

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association

Held at Southover on 7th June 1974
Starting at 8.45 p.m.

Present: P.W. Green, (Chairman), B.W. Fuller, J.I. Walden, A.F. Banham,
D.J. Groom, E.P. Jennings, E. Dominy, R. Griffiths and B. Henslow

Apologies received from J.E. Millen, N.J. Joyce, M. Russell, J. Waring,
P.C. Dawson and H.B. Pegrum

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 1973 were read and approved. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

P.W. Green reported that a fairly ordinary year had ensued and although no innovations had occurred it had nevertheless been a successful year in that a certain amount of administrative tidying up had been carried out so that the membership on paper now reasonably reflected the actual active membership.

The Annual Dinner had been voted a success and Robert Sherman was to be thanked for his efforts in organising and catering for the entire event which was well up to standard.

The Association had entered the O.F. Quiz and had managed to win this competition.

The collection which had been made earlier for Mr. Pegrum had enabled the purchase of a Silver Tray engraved with the Crest of the Association together with six cut glass Port glasses. Unfortunately, Mr. Pegrum was not present as his wife had been in hospital but it was thought appropriate to try and arrange the delivery of the present in time for her return. The thanks of the Association were extended to D.J. Groom for his organising and purchase of the present and E.P. Jennings who agreed to delivery it.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

J.I. Walden presented the accounts which showed nett assets of approximately £140. The main profit being from Ricochet. The life fund was now invested as bonds and although a small loss had ensued over the Dinner due to the ordering of 500 menu covers for future use, the surplus allowed for the purchase of a Unit Flag which was expected to cost approximately £20. He apologised for the fact that the accounts were unaudited but said that this matter was in hand.

The accounts were adopted by the Meeting.

Election of President, Vice-Presidents, Officers and Committee

The following were elected:

President: H.B. Pegrum

Vice-Presidents: H.W. Turl, K.W. James, Dr. L. Bather, T.B. Robinson,
J.M. Churchill, B.B. Kennett, P.W. Green (Life)

Chairman: P.W. Green Vice-Chairman: J.E. Millen

Hon. Secretary: B.W. Fuller Hon. Treasurer: J.I. Walden

Hon. Membership Secretary: N.J. Joyce

Hon. Magazine Secretary: A.F. Banham

Hon. Social Secretary: D.J. Groom

Committee Members: E.P. Jennings, R.D. Griffiths, B. Henslow

The Committee having power to co-opt

Hon. Auditor: R. Risius

Liaison Officer: It was agreed to leave this post vacant as it could be carried out by members of the Unit at School

Association Representatives on the O.F. Council: E. Dominy

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It was proposed that in the future the Association's accounts be audited internally by two senior members of the Association. It was agreed that the Committee would consider this at their earliest opportunity.

Any Other Business

1. Ricochet

A.F. Banham reported on the difficulty of the production of the magazine as there was an almost complete lack of articles forthcoming from members. He thought that the time might be approaching when the magazine should become a 'Corps' orientated magazine with Association Reports. It was ~~Further~~ ^{however} proposed to publish in its present form in January, just after the Annual Dinner.

2. Association Policy

- (a) There had been a very small recruitment of members from School over the last three years. This appeared to be due to a lack of contact with boys leaving school who did not really know what the C.R.A. represented. It was suggested that an evening be set aside at Annual Camp for cadets in their last two years at school in order to introduce them to the Old Boys of the Unit to familiarise them with the Association.
- (b) The Committee were asked to consider making contact with the O.F. Club with a view to relinquishing their requirement that members of the C.R.A. must become O.F. Members. The Association are losing potential members because this is acting as a deterrent and a suggestion was made that perhaps a lump sum payment could be made to the Club in lieu of this requirement.
- (c) The Committee was asked to consider, now that some funds are available, whether some equipment could be purchased for the Corps. The Commanding Officer was asked to consider this in time for the next meeting of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee were asked generally to consider the possibility of fund raising with particular regard to the Annual Dinner.

The Meeting closed at 11.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

