

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Thursday 18th November 2010 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 20:10hrs.

Present

Mike Crick (chair), Brian Fuller, Terry Gibson, John Bowra, Billy Hintze, Steve Harding, David Fuller(hon).

Apologies for Absence

Arthur Banham, Colin Chandler, John Cliff, Jeremy Cohn (from Israel), Darren Crispin, Nigel Davies, Ted Dewar (from France), Hugh Fisher, Brian Fletcher, David Groom, Tom Harrison, Paul Huggins, Mike Isaacs, Alan Jackson (OF Treasurer), David Jeremy, Nick Joyce, Peter Johnson, David Lambeth, Bob Langley, John Lee, Don Merritt, John Millen, Josh Nicholl (on exercise), Terry Payne, Ray Pett, Graham Potter, Martin Russell, Paul Sherman (from Canada), Bob Sherman, David Sizer, Jimmy Stout, Gary Tucker (HM), Jon Walden, Ray Waller (from Holland), Martin West, Henry Wirth (from Australia).

Minutes of the 2009 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 12th November 2009 were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Cadet 150th Anniversary Celebrations: LtCol Walden and Maj Fuller had attended the CFAV Reception at the Guildhall but there had been no other cadet involvement. An article and some photographs from the Trust had been submitted to the CCFA for the anniversary publication.

Browndown Camp had duly closed.

Chairman's Report

Your committee has met at regular intervals throughout the year to discuss and progress the business of the Association.

The major Association event this year was, as usual our Dinner in June. This year we changed caterers following comments from a number of diners about the time taken to serve dinner. This was a good move as we sat down to an excellent dinner which was served in record time leaving a good while for the members to socialise before making their way home.

Unfortunately Head teacher Gary Tucker was unable to be with us and he was unable to provide a replacement. We were however able to enjoy excellent speeches from OF President Geoff Niblett and Colonel Keith Ellen (CCF 1956 – 1963) Commandant Bucks (The Rifles) ACF & Director Cadet Force Music (London). We also entertained two local CCF CO s, Major Jamie Monaghan from Mill Hill and Captain Mev Armon from QE Boys School and local historian and OF member Mr David Smith (CCF 1951-58). My thanks as always go to Terry Gibson for his sterling work.

At the Dinner, prompted by the ongoing news of the casualties to our troops in Afghanistan, I suggested that we hold a collection for one of the Service charities. John Cliff, Association member and former CCF Adjutant, suggested that the collection should be donated to Gardening Leave, a relatively new charity run by a friend of John's which provides horticultural therapy for ex service people affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The project is based at the Scottish Agricultural College in Ayr and takes referrals from the Combat Stress rehabilitation centre at Hollybush House. A new Gardening Leave project is being developed, and will be officially opened in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea on 24th November. Gardening Leave is the only charity in the UK dedicated to providing horticultural therapy for ex-service people. It is truly a much needed service and a worthy recipient of the £230 collected at the dinner. Thank you to all who donated.

There is much in the news at the moment about worldwide debt but this was the first full year where we could see the benefits of raising the members' subscription and I am pleased to report that we will be shortly hearing from Nick Joyce, our Hon Treasurer, as to the healthy state of our accounts. Some members will already be aware of the sad loss of Justin (George) Hereford, one of our founding members. His death came last week and a number of his friends from the Association were able to gather

at his funeral on Tuesday last. Those in attendance included our President Brian Fuller, Arthur Banham, David Groom, Graham Potter, Tom Harrison and Hugh Fisher.

Members will be aware of the proposed rule change introduced to reflect diminished committee membership. In fact, most members of the committee have to hold two or more posts in order that the Association can continue to exist. Whilst not wishing to be too alarmist we urgently need members to join the committee so that we can guarantee that in a few years time it will not have totally evaporated. I will conclude this report by looking forward to a few important events next year. Firstly the Biennial Inspection of the Cadet Force on 12th March 2011. Secondly, the production of Ricochet in time for the Annual Dinner for which articles are urgently required and finally the 100th anniversary of the formal formation of the Cadet Force at Christ's College on 11th December 1911.

Michael Crick
Chairman
18th November 2010

Hon Treasurers Report

The Treasurer was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report which was yet to be audited as the Auditor had been involved with the rehabilitation of his son following an IED incident. The current balance was £1893.87. The new noticeboard in the Cadet HQ had been jointly funded with the Trust. It was anticipated that the next edition of Ricochet would cost in the region of £400 to £500 and would be 'biennial'. It was proposed by J Bowra and seconded by B Fuller that, subject to satisfactory audit, the accounts be accepted. This was approved.

Proposed Rule Changes

Rule 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. "The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman; the Vice-Chairman; the Honorary Secretary; the Honorary Treasurer; the Honorary Social Secretary; the Honorary Magazine Secretary; the Honorary Membership Secretary and up to six other members". This was put to the meeting and was passed by 15 (by post) + 6 FOR with none AGAINST.

Rule 7(a) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. "The Annual General Meeting shall also appoint a Reporting Accountant". This was put to the meeting and was passed by 15 (by post) + 6 FOR with none AGAINST.

Election of President & Vice Presidents

The following were elected:

President – Brian Fuller Proposed by - John Bowra Seconded by - Billy Hintze.

The following Vice-Presidents were proposed by John Bowra, seconded by Terry Gibson 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	Billy Hintze
Vice-Chairman	Billy Hintze		Brian Fuller		Terry Gibson
Hon Secretary	Brian Fuller		John Bowra		Terry Gibson
Hon Treasurer	Nick Joyce		Brian Fuller		Steve Harding
Hon Social Sec	Terry Gibson		Brian Fuller		John Bowra
Hon Mag Sec	Mick Crick		Terry Gibson		Steve Harding
Hon Membership Sec	Terry Gibson		John Bowra		Brian Fuller
C'ttee Members	Peter Martin		Brian Fuller		Terry Gibson
	Steve Harding		Brian Fuller		Mick Crick
Reporting Accountant:	Martin Russell		John Bowra		Mick Crick.

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		Brian Fuller		Mick Crick

Co-option of the Unit Liaison Officer

Awaiting confirmation by Commanding Officer but Steve Harding be invited to act.

Any Other Business

1. The following OF dates were noted: Annual Dinner – 25 March; Cheese & Wine – 1 May; AGM – 2 June and the CRA Annual Dinner would be on Friday 3rd June 2011.

2. It was reported that Justin Hereford (CCF 1941-48) and a Founder Member of the Association had sadly died on 4 November 2010. The Association was represented by six Centarians at his funeral.

3. Subject to approval by the Commanding Officer, the AGM requested the Committee to investigate the possibility of a trophy in memory of Justin to replace the Paul Hereford Trophy which has been missing for some time.

4. It was reported that Lt Charles Russell Royal Gurkha Rifles, son of Martin, had been severely wounded in a Taliban suicide bombing attack while serving in Afghanistan and is currently receiving treatment at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

5. Vice-President, Arthur Banham and President, Brian Fuller would be visiting Portugal in May 2011 to be present at the 200th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Albuhera the major Middlesex Battle Honour.

6. The meeting approved the payment of an amount of £25 to the Parents and Friends of Christ's College.

Committee Dates for the coming year: Thursdays: 20 Jan 2011, 28 April, 22 Sept, and AGM 17 November.

There being no further business the meeting closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chair, at 2140 hrs.