



Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Soci t  Jersiaise Members Room, 7 Pier Road, Saint Helier, Jersey

Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 8pm, with 32 members present

Chair

Acting President Robert Hall agreed to Chair the meeting, and welcomed all those present with a message about some of the challenges the Society has faced over the previous year.

1 Apologies

The Secretary received apologies from Robert Le Sueur, Trevor Green, and Gaye Hitchen.

2 Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising Therefrom

The Secretary provided a printed copy of the 2020 AGM minutes to those present. They were adopted on a show of hands by the members.

3 To approve the Secretary's Annual Report

Secretary Tom Brossman read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. A lengthy discussion about the points raised followed.

4 To approve the Archivist's Annual Report

Position vacant. No major donations of artefacts were recorded last year. Publications Editor Matthew Costard revealed that Dandara were due to agree a license agreement to a Grade 1 listed bunker at the former Living Legend site with the Society. Its intend use will be for archive storage.

5 To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

In the absence of a Treasurer, the Chair presented the 2020 Accounts to members and a discussion followed. After some deliberation, the meeting was briefly adjourned whilst the Board privately discussed approval of the Accounts. The Board then returned and confirmed that, by majority decision, it approves the Accounts and Financial Statements with the understanding that due to a months-long gap in record-keeping, the breakdown of figures by category of expenditure were 'best effort' and that the beginning and ending balances were accurate. The 2020 Financial Statements were considered and adopted on a show of hands by the members. The 2020 Accounts are attached to and form part of these minutes.

6 To discuss (and adopt if approved) any changes to Rules and/or Resolutions

The Secretary presented two proposed changes to the Association Rules. After some discussion, member Marc Yates proposed that no changes to the Rules should occur, with member Tony Pike seconding. The proposal was adopted on a show of hands by the members.



7 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chair referred everyone to the list of 2021 Proposed Officers, who are:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Robert Hall	Marc Yates	Tony Pike
Vice-President (1)	Damien Horn	Ron Russell	Alex Fearn
Vice-President (2)	David Maindonald	Ron Russell	Peter Gibbons
Secretary	Tony Pike	Malcolm Amy	Sebastian Boudier
Treasurer	(position vacant)		
Editor of Publications	Matthew Costard	Jeremy Hamon	Sandra Costard
Archivist	Daniel Clark	Colin Isherwood	Alan Allix
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondré	Bob Le Sueur	Elizabeth Satchwell
Press Officer	(position vacant)		
Committee Member	Elaine Curtis	Tony Pike	Robert Hall
Committee Member	Tony Chalker	Ron Russell	Damien Horn
Committee Member	Malcolm Amy	Alex Fearn	Sebastian Boudier

The candidates were elected en bloc, on a show of hands by the members.

8 Election of Auditors

Member Ian Ronayne was elected Honorary Auditor for 2020, on a show of hands by the members. A discussion then followed about whether an auditor is necessary now that the Society uses a professional bookkeeper to manage its accounts. Member Sean Le Breuille then cited an Association rule requiring audits and the matter was deferred for a future meeting.

9 Any other business

9.1 The matter of how to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Society was discussed, with Robert Hall asking for feedback and suggestions from those present. Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré explained that due to travel restrictions, a trip to France was unlikely and suggested an extra Guernsey trip instead. Mr Le Fondré proposed a member dinner with speakers, however few responses were received. Mr Le Fondré also proposed an event at the Frances Le Sueur Centre at St Ouen, which would be a good opportunity to work with the National Trust for Jersey. Mr Le Fondré concluded his remarks with an appeal for guest speakers for member events.

9.2 Member Sean Le Breuille queried whether there were any plans to change subscription prices. The Chair confirmed there were no plans to do so for the foreseeable future.



9.3 Member Sean Le Breuille also asked about whether the Society was interested in a pair of armoured “stable” type doors at Jersey Airport. Mr Le Breuille recommended that the Board make a formal request for the doors sooner rather than later.

9.4 Member Geoffrey Zimmer asked about the possibility of raising another two WW2 artillery gun barrels from the cliffs at Les Landes. The Chair explained that, due to the environmentally sensitive nature of the area, raising the gun barrels was not possible.

9.5 Member Alex Fearn shared a letter from the US Ambassador’s visit last year, and invited members to read it after the meeting.

9.6 Publications Editor Matthew Costard reminded those present that he was seeking articles for the 2021 Occupation Review, and asked potential authors to get in touch.

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Brossman', followed by a vertical pink line.

