

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Wargame Developments
held on 14th July 2024 at Missenden Abbey.**

1. A representative of Missenden Abbey's kitchen was thanked and given an ovation.
2. The Chair and Conference Organiser (Tim Gow) reported that:
 - a. The WD Governing Committee consists of the Chair and Conference Organiser (Tim Gow), the Nugget Editor (Matthew Hartley), the Membership Secretary and Treasurer (Bob Cordery) and the following co-opted members: John Armatys, Stephen Aguilar-Millan, John Bassett, David Burden, John Curry; Michael D'Alessandro, Alex Kleanthous and Judith Rawle.
 - b. COW was a group effort, session presenters and all attendees were thanked for their contributions to a bloody good weekend.
 - c. Judith Rawle was given an ovation in recognition of her work liaising with Missenden.
2. The Treasurer and Membership Secretary (Bob Cordery) had not been able to get to COW. Stephen Aguilar-Millan distributed copies of the interim accounts and Bob's report and explained:
 - the figures were provisional and would be adjusted to reflect Missenden's final bill
 - there would be a surplus for the year of circa £3,000.
 - The accumulated surplus now stood at just over the cost of WD's annual activities.
 - WD needed a surplus to allow for unpredictable printing and distribution costs and to be able to pay a substantial deposit for the COW venue if this was necessary in the future.

Membership stood at 102, of which 27 were e-members, including four complimentary memberships.

It was noted that the Governing Committee had decided that the WD membership fees for the year 2024/25 would remain at:

Full Membership (UK and BFPO): £30.00

Full Membership (rest of the World): £40.00

e-Membership: £20.00.

3. The Editor of "The NUGGET" (Matthew Hartley) reported that nine issues had been produced on time, and noted that he replied on contributors and on Bob Cordery for printing and distribution. He was short of onside and offside reports for COW 2023 and attendees were asked to let him have their reports as soon as possible.
4. The Editor of the Colour Supplement (Russell King) was not at COW, and wished to step down from the role. The committee would welcome volunteers to replace him.
5. Reports by the Display Team Organisers
 - a. Display Team North - John Armatys reported that Martin Rapier's "World War One in Three Turns" had appeared at the Other Partizan in October 2023, and that Martin and Tim's new game "Five Minute Battle of the Bulge" had made its debut at Partizan in May 2024. Tim Gow, Martin, Diego Ruiz-Hernandez and

James Langham were thanked for helping to run the stands. There were not enough volunteers to book a stand at The Other Partizan in October, but it was hoped to be able to put on a game at Partizan in May 2025. Graham Evans offered to allow WD to have a few feet of the Northamptonshire Battlefield Trust stand so that we had a presence at the show.

- b. Display Team South - Chris Ager reported that he put on a game at an event which went nicely, but that no-one was converted.
 - c. Display Team South - John Curry reported that he had talked about WD at international conferences and that his PhD students represented WD. He thought that WD might need an academic lead and that this was a matter for discussion by the committee.
6. The following amendments to the constitution were approved unanimously:
Clause 11 amended to read:
1. Amendments to the Constitution can be made by the Committee.
 2. Any such amendment:
 - a. Must be notified in the next available Nugget.
 - b. Expires at the end of the next AGM unless approved by a vote of the members.

New clause 12 added - "Any resolution to wind up the group shall require the support of two thirds of the members voting at a General Meeting. If the group is wound up any remaining funds, or if any funds fall to be returned to members generally in any other way, such funds, shall be donated to The Royal British Legion. No member shall be entitled to any share of the remaining group assets."

7. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed:
Chairman and Conference Organiser: Tim Gow
Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Bob Cordery
Assistant Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Stephen Aguilar-Millan
Editor of "The NUGGET": Mathew Hartley
Colour Supplement Editor: Chris Ager
Co-ordinator, WD Display Team North: John Armatys
Co-ordinator, WD Display Team South: Chris Ager
Co-ordinator, WD Display Team West: John Curry.

8. Any other business

- a. John Salt noted that Nugget Passwords were no longer available on the website. It was explained that this was deliberate, to encourage non-members who wanted to read back issues to join (at a mere £20.00). In response to questions from the floor the chairman indicated that it was not thought to be appropriate to offer discounted subscription rates to new members or to the unwaged.
- b. John Bassett reminded members that the AVG was on 19th October and that details were in The Nugget.
- c. Jonathan Crowe announced that he was planning to hold a French Calf.
- d. Tim Gow announced that there would be a Sheffield Calf in March 2025.
- e. Risto Tammela presented John Curry and an attendee who was almost selected at random with bottles of Finnish schnapps.
- f. A vote of thanks to the committee was passed by acclamation.