

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Thursday 17th November 2005 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 20:15hrs.

Present

Peter Green Mike Crick Brian Fuller John Bowra Terry Gibson

Apologies for Absence

Jon Walden, Ray Waller, John Cliff, Dilip Chauhan, Martin West, Brian Wisbey, Colin Chandler, David Floyd, Bob Langley, Bill Hintze, Henry Wirth (from Australia!), David Groom, John Millen, Michael Hay, Bruce Mercer, David Sizer, Gary Tucker.

Minutes of the 2004 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 18 November 2004 were read and approved as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Ref: Any Other Business: The grant of £200 towards the cost of the container to house the Stockdale Trust at the School had been paid. The Unit had not needed any contribution to the HAC Dinner.

Chairman's Report

This year your committee has met only twice following the experiment last year and a recommendation at last year's AGM. Furthermore the committee is probably comprised of the smallest number of members since the formation of the Association, most members holding two or more roles. Nevertheless, the few have still managed to achieve a good deal this year.

Terry Gibson, dinner secretary and web master has worked hard in both his areas of expertise to produce, firstly, an excellent dinner in May with appearances on the top table by Headmaster Gary Tucker, OF President Ian Bone and a hugely interesting illustrated talk by Olaf Dudley who recounted some of his experiences in Operation Telic.

Since Town Caterers, who had provided dinners for the Association for many years, were no longer available, Terry was forced to seek out a new caterer whose food turned out to be excellent and priced at a reasonable level. We look forward to using the same firm next year.

Having said that, the dinner was attended by 36 diners and, unfortunately, suffered a loss of £148.58 due to a combination of circumstances. I would urge all members to try and attend next year's dinner, especially if they haven't been for a while as it is a wonderful opportunity to meet with old friends and socialise with current senior cadets.

Under Terry's guidance the website continues to grow and flourish with members not only being kept up to date with Association activities but also able to see reports and photos of recent events.

Brian Fuller, currently Association Vice-President, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Magazine Secretary and Unit 2 I/C has been working diligently in all his roles, not the least being his responsibility for Ricochet. After much cajoling of members and cadets he has gathered enough articles and photos for us to be able to produce a bumper Centenary edition of the magazine which has been distributed to all members and cadets as well as other interested parties.

I would like to congratulate John Bowra who works tirelessly for the Association, the Unit and, of course, the OF Club, on his selection as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the School.

This year saw the award of MBE to Association Vice-President and Commanding Officer Jon Walden, an award richly deserved for the effort put in to fight for the needs of cadet units at a central level as well as for our own unit.

Congratulations also to Billy Hintze on being asked to take on the role of OF Vice-President this year which will lead to the Presidency in 2006.

Treasurers Report

The 2004-2005 financial year was reported.

The cost of the Centenary issue of Ricochet had been particularly high (£500 + £60 postage) but it was felt to be acceptable as a 'one off' with the significant number of colour photographs. However it had taken a large proportion of the year's income and left a balance of only some £195. There was also some discussion about the Annual Dinner subsidy which, this year, had also been high at £148. It was agreed that the committee be asked to carry out a review of membership, subscriptions and the membership of the Cadet Regimental Cadre.

Although still not audited it was proposed and approved that the Accounts be accepted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for managing what had been a busy financial year.

Election of President & Vice Presidents

President - P W Green Proposed by Terry Gibson Seconded by Mike Crick

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	O F President

Proposed by - John Bowra Seconded by - Peter Green

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 - John Bowra
Vice Chairman -	Brian Fuller	Proposed by - Peter Green	Seconded by - Terry Gibson
Honorary Secretary -	Brian Fuller	Proposed by - Terry Gibson	Seconded by - John Bowra
Membership Secretary -	Dilip Chauhan	Proposed by - Terry Gibson	Seconded by - John Bowra
Honorary Treasurer -	Mike Crick	Proposed by - Terry Gibson	Seconded by - John Bowra
Honorary Auditor -	t.b.c.	Proposed by - Terry Gibson	Seconded by - John Bowra
Dinner Secretary -	Terry Gibson	Proposed by - Mike Crick	Seconded by - John Bowra
Magazine Secretary -	Brian Fuller	Proposed by - Terry Gibson	Seconded by - John Bowra

Appointment of Stockdale Trust, OF & Unit Representative

Old Finchleians	-	John Bowra
Stockdale Trust	-	John Bowra
Unit Representative	-	to be appointed by C O

Any Other Business

Proposed and accepted that the usual donation of £25 be sent to the Parents & Friends of CCF.

Proposed and accepted that the Annual Dinner be on the Friday of half-term, 2 June 2006.

Honorary Members: The names of Jim Mooney, in his 21st year as Admin Officer, and Peter Bowra, a long-standing supporter of the Unit, were put forward and approved for Honorary Membership.

A letter had been received regarding the Hereford Trophy and it was agreed that this should be referred to the Unit.

Committee Dates for the coming year: - 12 January, 11 May, 5 October. AGM: 16 November.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman at 21:40hrs.