minutes of the 2021 AGm by Tony Eastham

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 24th June 2021 at Carreg Bran Hotel, Llanfair PG. Meeting commenced at 10:05.

Welcome and Opening Address Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

In addition to welcome and opening address, the meeting was given an update on the condition of Debbie Parr after she was taken ill the previous day.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

Steve Spencer, Ian Young, Bill O’Leary, Adam Meacham, Debbie Parr, John Pudney, Martin Lynch, Richard Lawson, Malcolm Williams, Lt Col Jen Painting (CO JSMTC), WO1 Ashley Allen (RSM JSMTC)

**OBITUARIES** - Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

The Chairman with sadness, asked to record the names of Indefatigable Old Boys that had been notified to the Committee as having “crossed the bar” since the last AGM:

Stephen Othen – Apr 2020 – Captain RM, English teacher 1977

Ian Haughton – June 2020

Gerald Corrall (49-51) – July 2020

John Farrell (49-50) – Nov 2020

Darren Edward Grey (88-92) – Feb 2021

Rosie Simpson (Wife of Jack Simpson – Feb 2021

All present were asked to stand for a minute’s silence.

The Chairman also thanked the committee standard bearers for their commitment and dignity in carrying out their duty on such occasions.

2019 AGM MINUTES Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

There was no AGM in 2020. The Minutes of the previous AGM held at JSMTC Indefatigable on Saturday 8th June 2019 were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING** Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

The 2019 AGM Minutes were printed in the 2019 Newsletter with the following actions resulting:

Membership Card – These were produced and were included with the 2019 Newsletter to all contactable members.

Indefatigable Bell – The bell is now in its original position in the main corridor. Thank you to JSMTC for making this happen.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2021 Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

Access to JSMTC: The Chairman reminded members that JSMTC was an active Ministry of Defence establishment and ad hoc visits were discouraged due to security reasons. The Commanding Officer has agreed that access will only be granted at the reunion weekend

SEA CADET AWARD 2019/20: Finchley Sea Cadet Unit – ‘T.S. Tartar’. (See report by Vice Chairman). The 2020/21 award has been cancelled due to the impact of Covid19 restrictions on Sea Cadet activities. The award will resume for 2021/22.

John Clint Descendant: The association have been contacted by a living relative of Captain John Clint (Founder of the TS Indefatigable).

JSMTC Guests: Due to Covid19 restrictions, Jen Painting (CO JSMTC) and WO1 Ashley Allen (RSM JSMTC) would not be able to join us for Dinner. Instead we will be joined by Major Russ Reid (Senior Officer Training) and WO2 Daniel Meehan & his wife Amy.

**Presentation of Accounts** Tom Keyes 63/64 Treasurer & Membership Secretary

The Treasurer ran through FY 2019 and 2020 accounts as follows:

Starting Balance Jan 2018 = £17,532.65

Revenue FY 2019 £9,956

Expenditure FY 2019 £8,320

Balance in bank as @ 31st December 2019 = £19,168.40

Starting Balance Jan 2020 = £19,695.42

Revenue FY 2020 £2491

Expenditure FY 2020 £2152

Balance in bank as @ 31st December 2020 = £19,647.62

For further details please contact Tom directly.

**Membership Update**

259 Total Members @ 31st December 2020.

184 Paying members (68%)

52 Life Members (21%)

23 Honorary Members (10%)

28 Overseas Members 11% (out of UK)

6 Members joined last year.

**IOBA SHOP** Ian Parr 74/75 Merchandise

The memorial bench at the National Arboretum has been replaced with a new bench. The old bench has been moved to JSMTC and has been renovated. Memorial discs, for placement on the bench at JSMTC may be purchased by contacting ianparr1959@hotmail.com

IOBA NEWSLETTER Tony Eastham 75/76 Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter was not produced in 2020. This was a decision taken by the editor based on the following:

* There was no AGM and therefor no minutes for publication.
* The IOBA didn’t undertake any official activities so there was no news to publish.
* There were no articles received from the membership for publication.
* Many, if not all of the printers were furloughed making finding a printer extremely difficult.
* The health implications for the editor associated with printing and posting during lock-down.
* With the fundraising opportunity of the AGM cancelled it was thought prudent to, if possible, avoid the printing and postage costs (~£550).

Items for publication are desperately needed. Don’t worry about spelling or grammar; the editor will sort this out. And please keep any formatting to a minimum. **We need your articles**.

**NATIONAL SEA CADET AWARD, ARCHIVES & WEB SITE** Steve Humphries 75/76 Vice Chairman

**Sea Cadet Award 2019/20:** Finchley Sea Cadet Unit – ‘T.S. Tartar’ **.** It was with deep regret and disappointment that we had to cancel our attendance of the 14th SCC 'Indefatigable Award' for 2019 on Friday 22nd May 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We of course sent on our hand engraved glass plaque, plus award monies. We are very happy for the Unit to use the trophy in the future at maybe one of their gala events later in the year, once the pandemic is over.

The award for 2020/21 was cancelled by MSSC HQ due to covid restrictions, and will recommence with the 2021/22 award winner being announced in December 2021.

**Web Site:** [www.indeoba.com](http://www.indeoba.com/)is on-line 365 days year. Anyone with items for the web site ,please send them to Steve Humphries for approval and uploading.

**Facebook:**

[**https://www.facebook.com/groups/319157961925197**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/319157961925197)

A private group currently has 326 members (9th July 2021) and is the Official Facebook page for the Indefatigable Old Boys Association (IOBA). It has been designed to complement the IOBA Web site. The aim is to focus on the workings of the IOBA and its core values as stated in the Constitution.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

IOBA President & Committee terms:

No Date – President: Sir Michael Bibby.

2019 – 2022 Chairman: Andrew Butler 77/78.

2017 – 2021 Vice Chairman: Steve Humphries 75/76.

2017 – 2021 General Secretary: Richard Lawson 85/88.

2017 – 2021 Merchandise: Ian Parr 74/75.

2019 – 2022 Treasurer & Membership : Tom Keyes 63/64.

2019 – 2022 Newsletter Editor: Tony Eastham 75/76.

2019 – 2023 Newsletter Assistant Editor: Mark Palmer 1980-82.

No Date – Web Master: Owen Sutton 91/95.

No Date – The Robert Griffin Repersentive: Steve Humphries

No Date – Standard Bearer: Marc Hardman 1961.

No Date – Standard Bearer: John Aspinall 59/60.

Election of Committee

The following roles were open for election:

Vice Chairman nominations:

 Richard Lawson

 Martin Hunt

 Mark Palmer

Martin Hunt was elected following a vote.

General Secretary

Richard Lawson was re-elected unopposed.

Merchandise

Ian Parr was re-elected unopposed.

Archivist & Website (new role)

Steve Humphries was elected unopposed.

KEY EVENTS Andrew Butler 77/78 Chairman

Due to the pandemic, key events will be published via IOBA official media sites - please keep watching the IOBA web site and Official IOBA on Facebook.

Merchant Navy Memorial Day 3rd September 2021. We are awaiting confirmation of the service in Liverpool which may be Sunday 5th September

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IOBA Southern Branch

Martin Lynch 74/76 requested approval for affiliation of the new Southern IOBA Branch. Approval was granted, with the request that the group avoid using terms that may suggest a split or a rival to the IOBA.

The meeting closed at 11:12.