

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ricochet No 14
1979

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Southover on Friday 28th September 1979.

Present: P.W.Green(Chairman), J.E.Millen, B.W.Fuller, N.J.Joyce, J.N.Cliff, A.J.Stockdale, M.J.Crick, A.Dearing, C.Staunton-Smees, L.Frerck, J.Bowra, J.Lane, R.Cinnamon, R.M.Sherman. (14)

Apologies: were received from H.B.Pegrum, B.B.Kennett, K.W.James, T.Payne, B.Fletcher, E.P.Jennings, E.Dominy, J.I.Walden, D.J.Groom, K.Ellen, I.Makowski, H.With, C.Hannington, P.Graves, M.Isaacs, D.Rampley.

Minutes: of the previous A.G.M. on 12th May 1978 had been circulated in Ricochet and were taken as read and approved.

Matters Arising: Tony Stockdale reported that the Commemorative Covers had now been printed and that advance orders had been received for 83 signed and 68 unsigned covers amounting to £177-80. Costs include Printing of covers £250, Postage Stamps £200, Artwork £15, Handstamp £40, Rubber Stamps £15 = £520. A loan from the O.F. Club had been arranged to cover the initial expenses and a letter of thanks had been sent to the Club. The initial response, he felt, was disappointing in that it only represented 56 individual orders. Advertisements and articles would be appearing in the Post Office Bulletin, Soldier, ACF Journal, Pegasus and Philatelic Journal. Brigadier Brian Kennett and Sir James Paterson-Ross had both agreed to be signatories on the 200 signed covers. Arrangements have been made for the March from Bisley carrying the covers using 3-man teams of cadets on Sunday 30th September to be received at School by the Deputy Mayoress of Barnet and a representative of the Home Postal Depot, Mill Hill. The covers would be on sale after the date of franking at a cost of 60p (unsigned) and £2.00 (signed). It had been confirmed that Christ's College were the first cadet unit ever to issue such a cover.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Tony Stockdale for his excellent work on the project so far.

Chairman's Report: Peter Green commented on the achievements over the past 16 months since the last A.G.M. The celebration of the Corps' 75th Anniversary and the issue of the Commemorative Cover was probably the most important event in the history of the Association and had taken nearly two years to organise since its inception. He expressed his personal thanks and on behalf of the Association to Tony Stockdale and all those involved in the planning.

The C.R.A. 21st Anniversary Party had been a very successful event involving School, Corps, O.F.'s and Members from far and wide. It had covered the history of the 75 years of the Contingent as well

as the first 21 years of the C.R.A. He thanked all those who had worked so hard - the Contingent, Corps of Drums, wives and mothers and Tony Stockdale for the historical exhibition and particularly Brian Fuller for his overall organisation of the event - a good all-round effort.

Among regular events, the Dinner had been another typical success well up to standard thanks to David Groom.

Ricochet seemed to arrive quickly and without apparent fuss. It had been a most professional production and thanks to an influx of advertising revenue the original worries concerning finance had not developed. He thanked Brian Fuller for once again taking on Ricochet.

In concluding a most memorable year he thanked all the Committee for their support especially Nick Joyce as Treasurer and John Cliff for his excellent handling of the influx of younger members and Brian Fuller for his continuing role as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Joyce circulated a report of Income and Expenditure which indicated a surplus of £101.49 including £20 in the Adventure Training Fund and £26 in the Unit Training Fund. There had been two Dinner incomes due to moving the dates. A total of 61 members now paid by Bankers Order. The total potential membership income being £131.00. There had been an increase in cash payers from 20 to 44 due to John Cliff encouraging new young members. If the subscription were increased to £2.00 the potential income would increase to £187.00. He anticipated that the O.F. Club rent of £10.50 would probably increase in the near future. It was hoped that the Bank charges would be refunded as they had previously not been charged. He stated that general expenses had been kept low and that current membership stood at 128. He commented on Ricochet expenses which had been very low due to advertising revenue (£114 due to being able to use the '75th Anniversary' as a selling point) and unrepeatably low printing costs of only £69. He thanked the Officers and Committee for their patience in a difficult year for him and wished his successor well.

Proposed Rule Change: The Committee proposed that Rule 8 be changed to read:-

"8) SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The Annual Subscription of the Association shall be two pounds. It shall be due on the first day of May each year.
- b) The Life Subscription shall be £25.
- c) Annual Subscriptions should be payable by Bankers Order. Any member not wishing to pay by Bankers Order is requested to notify the Committee accordingly."

The voting was FOR 18 (14 + 4 Postal Votes)
 AGAINST 0

The amendment being therefore carried.

It was noted that as a result the current 'voluntary' subscription would no longer be applicable. The new Committee was asked to consider the matter.

Election of President and Vice-Presidents:

The following were elected:

President: H.B.Pegrum.

Vice-Presidents: H.W.Turl, K.W.James, J.M.Churchill, B.Fletcher.
 B.B.Kennett, T.B.Robinson, M.P.Goss, D.S.Sizer,
 The Old Finchleian President, P.W.Green (Life).

Election of Officers and Committee:

The following were elected:

Chairman:	P.W.Green	Vice-Chairman:	A.J.Stockdale
Secretary:	B.W.Fuller	Treasurer:	J.E.Millen
Social Sec:	D.J.Groom	Membership Sec:	J.N.Cliff
Magazine Sec:	J.N.Cliff		

Committee Members:	E.P.Jennings	C.Staunton-Smees
	N.J.Joyce	M.J.Crick
	J.Bowra	R.Collins
	A.Dearing	R.Cinnamon
	D.Tinch	

O.F. Council and Committees Representative: J.Bowra.

Any Other Business: None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.