



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2016

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

Present: 42 members

Apologies

Apologies were received from J Clarke, Mrs J Ginns and Mr M Ginns MBE.

Mr Bernal welcomed all those present.

1. The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary provided a copy of the 2015 minutes to all members present and summarised the minutes from the 2015 Annual General meeting. They were adopted on the proposition of Mr A Fearn and seconded by Mr P Noel.

2. Matters arising therefrom

None.

3. To approve the Secretary's Annual Report

The Secretary referred the members to the agenda tabled.

The Secretary's report was read out by the Secretary.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr G Delanoe and seconded by Mr M Snepp, The Secretary's report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

To approve the Archivist's Annual Report

Mr Isherwood gave a comprehensive report covering archive events that had taken place in 2015. He especially mentioned the St Mary's parish hall archives week and thanked those who helped.

Donations included: a Vega painting and From David Le Maistre, 100 red cross letters and a large shell case. Mr Isherwood advised the membership that secure storage had been taken at Le Gallais to store the non paperwork items which were not able to be deposited at the Jersey archive.

There had been a constant stream of enquiries from historians and coverage in the JEP and other media had generally been good and positive in 2015.

Finally, Mr Isherwood especially thanked Mr Horn, Mr Brossman and Mr Walker for their help in 2015.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Mr T Brossman and seconded by Mr N Walker.

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 reported that the year had produced a surplus for the third year running. A number of income lines were up on 2014 which was an encouraging trend. In particular Mr Letto referred to £12,104.55 of bunker admissions (up from £7,799.55 in 2014) – he reminded members this amount increased directly in proportion to the number of openings and if members were able to help with opening any sites this would be of immediate financial benefit to the Society.

In terms of expenditure, the review had been published in Jersey at a cost of £5,044.84. Less mailings had taken place in 2015 reducing the printing and stationery costs. The hire of the room was for two years (as usual) at a cost of £1,440.00. The Miscellaneous deductions (£416.11) was the company annual return and wreaths purchased for memorial services. The general expense for archive (£1,815.23) included the cost of the Le Gallais storage as outlined earlier by Mr Isherwood.

Mr Letto referred to the purchase of a machine gun for Millbrook, it is unusual for any artefact to be purchased by the Society, however this is a very rare piece and completes the 4.7 pak gun display so was considered significant enough by the Board to make an exception and make the purchase for a cost of £1,490.00.

Mr Letto thanked the bunker teams for their record keeping in relation to sales and takings at each bunker site.

Overall, the accounts showed a surplus of £3,167.56 (vs. a surplus of £3,629.56 in 2014)

On the balance sheet; the overall assets ended the year at £46,979.65 reflecting a change of + £5,688.68, the bank balances being up from £14,605.12 to £18,350.56. Mr Letto reminded members that this included £28,629.09 in book stock value, Mr Brossman was reported as looking to increase the automatic book sales via the internet in the forthcoming year.

Mr Letto also advised that insurance had been increased to cover the artefacts and book stock at the renewal in January 2016.

Mr Letto thanked the Auditors and remembered Mr J Germain who had passed away in 2015 and had been a Society Auditor for a number of years in the past.

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

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

Mr Hamon advised the meeting that Nomination forms had been received by him for all available positions except Treasurer and Mr Letto advised the meeting he was able and willing to stand as Treasurer for another year.

Mr Hamon explained that the only new member standing for the Board was Mr Snepp and Mr Hamon would be retiring as Secretary with Mr Brossman stepping into this role. Mr Hamon added that he would be able to assist Mr Brossman over the next year when needed.

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

The proposed officers, taking into account the above changes, were therefore:-

Proposed Officers

	Name	Proposer	Secunder
President	Paul Bernal	D Horn	T Brossman
Vice president (1)	Matthew Costard	J Hamon	C Isherwood
Vice President (2)	Damien Horn	G Delanoe	P Bernal
Secretary	Tom Brossman	P Bernal	P Ronayne
Treasurer	David Letto	T Chalker	G Knight
Editor of Publications	Paul Ronayne	P Bernal	D Horn
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	M Costard	T Brossman
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondre	B Battrick	G Sty
Press Officer	Tony Pike	A Fearn	M Costard
Committee Members: 3 to be elected from:			
Committee Member	Matthew Snepp	S Boschat	G Knight
Committee Member	Alex Fearn	A Pike	T Brossman
Committee Member	Tony Chalker	C Isherwood	T Brossman

The adoption of all positions above was adopted on the proposition of Mr G Delanoe and

seconded by Mr J Gray.

Mr Bernal thanked Mr Hamon, retiring this year, having been the Secretary and Director for 10 years and he made a surprise presentation to Mr Hamon on behalf of the Board and membership. Mr Hamon thanked the Board and members present.

8. **Election of Auditors**

The Treasurer advised that Mr G Delanoe and Mr Saunders had both offered to re-stand, On the proposition of Mr A Fearn seconded by C Isherwood, Mr Delanoe and Mr Saunders were re-elected.

9. **Approval of Subscription rates for 2016/17**

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.

It was noted that the Guernsey Society membership was £17. The rates were adopted on the proposal of Mr P Ronayne seconded by Mr G Knight.

10. **Any other Business**

Mr Bernal thanked all those present for attending. He also thanked Mr Horn for providing facilities for the Board meetings held in 2015.

Mr Bernal proposed that Mrs Elizabeth Satchwell, an Occupation resident and an active member of the CIOS for a number of years, be made an honorary member from 2016. This was approved by the meeting.

Mr Hamon then provided a summary of events proposed for 2016/17.

Mr Fearn thanked those who had helped at the recent library two day event, this had been good publicity and there had been good participation at short notice.

Mr Bernal added that 2017 was the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Noirmont Command bunker and a special display of unpublished pictures was being organised for the summer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Jeremy Hamon

Secretary, 9th March 2016