

Type 21 Club Committee Meeting
RBL Crownhill
8th October 1000 – Minutes

1) Present:

Sir Rob Woodard (President), Fez Parker, Mike Townson, Alan Joyce, Peter Mosse, Peter Godwin, Paul Gower, Gareth Thomas, David Woollard, Morgan Phillips

Apologies:

Cliff Cowling, Ivan Cullum, Richie Gough, Charlie Peace

2) Chairman's Update (Morgan):

Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed the committee that his main update will concern the logo and will update during the meeting.

3) Treasurer (David Woollard):

Club Funds at start of accounting year 1 st January 2016		5243.44
Main Costs to date		
Administration	185.00	
Wreaths and Bereavement Donations	<u>225.00</u>	
	410.00	
Anticipated net income from 2016 Reunion		900.00

We started 2016 with a healthy bank balance and the indications are that our expenditure to date will be more than covered by the net income from this year's reunion.

I am again much indebted this year to assistance given me by Dan Doxsey who has managed all the collection and detailed accounting of reunion payments.

Sadly, we lost Roger 'Bagsy' Baker earlier this year so I am looking for someone to audit this year's accounts.

We have not made any further donations this year from the Charity Chest, which stands at £3,000. We have received donations of £30.

Our financial policy remains to maintain at least £2,000 in our main bank account with the balance being available for charitable causes.

Barclays Bank Balance at 7th Oct 2016 7476.17 (not finalised)

Charity Subcommittee – Peter Godwin informed everyone that the Jutland Memorial and Jutland Wood are looking for sponsors. With the connection to Jutland by Ambuscade, Active and Ardent (Lost during battle), it was decided that this could be something to look at, particularly with regards to Jutland Wood where you can sponsor an Oak or the trees around it.

Adm Woodard reminded the committee that we must not go looking for things to spend money on, but we should remember that it would be wiser to ensure we are in a position of anyone should need our help such as our own membership.

4) Membership Update (Peter Godwin):

Total Membership	1,628
Amazon	275
Antelope	122
Active	296
Ambuscade	273
Arrow	307

Alacrity	308
Ardent	62
Avenger	277
Unknown 21s	24*

Obviously, a number of members served in more than 1 ship

* These are members who have registered but have not stated which 21 they served in

This is an ongoing task and further refinement of ship data alongside the continual check for duplicates is a regular housekeeping task.

The membership shows a steady increase on the previous year

The situation with regards to those who are not technology minded (i.e. do not have email and/or internet) was discussed, and it was decided that we need to do a block advert to get the membership to help us find those not on the net, so we can gain their addresses, this way we could keep them up to date via snail mail.

5) Publicity (Paul Gower):

A massive thank you goes out to Gareth for his support at events and for his hospitality with an overnight stay and a rum the night Wales qualified for the euros, also to Jan Cullum and his wife for putting me up for the poppy bike and my son and I for RNAS Culdrose air show as I had no help. I must also thank Bill Farish, Bob Etteridge, Jeff Taylor, David Davies and Ben Gunn for their assistance at various events, if they had not been there I would not have been able to attend.

March

26th RAF St Mawgan Poppy bike show and Family fun day. Such a shame the event was washed out.

April

2nd Devonport Naval Heritage museum. A normal day at the museum, more awareness to the general public.

May

19th, 20th & 21st Devon County show. 19th this was the first time we attended this event, despite the weather we got, yes sea lashings and all, we were the only RN organisation there as the RN do not see it a viable event to recruit, so I was surrounded by the Army and RAF, this is a free event supplied by the organisers for the forces community. It is three very long days. In agreement with Richie Gough I managed to find a sky pilot and we carried out a short service in remembrance of HMS Ardent.

30th May Devonport Naval Heritage Museum

June

4th HMS Collingwood, was better organised this year, we got a lot of information out to members of the public and serving members. However, the ship banter carries on, I was approached and asked if we had a spare table"? to which my answer was who needed it, " well the type 42's were late accepted into the event" anyway Gareth went and spied on them, they were selling type 42 items from the back of a car, hence anyone who asked for the 42's we sent them over to the car boot sale.

10th,11th,12 Torbay Air show, a new event for us, we had interest but we were separated away from the legion, SSAFA, If the council run this event next year I will be asking to be situated in a different place.

18th 19th AFD Weymouth, Gareth and I did this event for the first time, stayed in a guest house of a former 21er. The organisation for this event was not the best, the events spread along certain parts of the sea front.

25th 26th AFD Plymouth, the event this year was held over two days, despite the weather on the Sunday it was well attend by members and public alike

July

2nd FAA Yeovil, I had help from Gareth at this event, the visitor numbers were up on the stand, Gareth even got to meet the brother of his skipper on the Active.

24th Devonport Naval Heritage Museum.

28th RNAS Culdrose, this was the first time we attended this event and unfortunately due to the weather conditions the air displays were cancelled I managed to get a slot on BRBS radio, which one was sent global and the other one was uk, still had interest, will try this again.

