

Minutes of Birmingham Medal Society meeting 6th of October 2022.

1. Welcome: by President Paul Handford.
2. Apologies: received 8.
3. Statistics: Members present 20 and 3 ZOOMers.
4. No new members.
5. Research questions: none.
6. Committee points: Mr. President summarised current progress – He highlighted the outstanding issues of BMS banking arrangements and the topic of 'ZOOM'. The latter is still quite a large item that requiring consideration by an IT/ZOOM knowledgeable BMS subcommittee. Some of these were discussed briefly for example recording of use of and access to recorded meetings.
BMS miniconvention 4th of June 2022. As you know, we have already booked Knowle Royal British Legion for this event. However, it appears likely that the coronation of King Charles III could take place on the 3rd of June 2022. Your committee is anticipating that the mini-convention date may not suit the membership nor the Royal British Legion and may have to change. We will keep you fully informed.
7. Forthcoming events of interest to membership: Two flyers have been circulated recently for events on 29th October, 2022. The first concerned is to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of El-Alamein with an exhibition by the Royal regiment of Fusiliers/Warwickshire Yeomanry/Queen's Royal Hussars which is to take place at the Court House, Warwick 1-4pm. Add details. On the same day, Mick Atkinson is giving his talk 'The Brave Cuirassier/Dashing Hussar' talk [about Major Chipault] in a ZOOM meeting for the Friends of the Fusilier Museum at 14.00 hours.
8. Tonight's meeting is a members' own and recent acquisitions. Usual permissions were obtained to photograph medals/exhibits as well as use of members' PowerPoint slides. Mr. President thanked the secretary for his comprehensive meeting notes of 1.9.22 and reflected on what had been another excellent meeting ['Vive L'Empereur' by Mick Atkinson]. Mick also expressed appreciation to Mrs Francine Davies [Secretary's Mom aged 97 years and from central France] for her help with some translation and interpretation of French text. She also knew much about General Bertrand as he was from her hometown of Châteauroux, Indre – There is a statue of him there in Place Sainte-Hélène!!
9. Date of next meeting 3rd of November, 2022. This is the Drummond lecture entitled 'Two Doctors and Four VCs' by Peter Starling [Former Director of the Museum of Military Medicine].

Typed Chris Davies BMS Secretary. 8th October, 2022.