



## **1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 3 April 2014**

- 1.1 The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 April at The Garden House, 160 Hagley Road, Birmingham is as follows: Meeting commenced with a minutes silence in memory of Doctor Llewellyn Lloyd.
- 1.2 Martin Harrison, our President conducted the meeting - 20 members plus 1 visitor present with apologies being received from Mick Atkinson, Malcolm Brown, Roy Painter, Paul Roberts, Val Taylor and Geoff Taylor.
- 1.3 Martin Harrison announced he had recruited a new member Ken Weston from S/Avon. Reminding members those items for insertion, including members wants and a brief resume of items shown at meetings should be handed to him for inclusion in the members section of the BMS website.
- 1.4 Martin gave a short report on BMS activity over the past 12 months, thanking the members for their continued support- acceptance of his report being proposed Chris Burn, seconded Reg Cook and agreed by all present.
- 1.5 The Secretary circulated the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 4 April, 2013 together with the Annual Report and spoke to them briefly. The acceptance of the Minutes and Annual Report was proposed Roger Bragger, seconded Martin Harrison.
- 1.6 The Secretary confirmed the Committee would be meeting on 12 May to finalise the programme for 2014/15
- 1.7 Copies of the Treasurer's report were then passed round. The financial position at the 30 December 2013 was £2,001 compared with £1,742 for the previous year. Acceptance of the report was proposed John Scott, seconded Paul Murray and agreed by all present. The President thanked the Treasurer for a very comprehensive report.
  - 1.7.1 No increase in subs was proposed – the subs remain at £24, £30 for family members and £15 for out of town members.
  - 1.7.2 Charge for Coffee is £20 per meeting – members and visitors pay £1 per cup.
- 1.8 Elections – The Secretary confirmed no nominations had been received. Mick Atkinson had resigned from Committee leaving a vacancy. Terry Harrison agreed to fill the vacancy being proposed Dave Seeney, seconded Dahlia Harrison and agreed by all present. The President announced June Done had agreed to be our Patron
  - 1.8.1 Martin Harrison proposed the other Officers and Committee be re-elected, seconded by Paul Murray and duly agreed by all present
- 1.9. Any Other Business – BMS 50th Anniversary Dinner – maximum 35 people at Garden House – Friday 6 June 2014, followed by BMS Convention at Knowle on 7 June.

## 2. Annual Report 2014-15

- 2.1 Attendances throughout the year have remained fairly consistent, although down on that of the previous year averaging 15 compared with 17. On the plus side visitor numbers are certainly on the increase compared with hardly any visitors some 18 months ago.
- 2.2 The majority of those unable to attend meetings usually give their apologies in advance for their non-attendance. However not everybody actually signs the attendance register – please do so, for in the event of fire you may be overlooked should you have not signed the register.
- 2.3 Your Committee will meet on 8 April to finalise the 2015/16 programme. Our thanks are recorded to Martin Harrison for printing the 2014/15 programme on such favourable terms.
- 2.4 Each of us will have our own views as to what appealed to us in our varied programme last year:
- April 2014 - Annual General Meeting and Recent Acquisitions.
  - May 2014 - The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revisited – Martin Harrison.
  - June 2014 - The Portland Hospital in the Boer War – Paul Murray.
  - 7 June 2014 - Mini Convention at RBL Knowle, with evening meal on 6<sup>th</sup>
  - July 2014 - Major E.CadburyDFC & WW1 Aviation – Paul Handford.
  - August 2014 - 1914 Opening Moves, mini lecturettes and displays – Dahlia Harrison to introduce.
  - September 2014 - Drummond Lecture RAF in Iraq1915-16 – Air Cdre Graham Pitchfork.
  - October 2014 - Introductory Evening for new members and medal collectors- Fakes and Forgeries Forum - Dave Seeney to introduce.
  - November 2014 – Members Own and Recent Acquisitions
  - December, 2014 - Christmas Social – Bring and Buy
  - January 2015 - No meeting planned.
  - February 2015 - The Ashanti War Part 3 – Christopher Hill
  - March 2015 - Researching Medals on the Internet – Dave Seeney to introduce.
- Our grateful thanks is recorded to those of our members who volunteered to give such excellent well researched PowerPoint presentations during 2014/15.
- 2.5 Our monthly Meetings are advertised in Medal News, the British Medals Forum and the BMS website. [www.birminghammedalsociety.weebly.com](http://www.birminghammedalsociety.weebly.com)
- 2.6 The BMS remains a separately constituted organisation and whilst many of us are also members of the OMRS – some choose not to be. For many years now the BMS has continued to forge good links with the Northern and Cotswold Branches of OMRS. The BMS continues to be well represented at the *Weekend of Medals* at Banbury in November each year.
- 2.7 The BMS does not operate a research service. Enquirers are provided with sufficient information to enable them to contact the appropriate Museum or Archive direct.
- 2.8 The success of a Society is judged by the continuing interest and support it generates as well as the willingness of its members to contribute, imparting and sharing knowledge in the process. We are fortunate in this respect for there are many serious collectors and researchers in the BMS.
- 2.9 Our thanks are recorded to all who made 2014/15 an enjoyable year. Those who have joined us in the year, thank you, you're continued attendance indicates you likewise enjoy the opportunity to meet new friends and learn more.
- 2.10 Finally we should pause to remember those who are no longer with us. The BMS was well represented at Mick Brown's and Paul Faber's funerals earlier this year.

This concludes the Secretary's Report.

Philip Wilson, 1 April 2015