

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2008

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Thursday 13th November 2008 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 20:05hrs.

Present

Mike Crick (chair), Brian Fuller, John Bowra, Terry Gibson, Billy Hintze (OF President), Nigel Davies, John Cliff, Chris Hannington, Martin Russell.

Apologies for Absence

Arthur Banham, Colin Chandler, Bob Cinnamon, Jeremy Cohn (from Israel), Andrew Dearing, Robin Doughty, Olaf Dudley, Hugh Fisher, Brian Fletcher, David Floyd, David Fuller (hon.), David Groom, Tom Harrison, Michael Hay, Brian Henslow, Mike Isaacs, David Jablonka, David Jeremy, Peter Johnson, Nick Joyce, Bob Langley, John Lee, Glen Martin, Don Merritt, John Millen, Ray Pett, Paul Sherman (from Canada), David Sizer, David Storey, Richard Tucker (France), Gary Tucker, Jon Walden, Ray Waller, Martin West, Brian Wisbey, Henry Wirth (from Australia).

Minutes of the 2007 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 15th November 2007 were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

The matter raised about Rule 4(e) referring to "gentlemen" had been referred to the Committee who had noted it but had decided that there was no necessity to take action at present.

Chairman's Report

Your Committee has met three times during the last year to discuss and progress the business of the Association. This year is best summed up as one of consolidation as our year has been fairly quiet. Our web site continues to develop with our Webmaster Terry Gibson uploading new content. One of the newest features is that the CRA now has its own "Blog". Currently, Terry seems to be the only blogger but it is hoped that soon other members will take advantage of the technology to upload their own stories, news and experience.

Our annual dinner was held on 30th May this year, a date that was agreed following discussion with a number of our members at last year's AGM. Our speakers were Gary Tucker, who, as always provided us with an interesting account of school life today whilst the OF President Steve Goldsmith, who is the School's archivist gave a fascinating speech on school life in the past and some of Christ's College's famous pupils. The speeches concluded with Peter Johnson giving a very thought-provoking and interesting speech, a copy of which he kindly gave to the Association so that it can be read by all on the website.

Thanks to efforts by Brian Fuller, the Association has become a friend of the National Army Museum in Chelsea and as such is able to offer discounts to Association members who visit the Museum. In addition to static displays and talks on military events of both today and yesteryear, the museum offers periodic historical tours. Your chairman was able to spend an interesting morning in the City of London on a walk around some of the monuments and churches where war victims and heroes throughout the ages are remembered from beheadings at the Tower of London to heroic naval captains of the Second World War.

A small sub-committee has met this year to support our Hon Treasurer in resolving some of the issues surrounding anomalies in our membership and subscriptions paid. My thanks to Nick Joyce who now has the matter well in hand and has worked hard to bring in subscriptions that will keep our Association buoyant and enable it to support the Cadet Unit.

Your chairman has also been honoured this year to be elected as President of the Old Finchleians' Club. This has allowed me to gain an insight into the workings of some of the other Club sections as well as the issues and problems associated with the running of a club such as the OFs'. I look forward to presiding at the Club's dinner in March as well as our own Association's dinner in May next year.

Hon Treasurers Report

Unfortunately the Treasurer was absent due to family illness but his report for the 2007-2008 financial year indicated a balance at bank of some £1300. Outstanding payments were due for the annual contribution to the Friends of CCF and the Wreaths for Remembrance Day and there had been a deficit on the Annual Dinner. However, the new subscription rate was beginning to bear fruit and restore the accounts to a more healthy position especially as an issue of Ricochet was anticipated soon. Some over-payments due to duplication of Standing Orders had been repaid. The handover of Bank signatories had, at last, been effected.

It was proposed and accepted that the accounts be approved, subject to audit.

Election of President & Vice Presidents

President – Brian Fuller Proposed by - Chris Hannington Seconded by - Terry Gibson.

The following Vice-Presidents were proposed by Brian Fuller, seconded by Nigel Davies and elected en masse: -

Arthur Banham	Brian Fletcher	Peter Goss	Paul O'Shea	The OF President
Martin Priestley	David Sizer	Gary Tucker	Jon Walden	Brian Fuller (Life)

Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman	Mick Crick	Proposed	Brian Fuller	Seconded by	Nigel Davies
Vice-Chairman	Brian Fuller		Mick Crick		John Bowra
Hon Secretary	Brian Fuller		Chris Hannington		John Bowra
Hon Treasurer	Nick Joyce		Brian Fuller		John Cliff
Hon Social Sec	Terry Gibson		Brian Fuller		Billy Hintze
Hon Mag Sec	Mick Crick		Martin Russell		John Bowra
Hon Membership Sec	Terry Gibson		Nigel Davies		Chris Hannington
C'ttee Members	Billy Hintze		Mick Crick		Brian Fuller
	Peter Martin (to be invited).				

Appointment of Hon Auditor: Martin Russell agreed and was appointed.

Appointment of Old Finchleian and Stockdale Trust Representatives

Old Finchleians' Club:	John Bowra	Proposed by	Mick Crick	Seconded by	Brian Fuller
Stockdale Trust:	John Bowra		Mick Crick		Brian Fuller

Co-option of the Unit Liaison Officer

Awaiting confirmation by Commanding Officer but Peter Martin be invited to act.

Any Other Business

- 1) In view of the Treasurer's exceptional circumstances, The Committee was asked to review the Association's Accounts with a view to audit.
- 2) It was proposed and approved that a donation £25 be made to The Parents & Friends of CCF.
- 3) It was reported that the Chairman had recently presented a replacement "Eastman Trophy" to the Unit for The Contingent Shot. MJC was thanked for his generosity.
- 4) It was reported that the up-dating of the engraving of Unit Trophies was nearing completion.
- 5) School War Memorials – The Chairman was thanked for his initiative in researching the names on the two School War Memorials which had lead to poppies being placed on 8 graves in the local area plus two in Gallipoli and two in Cornwall.

Dates for the coming year: -Thursdays: 22 January 2009, 7 May, 24 September, AGM 12 November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115 hrs.