Tom Brossman

CIOS Jersey Company Secretary

14th April 2021



Secretary's Annual Report

14th April 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hereby submit my first annual report for the year just ended.

2020 Events

Normally I would review a long list of events and activities from the past twelve months. The past twelve months have been anything but normal. I note the Société kindly allowed us to hold our 2020 AGM just before shutting down for public health reasons the following morning, and here we are this evening just as things are starting to get back to normal. Our AGM timing is impeccable but let's not try for a repeat!

There were no member events this past year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, however work continued behind the scenes. Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré continued the tradition of marking important events in the Island's Occupation history. Noel represented the Society at official functions on Liberation Day, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and at events commemorating Lieutenant Bernard Scheidhauer in St Ouen, and Captain Philip Ayton in Trinity. Noel also reached out to the organisers of a memorial service to French Army cadet François Marie Scornet, who was executed at St Ouens Manor after an unsuccessful escape attempt from France. Forming new ties to other local history groups is essential and I thank Noel for representing us so well during a difficult year.

Society member Alex Fearn organised a memorial ceremony for the crews of US Navy PT boats sunk off Noirmont Point. The memorial ceremony was followed by a tour of the M-132 Underground Command Bunker (and a welcome break from the rain). The official party included United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom Robert Wood Johnson, His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, Bailiff Tim Le Cocq, Chief Minister John Le Fondré, Minister for External Relations Ian Gorst, Dean of Jersey Mike Keirle, and memorial founder John Ovenden.

Priorities

I am standing down as Secretary this year, having joined the Board seven years ago and having served as Secretary for the previous five years. The Society is an important organisation and it has been a privilege to serve you and to document the Occupation.

Several years ago, Stan Keiller responded to my newsletter message calling for us to reassess our fixation with all things military and German. It's not exactly a mainstream topic and most people here during the Occupation were neither German nor military. What about their history?



Stan's essays are easily the most popular content we published over the past few years. I receive responses from newsletter readers each month who are delighted by an essay or share a personal connection.

Sadly I later discovered this was not the first time Stan contacted us. Another Board member he shared his essays with five years ago expressed no interest. More recently I suggested that we publish some in the 2019 Review but again, no interest.

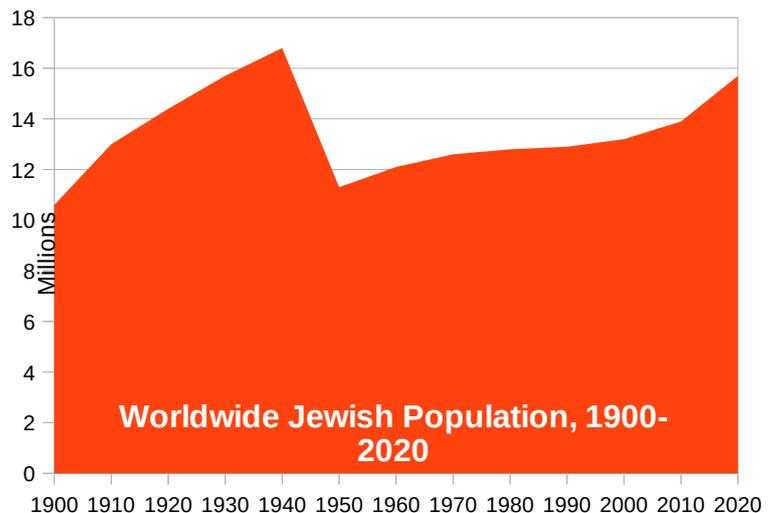
A majority of our members understand that we are meant to preserve and record *all* aspects of the German Occupation of Jersey. The reality is that some of our most active members do not share this view. We have several Nazi apologists on the Board and on our bunker teams, and they negatively impact our public image. We are better off without them.

To highlight one positive, Tony Pike deserves credit for showing initiative and creating our only Forced Worker display I'm aware of, at Battery Moltke. There used to be a second downstairs at Battery Lothringen, however it is long gone. The military portraits and swastika flag are still up.

The Nazis are a package deal

The Occupation was a terrible, dark time. It is not something for us to reinterpret today. This should be obvious, however some Society members are aggressively promoting a whitewashed image of the Occupying forces who terrorised and oppressed Islanders and Forced Workers 75 years ago.

In the years following the Nuremberg trials, there was a concerted effort to whitewash the record of the armed forces of the Third Reich. German war criminals promoted the idea then, as do right-wing extremist groups today. It is a dangerous path some want to lead us down.



