

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Thursday 21st November 2013 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 2020

Present

Mike Crick (chair), Brian Fuller, Terry Gibson, John Bowra, Steve Harding, Arthur Banham, Chris Hannington, Jim Wallace (OF Vice-President, CCF 64-71), David Fuller (Hon).

Apologies for Absence

Colin Chandler, Ted Dewar, Hugh Fisher, Brian Fletcher, David Floyd, David Groom, Keith Hancock, Billy Hintze, Paul Huggins, David Jeremy, Diana Johnson, Nick Joyce, Bob Langley, John Lee, Ed Martin, John Millen, Terry Payne, Ray Pett, Martin Russell, Richard Tucker (from France), Jon Walden, Martin West, Henry Wirth (from Australia).

Minutes of the 2012 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 22nd November 2012 were read, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

- 1) Changes to the Annual Dinner – These had been generally well received. TG referred to the “catering threshold” of, normally 40, but reduced to 30 for us as other OF Dinners involved. Small loss could be accepted but only involves app 30% of membership. Fewer speeches appreciated but request for a “Unit Report” similar to Headteacher’s. Concern expressed over lack of cadet attendance. Agreed to refer this to the Executive Committee.
- 2) Offer of Hearing Loop to OF Club – This was declined due to cost and need for extensive wiring.

Chairman’s Report

As in previous years your committee has met three times during this year to progress the business of the Association.

It has been a fairly quiet year and the main event was our annual dinner held on Friday 7th June, a week later than normal so as not to clash with the school holiday period.

Our annual dinner this year was special for three reasons. The first was our decision made over a number of years of dwindling numbers to open the evening to members’ wives, sweethearts and partners. This resulted in about a dozen members bringing along a guest and provided quite a different atmosphere.

The second reason was the move to reduce the number and time of the after-dinner speeches. We decided to allow the OF President Pat Heaphy to enjoy his dinner without the worry to his digestion of having to make a speech and we also decided to discontinue the guest speaker as it was proving harder to find someone new and different to entertain our diners. This just left our Head Teacher Gary Tucker as the main speaker who, as usual entertained us with the goings-on at the School and told us of plans to expand facilities for the 6th Form with a new building on the site. The toast to the school was proposed by our Chairman and Gary Tucker proposed a toast to the Cadet Unit coupled with the Association at the conclusion of his speech.

The third reason this dinner was special was because Gary Tucker had announced he was to retire as Head in the summer and this was our opportunity to dine him out. The Association had decided to purchase and engrave a decanter to present and this duty fell to our President Brian Fuller.

elected en bloc:

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

And that they be written to (also mentioning the new HT)

Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman:	Mick Crick	Proposed by	Brian Fuller	Seconded by	Terry Gibson
Vice-Chairman	Billy Hintze	"	Mick Crick	"	Arthur Banham
Hon Secretary	Terry Gibson	"	Mick Crick	"	Brian Fuller
Hon Treasurer	Nick Joyce	"	John Bowra	"	Terry Gibson
Hon Social Sec	Terry Gibson	"	Mick Crick	"	Arthur Banham
Hon Mag Sec	Mick Crick	"	Terry Gibson	"	Brian Fuller
Hon Membership Sec	Terry Gibson	"	Brian Fuller	"	Mick Crick
C'ttee Members	Steve Harding	"	Arthur Banham	"	John Bowra
	Arthur Banham	"	Brian Fuller	"	Mick Crick
	Brian Fuller (ex officio)				

Appointment of **Reporting Accountant:** Martin Russell Proposed by John Bowra Seconded by Mick Crick

Appointment of Old Finchleian and Stockdale Trust Representatives

Old Finchleians' Club:	John Bowra	Proposed by	Mick Crick	Seconded by	Terry Gibson
Stockdale Trust:	John Bowra	"	"	"	"

Co-option of the Unit Liaison Officer

The Commanding Officer had confirmed the appointment of CSgt Steve Harding.

Any Other Business

- 1) It was proposed by Arthur Banham, seconded by John Bowra and approved that a donation £25 be made to The Parents & Friends of CCF.
- 2) Arthur Banham suggested that the AGM be held on the afternoon of the Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that this be considered by the committee. Also that a Barbecue be held for the cadets, possibly on a "games" evening.
- 3) Chris Hannington proposed and it was agreed that the meeting pass on their best wishes to Geoff Owen, currently in hospital, via John Bowra.

Dates for the coming year: Committee Meetings: Thursdays: 16 January 2014, 24 April, 2 October, AGM Thursday 20 November 2014.
Annual Dinner Friday 6 June 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2215 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.