August

13th & 14th RAF Harrowbeer Jan Cullum turned up with one of his bikes which proved an attraction, I had help from Bob Etteridge on both days. I also had memorabilia from Bernie Steed and Steve Earp Ex HMS Ardent who now Run the Royal Oak at Meavy on Dartmoor. Again this was well attended by the dockies,

October

23rd Devonport Naval Heritage Museum. A very windy day but with good attendance for the centre, I was also thanked for our support again for organising the trip during the reunion.

6) Merchandising & New Logo (Morgan Phillips):

We were in the process of setting up a Web Site to sell Type 21 Merchandise.

As part of our due diligence, we checked with the MOD whether there were any copyright issues.

As it transpires, there are and anyone who sells anything with Naval Insignia on it, need to obtain a license from the MOD. As part of this, the MOD informed us that they had looked at the Type 21 Web Site and seen our logo.

Whilst they had no problem with the main part of the logo, they stated that the surround and the Naval Crown were under copyright and we should not be using them.

We asked the MOD if we could get permission to use the surround and the Naval Crown and the MOD said that we would have to get permission from the Lord Chamberlains Office.

We asked Sir Rob Woodard our President if he would represent us with the Lord Chamberlains Office, which he very kindly did, however, when he spoke to the Lord Chamberlains Office, they could not find reference to the ownership of the surround and Naval Crown. They assumed that it belonged directly to Her Majesty, but this was not clear.

At this point the MOD discovered that the surround and the Naval Crown are directly owned by the Admiralty and put us in touch with the Admiralty Librarian.

The Admiralty Librarian informed us that the surround and Naval Crown were owned by the Admiralty and that they would not give us permission to use them as they are reserved for operational and previously operational ships and shore bases.

The Admiralty Librarian assisted us in creating a surround that was acceptable to the Admiralty and the new surround and overall logo, has now been registered with the Admiralty and the MOD.

We are due to receive a license from the MOD shortly to allow us to sell items with Naval insignia on it and this will be via a web site at: www.thenavalstores.co.uk

Thanks,

Mogs

7) Reunion – Run through order of events for the evening, lessons learned/observations/suggestions (Morgan):

Cliff Cowling asked the question about the need to re-look at the food situation at St Levans Inn. It was agreed that this would be looked on regularly on a year by year basis. Tweaks were made to the reunion to ensure that necessary speeches, photographs and a minute's silence was observed.

8) Senior Officers Attending (Peter Mosse):

Sir Rob Woodard

Sir Ian Garnett

Steve McKay

David Durston

Chris Pile
Tony Morrow

9) Welfare (Gareth Thomas):

There are no major Welfare cases to report about, however, since the 2015 Reunion, it is with a heavy heart that I report the following have crossed the bar.

Horsman Phil 'George'
Taylor Buck 'Fingers'
Baker Babsy
Bouckley Andy
Woodley Mike
Arnold Brian
D'Albert John
Rowlands David
Coley Mark
Curling Alan
Kerr Sean 'Taff'
Winser Carl 'Tiny'

These would not be read out at the AGM, but at the main reunion with a minutes silence. I was able to send a condolences card to the next of kin of most of those named. Unfortunately, not all have received one due being unable to establish NOK addresses. We have also sent out a few cards to members wishing them or their loved ones a speedy recovery.

10) Remembrance Day (Cliff Cowling):

Wreath laying is all in order, with all 6 areas covered, including Portsmouth. It was agreed that Cliff would send Gareth information of addresses so a card can be sent to each of those placing the wreaths, or as a simpler and cheaper alternative to sending cards what do others think about publishing the wreath laying details on the website under a new Remembrance page and then publicly thanking the wreath layers each year? This could also be the place for a note about a possible Cenotaph platoon in the future.

11) Ladies Night (Paul Gower):

Paul Gower quickly explained that this was at the request of members at the last AGM. Paul Gower has been looking into this, but it turns out that finding venues is causing an issue. It was decided that the question would be put to the AGM that he needs numbers, and a venue that could possibly host accommodation also.

12) Rules on Charitable donations (Morgan):

After the £500 donated to TS Ambuscade (Surrey branch), it was decided that in future a subcommittee would come together to decide on any donations to charities. There is a budget of £2000, for the subcommittee to decide upon.

The Committee would be made up of the following: Morgan, David, Gareth, Cliff, Mike. Gareth needs to draft a simple terms of reference for the subcommittee to be approved by the committee.

It was also decided to ask ship reps to possibly forge links with the TS Groups.

13) AOB (All):

Steve Parker thanked the committee for all the well wishes, flowers and card given to his wife, and he informed everyone his wife is getting on well.

David Woollard reminded the committee to send him an email with a statement of purchase of stamps/stationery etc. will suffice...

NMA memorial bench has been pressure washed and oiled.

14) Date of next Committee meeting: (*Post Meeting*) 22nd April 2017, Premier Inn, Avon Room, Cribbs Causeway

15) Date of next reunion: Saturday 14^h October 2017

Signed – Morgan Phillips, T21 Club Chairman

Signed – Gareth Thomas, T21 Club Assoc. Secretary