On our Facebook page right now is a bunker display featuring a German soldier grinning whilst juggling clubs, as if the Nazi forces were merely entertainers from a travelling circus. I remind you these people murdered more than six million Jews and oppressed your families. The Jews still haven't recovered 80 years and three generations later. I think such a light-hearted display is totally inappropriate. The female mannequins in full make-up and wearing military uniforms at Battery Moltke are very odd. What are visitors to make of this? What does it say about the Society?



In the Evening Post last month was an article about the former OT bakery site at Beaumont which is being redeveloped. Property developers we were advising “hoped to install ‘O.T. Bäckerei’ lettering on the building”, which came as a surprise to myself and other Board members I spoke to. What is worse, members of the public had to intervene and file objections to the Planning application. It should be pretty obvious that putting Nazi signs up in a new housing development is a terrible idea.

Home buyers want a sea view, maybe a meadow. Not a sign promoting a senior Nazi who used concentration camps to supply forced labour. I say this not to criticise, but to illustrate just how out of touch we are. Please take this as an opportunity to improve.

Accountability matters

Accountability for Board members and bunker teams continues to be a problem. Bypassing accountability in the name of “moving on” will not succeed—should not succeed. You cannot go forward until you have justice.

I will keep my report professional but I must give members an idea of the scale of the problem because as elected Board members, we answer to you. Here is one recent example. A number of artefacts have gone missing over the past two years and are presumed stolen. All are connected to the same person at Strongpoint Corbiere. The Board discussed this matter privately and agreed a solution. Then we received a hoax email from a fraudster who claimed one of our Vice-Presidents recently ‘sold’ him the missing items.

The fraudster was clueless about digital forensics and I spotted their error immediately, however that leaves us with an uncomfortable truth. Is the fraudster a fellow Board member, or are Board members leaking confidential information to fraudsters? The mind boggles, but this is the level of hostility we see from the bunker team at Corbiere. They tell me there is “deep hatred” towards the Committee.

Financial accountability is another area where we can improve, because charities are held to a higher standard. As you know, we are without a Treasurer. The Board resolved to hire a bookkeeper to manage our accounts ages ago. I interviewed several, got the resolution passed, and delivered our financial records to him. This resolution was ignored by another Board member who tried to manage the accounts himself before resigning. I don’t believe the 2020 accounts we are presenting this evening are complete or accurate.

Spending limits were ignored, and I have seen evidence of withdrawals totalling more than eight times what is authorised since December. We cannot open RN La Mare Mill this season due to a lack of funds, however the Strongpoint Corbiere team somehow managed to have a clear out and rebuild with new displays (and an expensive new partition to replace a perfectly good one which was foolishly torn down last year). This is the same team responsible for a £4500 net loss in 2018,



after they excavated a personnel bunker that no one bothered to check for asbestos beforehand. That bunker is now closed indefinitely, unsafe, and unusable.

Optimism

I remain optimistic about the future of the Society but members really must put themselves forward and help us build back better. We need better quality people on the Board. We must work more closely with other local charities and history groups. We desperately need a volunteer to liaise with schools and arrange tours for pupils, because we aren't getting any younger and we need to share our passion for history with the next generation. We need women on the Board to make sure their views are equally represented.

We need people to help open bunkers and generate more income. The government's "Back to Work" team are ready to supply volunteers looking for work experience. Acorn Enterprises can also supply volunteers from the Disabled community. I arranged this years ago but the bunker teams scoffed at the idea. One highlight before I finish, Tony Chalker at RN Millbrook agreed to try it and it worked out perfectly well. Somewhere out there is a young lady who helped us open a bunker one afternoon and no doubt mentioned it to her friends.

We need more of that if the Society is to continue, and fewer Nazi apologists.

Tom Brossman
Secretary
14th April 2021

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

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CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Company information

Secretary	Mr Tom Brossman
Company number	105893
Registered office	15 Nos Trais La Mielle Clement La Rue des Faunois St Brelade JE3 8FW
Accountants	Holl, Cameron & Co Limited First Floor, Tower House Route Es Nouveaux St Helier Jersey JE2 4ZJ

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The Committee members and directors who held office during the period were :-

President	<i>Tony Pike</i>
Vice President	<i>Damien Horn</i>
Treasurer	<i>Not filled</i>
Secretary	<i>Tom Brossman</i>
Social Secretary	<i>Noel Le Fondre</i>
Editor of Publications	<i>Matthew Costard</i>
Archivist	<i>Not filled</i>
Press Officer	<i>Tony Pike</i>
Committee Members	<i>David Maindonald</i> <i>Chris Addy</i> <i>Robert Hall</i>

Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

Directors are required by the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. They are also responsible for safeguarding the company's assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non compliance with laws and regulations.

