

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE LIVERPOOL BRANCH ON
JANUARY 27th 2007

The delegates were welcomed to conference by the Area Chairman, S/m J Dixon. Having thanked the host branch for their hospitality, he commenced the proceedings at 1400 calling first for the customary one minute's silence to remember the following shipmates who had crossed the bar since our last meeting.

S/m Frank Berry former Chairman **Atherton** branch. Alan Ette Founder member and former Secretary **Kendal**. S/m A Grocott (**St. Helens**). S/m Joe Lynch GC (**Wallasey**). S/ms J Madden and J Parish **Wythenshawe**.

Apologies had been received from the S/m F Atkinson (NCM), and the Ellesmere Port Macclesfield Preston & Whitehaven branches.

The previously circulated minutes of the Annual general meeting held at the Runcorn branch on January 28th 2006 were taken as read. Proposed by; S/m C. Baker (Blackpool) and Seconded by S/m T O'Reilly (North Manchester).

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2005

01/07 The Treasurer, S/m A Brocking After itemising the various transactions throughout the year, gave the current balances in the various bank and savings accounts, the Treasurer reported that the Area's finances remain in a healthy position.

He referred the delegates to his previously circulated report for the year ending December 31st 2006. In the past year the Area had incurred a balance of expenditure over income of £696.03 compared to a surplus of £1,708.54 in 2005. Several reasons were advanced as to why a loss was recorded in the Area finances, but the main loss of income was due to the lower numbers attending last years reunion and the higher fees paid to the artistes. Better interest returns on our National Savings accounts this year, and the recovery of the block deposits made by the Area committee on behalf of those members staying at the Trecarn hotel in Babbacombe for National conference, should cancel out any losses.

He concluded his report by thanking the Auditors of the accounts, S/m John Kelly (Hazel Grove) and S/m T Cope (Trafford) for their thorough and professional manner in conducting the audit

There were no matters arising from the Treasurers report (Copies available on request from the Treasurer or Area Secretary)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

02/07 The Secretary reported that the following members of the Area committee having served the requisite term of two years were obliged under Association bye law A4. To retire or seek re-election if they so wished.

They are, The Area vice Chairman, S/rn Mrs Barbara Jones (Runcorn branch) the Area Secretary S/rn Charles Hutton (Trafford branch). And the Area PRO, which is a currently held by S/m Steve Caulfield of the Pendleton branch.

Also, two members of the Area committee namely; S/ms Roy Dickinson (North Manchester) and Fred Dobie (Wrexham) had to retire, or seek re-election. All the above mentioned, indicated their willingness to stand again for nomination.

Following last years summer conference, the usual nomination forms for the election of 50% of the Officers and Area committee members was sent to all branches within this Area, requesting a return date not later than October 14th last year.

On the closing date for nominations, I received back 21 completed forms.

In the case of the Area Vice Chairman, Secretary and PRO, I can report that S/ms Mrs Barbara Jones, Charles Hutton and Stephen Caulfield have been re-elected unopposed.

Of the two members of the Area committee who sought nomination, namely S/ms Roy Dickinson and Fred Dobie; they also have been returned unopposed, and will serve a further term of two years.

Following the death of S/m Bill Webb (Liverpool Branch) a vacant position was created on the Area committee. To date, no nominations have been received, and the position remains vacant.

A delegate raised a point regarding the vacant position on the Area committee. He wished to know if anyone could be nominated at this meeting to fill the vacant post. The Chairman said nomination forms for the election of shipmates had been sent to the branches in August last year, but if any Full member at this meeting wished to be nominated and had a Proposer and Seconder, this would be allowed. [No one forthcoming]

S/m Kelly (Hazel Grove) made the point that the Area committee could co-opt a shipmate to fill the vacant position until the next AGM if they so wished. The Secretary agreed that was so.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS AND SCRUTINEERS FOR 2007

03/07 Volunteers were sought to join the list of shipmates who are willing to act as Area Auditors for the coming year, or next. S/m Kibble of the Salford branch volunteered his services as an Auditor. Further volunteers are welcome. Names please to the Area Secretary: or Treasurer as soon as possible.

This concluded the business of the Annual General meeting.