



HMS Penelope Association

37th A.G.M

Held at Carleton Hotel Blackpool

Saturday 17th February 2024 at 10.00

In the chair, President Cdre. Paul Sutermeister DL RN

Minutes

The meeting was opened by our president Paul Sutermeister who welcomed our first time attendees.

Apologies read out

We stood in remembrance of those who had crossed the bar in the last 12 months.

Minutes of the 36th AGM approved

Secretary's reports – Secretary - The secretary reported that the reunion this year was attended by slightly fewer than the previous year but with some new faces attending. As this is also a new hotel and he has received some positive feedback from members. He has purchased a new Rum tub from funds which will be christened this evening along with the tot glasses engraved to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the cruiser. He also announced that he was standing down at the AGM this year.

Membership – The membership secretary in conjunction with the Secretary has been recruiting on the Facebook groups, and at every opportunity that has arisen over the previous 12 months. There have been approximately 25 new members join and 50 returning members. A reminder was given to all members to renew their subs and if possible to set up a standing order.

Last year due to the new treasurer not being set up with the bank the membership secretary paid all the donations on his behalf.

Treasurers report – The treasurer ran through the accounts which showed that our balance while healthy has reduced a little.

He has proposed that we increase the membership fee from £5 to £10.
This was put to the vote and agreed by those present.

Election of officers 2023/2024

President – Paul S to continue

Vice president – vacant (Lewie stood down)

Secretary – John Swaysland (Paul Harrison stood down)

Treasurer – Mark Pellow (re-elected)

Recruitment - Ann-Louise Robson (re-elected)

Reunion – Paul Harrison (re-elected)

Bank account minimum of 2 people as signatories but only 1 needed to sign cheques. Currently ALR & Mark Pellow are the only re-elected officers, all others to be removed.

Donations to charities

Sea Cadets - £200 and includes the fee for the organist

The Seafarers Charity (formerly KGFS) - £50

Sea Cadets (Harry Pugh award) - £310

Blind Veterans (formerly St Dunstan's) - £50

RNBT - £50

Highfurlong School - £100

Blackpool RNLI – As we have started paying for deceased members to have their name put on a lifeboat it was decided to no longer make a separate donation.

The 38th AGM will be held at 10am on 15th February 2025 at the Carleton Hotel.

The meeting closed at 10:30am