both sides. He had contributed to a number of books and Author's works - some Author's being very good and some bad and even bizarre on occasions. He had also campaigned over the years to ensure "myth does not become fact".

Finally He thanked all Committee and Society members over the years, without whom the CIOS would not be the organisation it was today

**Noel Le Fondre** - A speedy recovery was wished to Social Secretary Noel le Fondre who had broken his leg in 4 places in a skiing accident.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Jeremy Hamon

Secretary 20 March 2013