



Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

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

8th March 2017, 8pm, with 36 members present

Apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Pike and Robert Hall.

Chair

Secretary Tom Brossman offered to chair the meeting and welcomed all those present.

Minute of Silence

Vice-President Matthew Costard began the meeting with a few words about Jersey's leading Occupation expert and former Society President (William) Michael Ginns MBE, who sadly passed away on Thursday, 2nd February 2017, at the age of 89 years. Mr. Costard's remarks were followed by a minute of silence.

1. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Secretary provided a copy of the 2016 minutes to all members present and summarised the minutes from the 2016 Annual General meeting. They were adopted by a majority vote.

2. Matters arising

None

3. To approve the Secretary's Annual Report

The Secretary read out his report, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Damien Horn and seconded by Alex Fearn.

To approve the Archivist's Annual Report

Archivist Colin Isherwood read out his report which listed many donations of artefacts and enquiries from various parties.

Donations Included

- a) From Mr David & Jenny Norman: Collection of framed Occupation newspapers, One German helmet and the British ARP helmet.
- b) From Michelle Cudlipp: Identity cards, passes and paperwork relating to Michelle's grandparents.



- c) From Mr Trevor Le Fondre: Copies of the Evening Posts, Occupation gas mask and a carbide lamp.
- d) From Mrs Day: An aluminium milk creamer.
- e) From Rod Amy: Two 'Jerry cans', the Czech field telephone and the two sets of car light 'black-out' covers.
- f) From David Le Maistre: Photograph of German POWs in Green Street.

Colin reported that over the past year he assisted an author who is writing an Occupation based novel, and that he helped a student doing a dissertation on books about the Occupation written by UK authors.

Colin reminded those in attendance that they do not have to be on the Committee to help the Society, and that several Society members regularly help and assist with event planning. He gave special thanks to Neil Walker for regularly organising French trips and evening talks.

Lastly, Colin urged everyone who had a story or article they would like to publish on the website to send it to the Secretary, and he announced that his next Occupation talk is about former Bailiff of Jersey Alexander Coutanche, to be held at Jersey Library on Friday 5th May.

His report was considered and adopted on the proposition of Matthew Snepp and seconded by Gerry Knight.

4. To approve the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

Treasurer David Letto referred to the financial statements as distributed to the meeting. The Treasurer's full Report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

David reported that the Society had once again produced a surplus for the 2016 calendar year, but that profits were less than in previous years mostly due to fewer bunker openings last season and increased expenses.

David thanked the bunker teams for their record keeping of sales and admissions at Society managed fortifications, and especially thanked Social Secretary Noel Le Fondré for increasing sales of Society publications last year.

David also mentioned that a major review of our company insurance policy had been completed last year, and that coverage had been modified and increased in several areas of coverage, which meant higher insurance premiums had become necessary.

The Treasurer's Report and the adoption of the financial statements was taken on the proposal of Robert Le Sueur and seconded by Matthew Snepp.

5. To discuss (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 Secretary referred everyone to the list of 2017 Proposed Officers, and invited Robert Le Sueur to speak to the members about his decision to propose Colin Isherwood for the role of Society President, which Robert did at length and very convincingly (and with some humour which was well received).

The 2017 Officers and Committee Members are:

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Colin Isherwood	Robert Le Sueur	Damien Horn
Vice President (1)	Matthew Costard	Colin Isherwood	Anthony Chalker
Vice President (2)	Damien Horn	Tom Brossman	Colin Isherwood
Secretary	Tom Brossman	Jeremy Hamon	Damien Horn
Treasurer	Wendy Brée	Anthony Chalker	Matthew Costard
Editor of Publications	Paul Ronayne	Tom Brossman	Tony Pike
Archivist	Colin Isherwood	Matthew Costard	Tom Brossman
Social Secretary	Noel Le Fondré	John Pasturel	David Pittom
Press Officer	Tony Pike	Damien Horn	Tom Brossman
Committee Member	Anthony Chalker	Colin Isherwood	Damien Horn
Committee Member	Alexander Fearn	Graeme Delanoe	Tom Brossman
Committee Member	Malcolm Amy	Neil Walker	Matthew Snapp

The adoption of all positions above was passed by a majority vote.

7. Election of Auditors

The Secretary asked the 2016 Auditors, Morris Saunders and Graeme Delanoe, if they would stand again for 2017. They agreed and on the proposition of Damien Horn and seconded by Neil Walker, they were re-elected by a majority vote.

8. Any other business

Geoffrey Zimmer expressed his concern that Occupation artefacts could not always be recovered by the Society. President Colin Isherwood thanked Geoffrey for his vigilance and encouraged him to continue to help the Society by looking for opportunities to recover Occupation artefacts.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Tom Brossman, CIOS Jersey Company Secretary, 8th March 2017