

**HMS BULWARK ALBION & CENTAUR ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF AGM-ROYAL MARITIME HOTEL-PORTSMOUTH  
26/04/25**

**Present:**

Jerry Stanford – President  
Jim Ure- Chairman  
Steve Foster – Vice-Chairman  
Denis Askham- Secretary  
Harry Roddis - Membership Secretary  
John Heppell - Treasurer  
Dave Pinder - Committee Member  
Alan Key – R08 Editor

Also present: 31 members in attendance. Meeting opened at 1035 hours.

**1: Welcome:** Chairman welcomed the committee, members & guests.

**The association standard was marched in by Neil Pearson.**

**2: Roll of members crossing the bar:** The membership secretary read out the names of members who had CTB since our last AGM. These were: Surg. Lt. Martin Berger (2452)-Cdr. Lionel Scovell (1715)-John Smith BEM (2101)-Tony McHale (1275)- Peter Pike (2620)-Anthony Hooper (2529)-Denis Woodhams (2647)-Brian Rayner (1090)-Roy Cross (2014)-Peter Fox (2240)-William Pickworth (2200).

**Minute silence followed.**

**3: Apologies for Absence.** Bob Styants (1533)-David Sheppard (2172)-Mary Easton (2272)-Mary Waite (1940)-Bob Preece (2142)-Alan Yeomans (1836)--Peter Francis (2150)-Stan Stacey (2182)-David Cowan (2629)-Alan Collinge (2220)-John Swan (2410) Buck Taylor(2414)-Terry Griffin (2135)-Tiny Ashton (1102)-Whiskey Hague (2250)-Gerry Goldmith (2274)-Gloria Williams (1229).

**4: Minutes of AGM 2024** True record. Proposed by Dave Pinder (927) & seconded by Derek Law (2112). There were no matters arising.

**5: Election:** Secretary: No nominations received. Denis Askham is elected as Treasurer. Proposed by Neil Pearson (1483) & seconded by Dolly Bathgate (2631).

**6: Reports: Chairman.** Jim reminded all with details of Remembrance Sunday.  
**Secretary:** Article in Navy News suggesting groups get together for annual reunions. Some members present attend Breakfast Clubs. Cdr. Douglas Parish is 100 in August

**Treasurer:** John produced the financial statement; He then proposed members wishing to nominate a charity for a donation should inform a committee

member before our meeting on the Friday. No nominations at the AGM. Also, a maximum limit of £50, subject to review. In favour 45, against 3. Motion carried. TS Albion receive our donation tonight.

**Membership Secretary:** Harry read out the latest numbers. Currently 289 members, 20 associate members, 3 life members & 6 honorary members. Last AGM total was 325 members.

**Area Representatives:** Harry Roddis & Neil Pearson. Neil attended funeral of Brian Rayner in Herts. Plus Armed Forces Day. Hoping to commence the Yorks. Mafia meetings in Rotherham soon.

**7: AGM/2026 Reunion:** Sec. said there had been no suggestions. Sec. has earmarked The Roker Hotel in Sunderland. Proposed by D Pinder (927). Seconded by Derek Law (2112).

**8: AOCB:**

- Sec. said the Pop Pickers are the entertainment tonight.
- Sec. Treasurer has received donations.
- Sea Cadets: Later we are welcoming TS Abion officers.
- UK Veterans Card. Sec. has received his.
- Raffle tickets on sale.

**9: President's Address:** Jerry said roadworks en route here are ridiculous. Sale of former ships was poor business for relatively good ships. Thanks to the committee as ever. See you in Sunderland next year although the distance may be a challenge.

**10: Closing Remarks:** Jim thanked everyone present & closed the meeting at 1155