

AREA AGM AT RUNCORN BRANCH

JANUARY 28th 2006

SUMMARY

The Annual General Meeting was this year hosted by the Runcorn branch with 26 branches represented. Conference commenced promptly at 1400 with the delegates being welcomed by the Runcorn branch President S/m J Duckworth who wished everyone present a successful meeting.

The customary one minute's silence was observed for those shipmates who had 'crossed the bar' since the autumn conference in October 2005. Especially remembered, was Shipmate Harry Blythe Area Vice President and former Chairman of the Area for over 20 years. Shipmate Tom Chapman former Secretary of the Leyland branch for a number of years and well known throughout the area will also be sadly missed. The Presidents of Pendleton and St Helen's branches were also remembered.

No matters arose from the previous AGM held on January 29th 2005 at the Atherton branch.

S/m A Brocking then rose to give the Annual Finance report for the period ending December 31st 2005. S/m Brocking said the past year had been a satisfactory one for the Area. In that period we had enjoyed a balance of income over expenditure of £1,708. 54 compared to a loss in 2004 of £645.74.

After itemising the various transactions throughout the year, he 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 concluded his report by thanking the Auditors of the accounts, S/m Mrs Joan Webber (Ellesmere Port) and S/m John Kelly (Hazel Grove) 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)

There were no matters arising from the Treasurers report. The Chairman having thanked the Treasurer for his concise report proceeded to the next item on the agenda, the annual election of Officers and committee members for 2006.

The Annual Election of Officers and Area Committee members was announced by the Area Secretary who reported as follows; Shipmates, 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 13 last year.

On the closing date for nominations, I received back 10 completed forms. That's about par for the course from our 58 branches

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 Chairman, S/rn John Dixon (Salford branch) the Area Treasurer S/rn Alan Brocking of the Trafford branch. And the Area Welfare Advisor, which is a currently vacant post.

Also, three members of the Area committee namely S/ms John Pickering, (Runcorn) S/rn Peter Wilkie Atherton Branch, and S/m Bill Webb (Liverpool).

In the case of the Area Chairman and Treasurer, I can report both S/ms John Dixon and Alan Brocking have been re-elected unopposed. I received one nomination for the position of Area Welfare Advisor for S/m Jan Thomas of the Bolton branch. There being no other nominations, S/m Jan Thomas will assume the position of Area Welfare Advisor.

Of the three members of the Area committee who sought nomination, namely S/ms John Pickering, Peter Wilkie, and Bill Webb, all have been returned unopposed, and will serve a further term of two years.

There was a further person on the Area committee who was due to retire and /or seek re-nomination to the Area Committee. However, S/m Ron Fielding of the Salford Branch was appointed by the Area committee to act as Deputy National Council member on a temporary basis, following S/m Fred Atkinson's recent illness and hospitalisation. This will lapse when nominations are sought from the branches for a National Council Member in June for a further term of two years.

That concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting

