

42nd Entry Telegs Association

Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Thursday 27 April 2017 10:00 hrs

Blackwell Grange Hotel Darlington

1 Present:

John Lewis (Chairman), John Sadler, (Treasurer), Sally Lewis, Doris Sadler, Trevor Wilce, (Committee Member), Anne Wilce, Dave Sutton (Committee Member), Lesley Sutton, Tom Parkes, Colleen Warnock-Parkes, Keith Stone, Jenny Stone, Sylvia Hand, Dave Hand, John Leighton, Rita Leighton, Roger Greenwood, Trish Greenwood, Dave Goldstraw, John Manson, Sue Barrett.

2 Apologies for absence

Ivan Truscott, Nev de Sousa, Roy Westland, (Veronica Clare and Jenny Pascoe attended the weekend). John Lewis gave members a brief update on Nev, Ivan and Janice who have been suffering with health issues. All are in good spirits and responding to treatments well.

3 Approval of minutes 2017 AGM

It was agreed that the minutes of the 2016 AGM were an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Trevor Wilce, Seconded by Dave Sutton.

4 Matters Arising

John Sadler raised the issue of payment of subscriptions for members who do not always attend the Reunions. Whilst it is difficult to enforce this policy it is known that some members who wish to support the Association do pay their subscriptions without attending the Reunion function; therefore the Association looks forward to all members contributing to the Association via the £5 per member year subscription.

It was agreed that the format for the weekend would continue as previous Reunions.

5. Report on the Weekend

With 23 members (boys and girls!) attending this year, this showed a strong commitment to the continuing viability of the Association. It was our 22nd

Reunion and 55 years since our graduation from Cosford. John Leighton commented that we were very fortunate to have these Reunions as many entries have no such event. All members attending the Reunion agreed that the weekend had been very enjoyable. The hotel was a very attractive place to spend a few days and the staff were very helpful and did everything to ensure our stay was an enjoyable experience. The food both on the informal Tuesday evening and on the Gala Evening was excellent. The meals were served in a timely manner and our private dining room for the Gala Dinner was just the right size to provide the balance between available space and still provide an intimate atmosphere. The Gala evening started with a group picture taken on a rather magnificent staircase in the main part of the hotel. John Lewis took the picture from the gallery above the stairs but had nine seconds to get himself into the picture by running down the stairs. Some of the members with other cameras were hoping for an action picture of John heading down the stairs head first! Fortunately for John this did not happen. For the Gala dinner, Jenny and Keith did a great job of dressing the tables and Jenny provided a handmade 'Notelet' wallet for each of the ladies. John Lewis introduced the evening thanking everyone for attending and proposing a toast to absent friends. The 'Tom Parkes' quiz focused on pop music and various bands/artists and the song titles had to be identified. Trish Greenwood was the worthy winner and was presented with the now traditional 'book ends'. Keith provided us with an entertaining presentation reviewing all the previous Reunions showing everyone in the most embarrassing pose possible. All good fun. The raffle was held and £160 was raised to be split between Prostate Cancer UK and HELP for HEROES. Trevor Wilce auctioned a HELP for HEROES 10 year 'Teddy' which raised £35.

The AGM meeting was held on the following morning and as agreed at the 2016 AGM the ladies were in attendance as members in their own right. This had the effect of keeping the men awake during the meeting which has been evident in previous years! Dave Sutton described in detail the extra facilities they enjoyed after having been upgraded to 'The Cottage', due to water 'leakage' in their room – this did tempt some members to question if there really was water flowing in their allocated room! Admittedly the water system did produce strange noises. A vote of thanks to Jenny was proposed by Sylvia Hand on behalf of all the ladies. John Manson asked Keith why he hadn't provided anything for the boys! John Lewis thanked Keith and Jenny for organising the Reunion this year and Jenny was presented with flowers as a token of our appreciation.

6 Treasurers Report

John Sadler advised the meeting that the funds available to members after hotel deposits were taken out of the income was £196.88. John advised the meeting that the funds were held in a 'dormant' account held in his name as this provided the most flexible way of managing the account. Dave Sutton raised the question of how the funds might be distributed in the event of the Association closing down. Colleen Warnock-Parkes suggested that the funds would be split between our two supported charities (Prostate Cancer UK and HELP for HEROES). This was agreed by all with the proviso that the members could alter the charity at the time if this was felt appropriate. John

Lewis thanked John Sadler for his extensive contribution in managing our funds and obtaining £0.49 in interest.

7 Election of Officers

John Sadler proposed that John Lewis be elected as Chairman for a further year. This was seconded by Keith Stone and agreed by all. John Sadler agreed to be Treasurer for the coming year. This was proposed by Dave Sutton and seconded by Trish and Roger Greenwood. All agreed. The position of Secretary was discussed and Sally Lewis was unanimously selected as Secretary. Trevor Wilce and Dave Sutton agreed to act as committee members in order that a 'quorum' would exist to discuss any issues that might arise outside the Reunion weekend which had to be dealt with on behalf of members.

8 Plan for 2018 Reunion

As the Reunion had been held in the North this year it was proposed that the 2018 Reunion be held in the Midlands. This was agreed by all. John Lewis suggested that Shrewsbury might be a good location and had a hotel in mind. This was the Mercure Albrighton Hall Hotel. Please note this is NOT at Albrighton village near Cosford! Dave and Sylvia Hand supported the suggestion as they knew the hotel. It was agreed that Dave, John & Sally would visit the hotel and confirm the arrangements. Subject to this visit it was agreed that the 2018 reunion would be held at the Albrighton Hall Hotel on the 24-26 April 2018. (<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6629-mercure-shrewsbury-albrighton-hall-hotel-and-spa/index.shtml>)

9 AOB

Tom Parkes asked if any further information was available regarding Mitch Wastie. Unfortunately no further information was available as Mitch's death was only known about some time after the event as a result of an email circulated to members regarding this year's Reunion.

The meeting closed at 10.34