

BMS Minutes for 4.08.2022:

1. **Welcome to all:** by President Paul Handford.

Paul gave a special thanks to Chris Davies for a *very* comprehensive report of last month's meeting of reunites. It was not an easy task due to the number of presentations but again, a big thank you to Chris

Paul also asked the question as to why we don't display the BMS shield on the front table and did anyone know of its whereabouts? The matter is in hand to find it ***[Secretary's note: I have it!]***.

2. **Apologies:** 11 apologies received and 6 non-attendances.
3. **Statistics:** 15 attended and three guests. It was pre-arranged that there would be no zoom facility at tonight's meeting due to some sensitive issues within the presentation, by Phil McDermott, but who stated certain angles of photographs of the main items were allowed for the meeting's presentation notes.
4. **New members:** Rhys Fitter submitted his membership form and fee, and his father, Chris Fitter, is arranging via Chris Davies to pay his membership fee for a family membership for them both. Doug Vaugh is arranging via Chris Davies to become a member. Rhys was formally welcomed to the society by Paul and the two new members will be formally welcomed by Paul Handford at September's meeting.
5. **Research questions:** There were none, however Paul stated that in the last committee meeting that Paul had asked John Scott (albeit Danny Rees is now the librarian) how many times and how recently had anyone asked for a book from the BMS library, was it being used, the last request turned out to be some while ago. Paul stated that however, he and Su, were at a recent WFA presentation, when a member approached Paul and said "*someone said you're bound the know the answer to this "It was in reference to forfeited medals, to which Paul answered "Well I know a man who will"*"
Paul emailed John Scott who kindly found out the required information and printed off and sent by post to Paul, some 15 pages containing the relevant answers to the subject. Paul thanked John for his efforts and said it shows that the library is needed as this information would not have been readily available to find on the internet.
6. **Functions and meetings:** Paul mentioned the BMS Mini convention [4.6.2023] and stated he would mention it at every meeting, to gain support and for members to consider displaying at the convention.

7. **Committee points:** Paul stated that at previous committee meetings, the subject of the society's Patron had arisen. Since then, our current Patron June Done had died 28th June, 2022. June and her husband Peter had been founder members of the BMS. The Committee had already contemplated member, sponsor and owner of Worcester Medal Service Phil McDermott as our next Patron.

Paul said that Phil had been approached to become our patron and he had accepted. Paul informed the members of the appointment. Phil's membership of the Society started around 1972/3. At that time, he just collected any medals he could get from family or junk shops etc. When he applied to join the BMS, he was sent a form which asked his interests. At the time Phil didn't appreciate this was concerning medal collecting interests so he put down 'fishing' and 'swimming' !!!!

Paul asked if any of those forms would be filed anywhere, but the members thought not!

Phil attended meetings at June and Peter's house which then moved to TS Dolphin and subsequently the department of Metallurgy, at King Edwards School.

Phil had dropped out for a few years due to business and work commitments. Dave Seeney kept mentioning it to him to re-join which he later did.

Paul officially welcomed and appointed Phil as Patron of Birmingham Medal Society.

Paul stated that version four of the constitution had been prepared for approval and would inform the members when finalised.

8. **Tonight's meeting:** Paul again informed the members that there would be no 'ZOOM' of tonight's presentation due to some confidential issues and that Phil had given permission for certain angled photographs to be taken for the members' meeting notes.
9. **BMS meeting:** is Mick Atkinson's talk 'Vive l'Empereur' where Mick will speak of his French awards and Napoléon.

Su Handford typed 7.8.2022. [A photo of our new Patron will follow later in the year].