

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2000

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held Thursday 16 November 2000 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 2015hrs.

Present

John Bowra	Mike Crick	Darren Crispin	Terry Gibson	Peter Green
Chris Hannington	Rob Hellszajn	Jon Walden	Ray Waller	

Apologies for Absence

Bob Cinnamon	John Cliff	James Effingham	Hugh Fisher	Brian Fuller
Brian Fletcher	Lionel Frerk	David Groom	Bob Langley	Ray Pett
Paul Sherman	David Sizer	Gary Tucker	Martin West	Henry Wirth

Minutes of the 1999 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 17 November 1999 were read and approved as true and accurate.

Proposed by	-	Darren Crispin
Seconded by	-	Peter Green

Matters Arising

It was reported that Rudolph Risius had passed away. The Chairman is to write to his widow to express the condolences of the Association.

Chairman's Report

In previous years I have been able to report that "your committee have met at regular intervals throughout the year to progress the routine issues relating to the running of the Association". In the past year I regret to say that the committee have only met once, on the 10th February this year. This is not a state of affairs about which I am very happy. I do not believe that a committee such as this can function successfully and promote its members interests by only meeting once a year.

However, this year's annual dinner was a great success due to the hard work of our new Dinner Secretary, Terry Gibson. This was Terry's first year in the hot seat recently vacated by David Groom and a number of members were concerned to see if Terry could match the high standard set by his predecessor. I am pleased to report that all our fears were groundless and on April 14th a total of 40 members, guests and Unit Cadet NCO's sat down to a first class meal followed by speeches by the Headmaster Paul O'Shea, the OF President, Nigel Lambert and our own Rob Hellszajn.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation of a specially commissioned glass plaque to David Groom for his sterling work as dinner secretary for the last quarter of a century.

The Association continues to support the Friends of Christ's College with our annual donation of £25 and were pleased to purchase a wreath from the British Legion to be laid by the Unit at the Annual Remembrance Service in the school hall last Sunday.

I regret that I have to report the death of Rudolph Risius in the summer of this year.

To end I would like to thank the committee for their support during the year including Ray Waller, who manages to combine the duties of both secretary and membership secretary.

Treasurers Report

The 1999-2000 financial year was reported.

The Honorary Treasurer showed accounts for the current year, which showed a balance of £619.06 as at 31/3/2000. Subscription paid in May 2000 amounted to £292.00

The treasurer indicated that the Associations assets valued at cost to be £1024.90.

The motion to accept the accounts proposed by	-	Peter Green
Seconded by	-	Ray Waller

Election of President & Vice Presidents

President - P W Green

Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
Seconded by	-	Jon Walden

The following Vice-Presidents were proposed and elected en masse: -

Arthur Banham	Brian Fletcher	Brian Fuller	Peter Goss
Paul O'Shea	Martin Priestley	David Sizer	Gary Tucker
Jon Walden			

Proposed by	-	Terry Gibson
Seconded by	-	Rob Helszajn

The Chairman will make contact with them all to confirm their willingness to continue their role.

Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman	-	Mike Crick	Proposed by	-	Jon Walden
			Seconded by	-	Peter Green
Vice Chairman	-	Brian Fuller	Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
			Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson

Honorary Secretary -	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	Peter Green
		Seconded by	-	Rob Helszajn
Membership Secretary -	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	Peter Green
		Seconded by	-	Rob Helszajn
Honorary Treasurer -	Rob Helszajn	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
		Seconded by	-	Jon Walden
Dinner Secretary -	Terry Gibson	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
		Seconded by	-	Chris Hannington
Magazine Secretary -	Darren Crispin	Proposed by	-	Peter Green
		Seconded by	-	Rob Helszajn

Appointment of Stockdale Trust, OF & Unit Representative

Old Finchleians	-	John Bowra
Stockdale Trust	-	John Bowra
Unit Representative	-	to be confirmed by Commanding Officer

Any Other Business

Lt Col Jon Walden once again thanked the Association and its officers for their continued support of the Unit.

The past year has not been easy, having changed the parade night from Fridays to Tuesdays. It was trailed but apparently didn't work so the Unit has reverted back to Friday, and the Unit lost some potentially good Cadets.

The Unit now has to pay for the use of the school on the Friday. MOD will not assist with the rental payment and the Unit has to find £25 per Friday evening.

The Unit is still suffering from the lack of junior officers although it is difficult across the whole of London District.

The Cadet movement still has strong Parliamentary support and the future looks good.

A sincere invitation was extended to any member of the CRA to visit the Unit whilst at weekend or Annual Camps.

Dates for the coming year: -

8/2/01	Committee Meeting
23/3/01	OF Annual Dinner
20/4/01	Annual Dinner
14/6/01	Committee Meeting
13/9/01	Committee Meeting
15/11/01	AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2145hrs.