



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
C S FORESTER SOCIETY

Portsmouth, 25 September 2010

In attendance: -

Blogg, Colin (President)
Heuse, Ludwig (Chairman)
Reijenga, Jetse (Secretary)
Brewer, Lawrence (Treasurer)
Abbenhuis, Erik
Beadle, Don
de Vos, Marlieke
Forester, John
Roberts, John & Odile
Scholten, Dirk

Apologies were received from: -

Bergen, Ray
Forbes, Sue
George Forester
Hills, Bill
Hooker, Andy
von Mengersen, Claudia
Meyer, Tony and Pauline
Pat Millard
Menzies, Angus
Moss, Jill
Murphy, Kevin
Napier, Ken & Sue
Norman, John
Royal, Harry
Sergeant, Andrew
Service, John Mck
Smith, Bob
Svensson, Kai
Taylor, Adrian

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special greeting to John Forester who had travelled from California to be with us. He thanked John and Odile Roberts for helping organise the day. It was noted that we now have 134 members, and much regretted that there were so many apologies.

1 The minutes of the meeting dated 8 August 2009 having been circulated in advance, were approved.

2 The Chairman reported that over the last 12 months the financial position had been consolidated enabling the Society to resume its progress. 3 issues of Reflections had been

circulated during the year. The website was regularly updated. The AGM would be followed by a general meeting featuring a live cannon firing at Fort Nelson, followed by presentations on various CSF-related topics, discussions and dinner.

3 The Secretary circulated a paper detailing the production of Reflections, of which a new issue was now in preparation.

He amplified membership statistics. He explained how website visitors were using the site and reported on its regular updating.

Jetse spoke warmly of the completion of Forester's 'Hornblower and the Crisis' by Bob Smith, which may be purchased via the Society website.

He commented that C S Forester's Keeler Avenue home was up for sale.

4 The Treasurer reported that funds in the Oxford and Sheffield bank accounts had been consolidated in a new Society account. He circulated a statement of the company's income and expenditure for the 12 months ending 1 July 2010, which were approved. It was noted that the printing and circulation of Reflections 15 had been a significant expense justified however by its demonstration of the Society's rejuvenation.

It was agreed that no membership fee should be levied, but that the cost for receiving a year's Reflections as a printed copy should be £20 for the period between two AGMs. On this basis less than 20 copies would be circulated. A question was raised as to whether a copy should be sent to the British Library (Treasurer to investigate).

It was agreed that events and meetings should be self-funding but that the Treasurer should levy 10% more than the cost of the event, and make this a contribution to society funds.

5 There having been due nominations and secondary proposals for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that: -

Ludwig Heuse be Chairman
Jetse Reijenga be Secretary and
Lawrie Brewer be Treasurer

It was further agreed that Sue Napier would act as Membership Secretary. Jetse would continue to serve as Editor and Webmaster.

6 The draft of a new Constitution had been circulated in advance, and was unanimously approved and adopted thenceforth.

7 Much discussion took place about the book-of-the-year system which was agreed to be continued.

8 Proposals for the venue of the next meeting included London at the Old Admiralty; Winchelsea; and 'Chateau de Gracay' near Nevers in France. Chairman to investigate further.