

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2002

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held Thursday 14th November 2002 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 20:15hrs.

Present

John Bowra	Dilip Chauhan	Mike Crick	Brian Fuller	Terry Gibson
Peter Green	Ray Waller			

Apologies for Absence

John Cliff	Anthony de Reuck	Hugh Fisher	David Groom	Peter Johnson
Don Merritt	Ray Pett	Martin Russell	David Sizer	Jimmy Stout
Gary Tucker	Jon Walden	Martin West	Henry Wirth	

Minutes of the 2001 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 15 November 2001 were read and approved as true and accurate.

Proposed by	-	Brian Fuller
Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson

Matters Arising

It was noted that a member has suggested that the Honorary Auditor should not be a CRA member, the duty being carried out by a non-member of the Association. It was agreed to defer discussion on the matter until the next committee meeting.

Brian Fuller was actively pursuing the matter of the engraving of the Unit trophies.

Chairman's Report

Your committee met at regular intervals throughout the year to progress the routine issues relating to the running of the Association. Our two notable events were, as usual, the Annual Dinner and the fiftieth anniversary of the presentation of colours to the cadet unit which was remembered both at the dinner and later in the year on 6th October, exactly 50 years on from the original presentation.

Members and guests enjoyed this year's annual dinner due, once again, to the hard work of our Dinner Secretary, Terry Gibson. The dinner was held later this year, on the 24th May and 33 diners were present (the highest number since 1992) for an excellent meal followed by entertaining speeches from Paul O'Shea, Mick Wiffen, OF President and Dr John Gearson. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Colours they were featured at the dinner accompanied by the reading of excerpts from reports of the event and from Binyon's "For the Fallen" which was read at the original ceremony. My thanks, as always, to Terry for all his hard work (the dinner made a modest profit of £8.26), to Town Caterers who have been feeding us for many years now and finally to Geoff Owen who manages the Clubhouse and bar so well.

Brian Fuller organised a special event to commemorate the anniversary on 6th October. As the results of his efforts to gain publicity, including an advert in 'Saga', members, families and 'Old Boys' from the period turned up from all over the country, together with a number of present-day cadets. The Stockdale Trust provided a display of photos and memorabilia supported by photos from private collections of members. My thanks to Pat Crick, Peggy Fuller and Terry Gibson who provided food for all and, of course, to Brian, without whose work the event would never have taken place at all.

I am pleased to be able to report that we have welcomed three new members Bob Collins, John Langley and Alan Dorricott, the latter two having been in the Unit when the colours were first presented. My thanks to John Langley for loaning a magnificent collection of photos of the 50's that were featured at the anniversary display.

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

I am delighted to report that our President, Peter Green finally had his heart bypass op recently and is already well on the way back to full health. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him the very best.

To end this report for the year 2001/2002, I would like to thank all the committee for their support during the year.

Treasurers Report

The 2001-2002 financial year was reported.

The Honorary Treasurer showed accounts for the current year, which showed a balance of £719.05 as at 31/3/2002. Subscription paid in 2002 amounted to £277.00 and it was noted that there were still a few members still paying the sum of £2

The treasurer indicated that the Associations assets had not been re-valued and would continue to show in the accounts as £1024.90.

The motion to accept the accounts proposed by	-	Brian Fuller
Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson

Election of President & Vice Presidents

President - P W Green

Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson

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	-	Ray Waller
Seconded by	-	John Millen

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	-	Brian Fuller
			Seconded by	-	Peter Green

Vice Chairman	-	Brian Fuller	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
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		Seconded by	-	Dilip Chauhan
Honorary Secretary -	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	John Bowra
		Seconded by	-	Mike Crick
Membership Secretary -	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	John Bowra
		Seconded by	-	Mike Crick
Honorary Treasurer -	Mike Crick	Proposed by	-	Peter Green
		Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson
Honorary Auditor -	John Cliff	Proposed By	-	Peter Green
		Seconded By	-	Brian Fuller
Dinner Secretary -	Terry Gibson	Proposed by	-	John Millen
		Seconded by	-	John Bowra
Magazine Secretary-	Brian Fuller	Proposed by	-	Peter Green
		Seconded by	-	Ray Waller

Appointment of Stockdale Trust, OF & Unit Representative

Old Finchleians	-	John Bowra
Stockdale Trust	-	John Bowra
Unit Representative	-	WO2 Aaron Smith

By a unanimous vote Dilip Chauhan & John Millen were co-opted onto the Committee.

Any Other Business

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Darren Crispin for his sterling efforts as Magazine Secretary and fully understands his wish to resign his post due to changing personal circumstances.

Dates for the coming year: -

6/2/03	Committee Meeting
15/3/03	CCF Review
21/3/03	OF Annual Dinner
4/5/03	OF Cheese & Wine Party
9/5/03	Annual Dinner
12/6/03	Committee Meeting
11/9/03	Committee Meeting
5/10/03	Members Social & Re-Union
9/11/03	Remembrance Sunday
13/11/03	AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:50hrs.