

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1998

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Wednesday 18 November 1998 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 2015hrs.

Present

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| Arthur Banham | John Bowra | John Cliff | Mike Crick | Terry Gibson |
| Brian Fuller | Rob Hellszajn | Bob Langley | Edward Martin | Ben Mogford |
| Jon Walden | Ray Waller | | | |

Apologies for Absence

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| Nigel Davies | David Groom | Justin Hereford | Nick Joyce | Stuart Pentecost |
| Martin Russell | David Sizer | Gary Tucker | Martin West | Henry Wirth |

Minutes of the 1997 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 12 November 1997 were read and approved as true and accurate.

Proposed by - Brian Fuller
Seconded by - Terry Gibson

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The main function of this year was the annual dinner held on 24th April at the clubhouse. Our speakers were Brian Fletcher, who spoke for the first time in the role of OF President although it was 21 or 22 time that he has spoken in his previous role of headmaster. That post is now occupied by our second speaker Paul O'Shea, with Major General Ray Pett as our principal guest who proposed the toast to the Contingent.

The dinner was a fine affair, organised as ever by David Groom to whom I would like to say a grateful thank you. Following the disappointing turnout of current unit staff at last years dinner it was very pleasing to see such an excellent number of senior cadet NCO's sitting down with us.

Two social functions were planned to bring members and cadets together this year. The first being the car rally and the second a barbecue for members, cadets and their parents. Sadly due to organisational problems combined with an apparent lack of support neither took place.

The disappointing lack of support for such events continues to cause the committee concern. We have been asked to be more proactive in making contact with the cadets as future members of the Association but we seem unable to find the right formula for suitable functions. I'm sure I speak for the rest of the committee when I say that we would welcome any practical ideas for future functions from any of our members.

The car rally, which was a fixture of our calendar for a number of years, died away a good while ago but was revived by Terry Gibson who worked hard with little reward for a couple of years. If it is to become a regular feature once again we will need to find another enthusiastic person to take it on board.

Election of President & Vice Presidents

President - P W Green

Proposed by - Brain Fuller
Seconded by - Terry Gibson

The following Vice-Presidents were proposed and elected en masse:-

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| Arthur Banham | Brian Fletcher | Brian Fuller | Peter Goss |
| Paul O'Shea | Martin Priestley | David Sizer | Gary Tucker |

Proposed by - Mike Crick
Seconded by - Brian Fuller

It was further proposed that:-

Jon Walden be elected as a Vice-President.

Proposed by - Mike Crick
Seconded by - Bob Langley

The Chairman will make contact with them all to confirm their willingness to continue their role.

Election of Officers and Committee

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| Chairman | - | Mike Crick | Proposed by | - | Brain Fuller |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Terry Gibson |
| Vice Chairman | - | Brian Fuller | Proposed by | - | Ray Waller |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Mike Crick |
| Honorary Secretary | - | Ray Waller | Proposed by | - | Rob Helszajn |
| | | | Seconded by | - | John Bowra |
| Membership Secretary | - | Ray Waller | Proposed by | - | Mike Crick |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Brian Fuller |
| Honorary Treasurer | - | Rob Helszajn | Proposed by | - | John Cliff |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Jon Walden |
| Dinner Secretary | - | David Groom | Proposed by | - | Mike Crick |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Terry Gibson |
| Social Secretary | - | Terry Gibson | Proposed by | - | John Cliff |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Mike Crick |
| Magazine Secretary | - | Darren Crispin | Proposed by | - | Rob Helszajn |
| | | | Seconded by | - | John Bowra |
| Executive Committee Member | - | John Millen | Proposed by | - | Mike Crick |
| | | | Seconded by | - | Ray Waller |

Appointment of Stockdale Trust, OF & Unit Representative

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| Old Finchleians | - | John Bowra |
| Stockdale Trust | - | John Bowra |
| Unit Representative | - | WO2 Ben Mogford |

Any Other Business

Jon Walden stated his delight and honour to be elected as a Vice-President and went on to thank the CRA and its Officers for the continued support of the Unit and its activities.

The SDR will have little effect on the Unit although it is virtually definite that the TAC in Finchley will be closing.

There will be another review in 1999 of the ACF, CCF and ATC although he felt that its effect will be minimal.

Christ College is the most active Unit in London District and due to this activity he felt that the Officers and Staff were extremely stretched and he was constantly looking for new adult helpers who were prepared to take on a long term commitment.

The Staff Inspection is due early in 1999 with the Review in March and was hoping for the support of the CRA in all these activities.

Finally he stated that Christ's College CCF had the longest serving colours in the British Army and thanked the Association for its work in the refurbishment of the crowns and cords.

Dates for the coming year:-

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| 3/2/99 | Committee Meeting |
| 19/3/99 | OF Annual Dinner |
| 23/4/99 | Annual Dinner |
| 16/6/99 | Committee Meeting |
| 15/9/99 | Committee Meeting |
| 17/11/99 | AGM |

Terry Gibson mentioned that Norman Dann (CCF 1947) had put a small ad in the local paper attempting to contact old school friends. He was a cadet during his time at school and the Membership Secretary is to make contact with membership forms.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140hrs.