Activity

The principal activity of the company is a Not for Profit organisation which looks after the day to day running of the bunkers on the Island.

Results

The results are shown on page 4.

By order of the Board

Secretary

Registered Office

15 Nos Trais
La Mielle Clement
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St Brelade
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JE3 8FW

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Accountant's report to the directors on the unaudited financial statements

We report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and reporting accountants

As described on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements.

In order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, you have instructed us to compile the financial statements based on the accounting records maintained by the company and the information and explanations supplied.

Basis of engagement

We have a professional duty to compile financial statements which conform with generally accepted accounting principles. Our work as the compiler of the annual financial statements is not an audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards. Consequently our work does not provide assurances which would be available if an audit of the financial statements had been carried out and accordingly no such assurance or opinion is given by us, whether implied or expressed.

Report

We report that, in accordance with your instructions and in order to assist you to fulfil your responsibilities, We have compiled, without carrying out an audit, the financial statements from accounting records of the company and from the information and explanations supplied to us.

Holl Cameron & Co Limited

Accountants

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	6,130	5,406
Bunker Admissions and tours	6,071	10,630
Profit on sale of books and reviews	116	2,222
Donations	407	325
Interest	1	1
GST reclaim	-	479
	<u>12,725</u>	<u>19,063</u>
Expenditure		
Printing and stationary	3,528	750
Postage	1,435	512
La Societe Jeriaise Group subs	75	55
Insurance	2,654	2,548
Reviews purchased for members	-	1,983
Bunker expenditure	8,399	7,864
Archive store	2,223	2,223
Accountancy	546	525
Annual return	225	200
Professional fees	1,327	-
Wreaths	-	40
	<u>(20,412)</u>	<u>(17,299)</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	<u>(7,687)</u>	<u>1,764</u>
Balance brought forward	<u>28,776</u>	<u>27,012</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>21,089</u>	<u>28,776</u>

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Balance sheet
31 December 2020

	Notes	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		£	£
Current assets			
Stock		6,992	6,992
Debtors & prepayments	5	2,401	56
Bank - Current		5,201	15,213
Bank - Deposit		7,041	7,041
		<u>21,635</u>	<u>29,301</u>
Current liabilities			
	6		
Sundry creditors and accruals		546	525
		<u>546</u>	<u>525</u>
Net current assets		21,089	28,776
		<u>21,089</u>	<u>28,776</u>
Reserved Funds			
Opening Balance		28,776	27,012
Net Income / Expenditure		(7,687)	1,764
Total Funds		<u>21,089</u>	<u>28,776</u>

The financial statements were approved by a meeting of directors held on

Director

Director

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Notes to the financial statements

31 December 2020

1. General information

The company is incorporated in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 and it is a private company limited by shares with company number 105893. Its registered office 15 Nos Trais, La Mielle Clement, La Rue des Faunois, St Brelade, Jersey, JE3 8FW.

The principal activity of the company is a Not for Profit organisation which looks after the day to day running of the bunkers on the Island.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102 (1A)"), and the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991.

The company transitioned from previously extant UK GAAP to FRS 102 (1A) as at 1 January 2017.

The company's functional and presentation currency is GBP.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2.3 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

3. Taxation

Under Jersey's Zero Ten Income Tax rules the company is taxed at 0% based on the net operating profit (loss) for the year as adjusted for non-allowable expenses and capital allowances.

4. Stock

Stock is the books and reviews purchased by the Company for resale.

The books and reviews form part of the accounts, any purchases and sales are reflected in the stock figure, and therefore only the profit / loss is detailed in the Income and expenditure statement.

CHANNEL ISLANDS OCCUPATION SOCIETY (JERSEY) LIMITED

Notes to the financial statements (cont'd) 31 December 2020

5. Debtors & prepayments	2020	2019
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Prepayments	2,401	-
Debtors	-	56
	<u>2,401</u>	<u>56</u>
	<u>2,401</u>	<u>56</u>
6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Sundry creditors and accruals	546	525
	<u>546</u>	<u>525</u>
	<u>546</u>	<u>525</u>

7. Events during the reporting period

On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide.

The UK Government announced a lock-down on 24 March 2020 and this was followed in Jersey on the 30th March 2020.

We cannot reasonable estimate the length or severity of this pandemic, or the extent to which the disruption may materially impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flow in 2021 and beyond.