**HMS BULWARK ALBION & CENTAUR ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF AGM-BEACHES HOTEL-PRESTATYN 11/05/24**

**Present:**

Jerry Stanford – President

Jim Ure- Chairman

Steve Foster – Vice-Chairman

Denis Askham- Secretary

Harry Roddis - Membership Secretary

John Heppell - Treasurer

Dave Pinder - Committee Member

Alan Key – R08 Editor

Also present: 51 members in attendance. Meeting opened at 1035 hours.

1: Welcome: Chairman welcomed the committee, members & guests.

**The association standard was marched in by Neil Pearson.**

**2: Roll of members crossing the bar:** The membership secretary read out the names of members who had CTB since our last AGM. These were: John Ogston (1677) Lenny Dyer (2236)-Billy Bowman (2188)-Cdr Bob Hawkins (2705)-Courtney Randall (2022)-Terry Harris (2363 )-Jim Steel (14)-Eric East (2612)-Jim Rose (1451)-Maurice Wells (2010)-Les Kirkden (1498)-Mike Dunnington (692)-Colin Bryant (1204). Cherry Francis & Georgina Smith wives of current members.

**Minute silence followed.**

**3: Apologies for Absence**. Bob Styants (1533)-David Sheppard (2172)-Mary Easton (2272)-Mary Waite (1940)-xxxxxxx (xxxx)-Bob Preece (2142)-Alan Yeomans (1836)--Peter Francis (21xxxxx50)-Stan Stacey (2182)-David Cowan (2629)-Alan Collinge (2220)-John Swan (2410) Buck Taylor(2414)-Terry Griffin (2135)-Tiny Ashton (1102)-Whiskey Hague (2250)-Gerry Goldmith (2274)-Bungy Williams (508)- Gloria Williams (1229).

**4: Minutes of AGM 2023** True record. Proposed by Dave Pinder (927) & seconded by Brian Rayner (1290). There were no matters arising.

**5: Election:** Treasurer: No nominations received. John Heppell is elected as Treasurer. Proposed by Neil Pearson (1483) & seconded by Dolly Bathgate (2631).

**6: Reports:** **Chairman.** Jim reminded all with details of Remembrance Sunday. Alan Key has a proposal later. Photo of Tiny Ashton receiving a memento from Harry for past treasurer duties.

**Secretary:** Many members /guests are unable to attend due to age issues & ill health. Article in Navy News suggesting groups get together for annual reunions. King Charles responded kindly to my get-well letter. Constitution has two additions.

**Treasurer:** John said there was a smooth changeover from Tiny Ashton. Defaulters list. Donation to TS Centaur this year. Subs. & slops sorted after the meeting.

**Membership Secretary**: Harry read out the latest numbers. Currently 289 members, 20 associate members, 3 life members & 6 honorary members. Last AGM total was 325 members.

**Area Representatives:** Harry Roddis & Neil Pearson. Neil said he attended Armed Forces Day in Scarborough. Hoping to commence the Yorks. Mafia meetings in Rotherham soon.

**Alan Key** spoke about “Operation Christmas Box” & suggested a donation from the association to the Forces Charity. Chairman asked for a show of hands. £300 to be forwarded & reviewed next AGM. R08 more expensive with printing & postage costs.

**7: AGM/2025 Reunion:** Sec. said there had been no suggestions forwarded for 2025. No vacancies in the usual venues in May. Royal Maritime is best option, last weekend in April. Proposed by D Pinder (927). Seconded by B Rayner (1090).

**8: AOCB:**

**-** Sec. said Constitution Rule 21 has now two additional clauses.

- Sec. said Brian Rayner & John Swan made donations.

- Sea Cadets: Later we are welcoming 1st Lt. Dave White TS Centaur Dudley

- UK Veterans Card. Sec. has received his.

- Raffle tickets on sale.

**9: President’s Address:** Jerry said the way forward may be to join up with other shipmates with dwindling numbers. Both our ships now in Devonport. Highly likely they will stay in reserve. Thanks to the committee as ever. See you in Portsmouth next year.

**10: Closing Remarks:** Jim thanked everyone present & closed the meeting at 1155 hours.