



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

**London, 11 September 2011**

In attendance:

Blogg, Colin (Honorary Life President)  
Heuse, Ludwig (Chairman)  
Reijenga, Jetse (Secretary & Editor)  
Brewer, Lawrence (Treasurer)  
Abbenhuis, Erik  
de Vos, Marlieke  
Forester, John  
Jarborg, Pontus  
Menzies, Angus  
Roberts, John  
Scholten, Dirk

1. The Chairman welcomed members. He thanks Cdre Angus Menzies for his kind provision of facilities for our meeting, and for his tour and welcome on board HQS Wellington.
  2. The minutes of the September 2011 AGM had been circulated in advance and were approved. The Chairman noted that there had been many members' apologies from those unable to attend the AGM, the most distinguished being Boris Johnson's.
  3. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for the production of 3 issues of Reflections during the year, and for his maintenance of the website, of which the layout has been modernized and which is hosted now under <http://csforester.eu>.
- Ludwig briefed members in regard to the now-accomplished demise of the 2003 Society website.
4. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work.
  5. The Treasurer briefly reported that with no membership fees and a pattern of decline in uptake of printed Reflections, the Society's funds were being depleted by an annual £300. The balance stood per 30. June 2011 at GBP 394. He reported that we only have 14 current Reflections-payers, and submitted that so small a print-run was unrealistic in the 21st century.

6. The Secretary proposed that we cease printing/ mailing Reflections, effect refunds as required and become a "money-less" Society. Events such as the AGM would continue on a cash self-funding basis. There was general consent to this proposal.

After refunds due will have been made, the Society PayPal and Bank Accounts will be closed and the residual monies will be used up for next years AGM.

7. The Chairman discussed possibilities for the next "Book of the Year". He observed that C S Forester's work may be sectioned into maritime (Hornblower and non-Hornblower), biography, and crime and other civilian themes; and suggested that for 2011/12 the Society choose as the theme "The Civil Cecil" dedicated to one or more of his crime stories. There was much discussion and a number of members proposed we alternate Hornblower/non-Hornblower years. "The Ship" and "Bush" (as a character in many Hornblower books) were also mentioned.
8. A discussion took place with regard to the location of the 2012 AGM. The membership Secretary had offered a base near her home in SW France not far from the Gironde; the Treasurer suggested Chateau de Gracay. Date and place to be decided.
9. It was agreed that Officers would conduct an e-mail ballot on the selection of book-of-the-year and 2012 AGM location.
10. John Roberts took the Chair to propose that the present Officers continue in post, which proposal was unanimously approved.
11. John Forester reported that he and his brother owned 2/3rds of the publication rights for his father's works published before his death, and planned to publish the entire CSF cannon in eBook format at <http://enetpress.com/>, so far for American residents only but with plans to extend.
12. Member Pontus Jarborg gave a presentation of the foundation and activities of the Swedish Horatio Hornblower Society and its planned trip to England in the autumn of 2012.
13. The President Colin Blogg let it be known how much he welcomed the continuation of our vibrant Society and its international character, and supported the principle for a money-less structure.
14. The Chairman closed the official meeting.

The Society Meeting proceeded to further presentations prepared by our members and related lively discussions amongst all the participants.