

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1999

The Annual General Meeting of the Centarian Regimental Association was held on Wednesday 17 November 1999 at the Old Finchleians Club, Southover, opening at 2015hrs.

Present

John Bowra	Mike Crick	Darren Crispin	Terry Gibson	Peter Green
Brian Fuller	Rob Helszajn	Jon Walden	Ray Waller	

Apologies for Absence

Gary Davies	Nigel Davies	Andrew Dearing	Tony de Reuch	Mike Isaacs
Nick Joyce	Bob Langley	Ray Pett	David Sizer	Gary Tucker
Martin West				

Minutes of the 1998 A G M

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 12 November 1998 were read and approved as true and accurate.

Proposed by	-	Rob Helszajn
Seconded by	-	Brian Fuller

Matters Arising

Norman Dann (CCF 1947) was contacted with membership information but had failed to respond.

Chairman's Report

Your committee have met at regular intervals throughout the year to progress the routine issues relating to the running of the Association. Through its members it has also been responsible for organising the annual dinner on 23rd April and for producing our Association newsletter.

The dinner was yet another fine evening enjoyed by an excellent turnout of both members and Unit Cadet NCO's totalling 34 in all. We were pleased to welcome Gary Tucker representing Headmaster Paul O'Shea and I for one was surprised to find out that this was Gary's first CRA dinner. Our president Peter Green occupied two seats (notionally anyway) as he was also OF President. We were also delighted to see Paul Sherman (CCF 1959-68 and later Adjutant of the Unit) who was visiting the UK from the Canada and had been persuaded to earn his dinner by responding to the toast to the CRA

Although we didn't realise it at the time it was to be something of a special event as it was the last dinner to be organised by David Groom who has been our dinner secretary for the last quarter of a century and I would like to place on record my thanks for 25 excellently presented dinners.

Thanks to the efforts of Darren Crispin and a couple of volunteers we were able to sit down and enjoy the latest edition of Ricochet (No 20) packed with news, views, pictures and info on both the Unit and the Association. Its value is proven as it always produces a response from one or more "lost" members, this year we heard from Jeremy Cohn (CCF 73-79).

Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman	-	Mike Crick	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
			Seconded by	-	Peter Green
Vice Chairman	-	Brian Fuller	Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
			Seconded by	-	Jon Walden
Honorary Secretary	-	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
			Seconded by	-	Terry Gibson
Membership Secretary	-	Ray Waller	Proposed by	-	Mike Crick
			Seconded by	-	John Bowra
Honorary Treasurer	-	Rob Helszajn	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
			Seconded by	-	Brian Fuller
Dinner Secretary	-	Terry Gibson	Proposed by	-	Ray Waller
			Seconded by	-	Jon Walden
Magazine Secretary	-	Darren Crispin	Proposed by	-	Rob Helszajn
			Seconded by	-	Mike Crick

Appointment of Stockdale Trust, OF & Unit Representative

Old Finchleians	-	John Bowra
Stockdale Trust	-	John Bowra
Unit Representative	-	C/Sgt Peter Martin

Any Other Business

Jon Walden once again thanked the Association and its officers for their continued support of the Unit.

The Review was very successful and the level of instruction by the cadet NCO's was excellent.

He again reported on a lack of Officers and Staff and said that he was actively interviewing new personnel, although finding the right person for Christ's College is not that easy.

It is apparent that Regular, TA and Cadet Forces are getting closer and that funding is now controlled by 4 Div in Aldershot no longer by TAVRA in London.

The SDR seems to have enhanced the Cadet Forces prospects and he is looking forward to more support from MOD in the future.

Ray Waller questioned the need for 3 committee meetings a year in view of the lack of social or other occasions to organise. A vote was taken to reduce the number of committee meetings down to two a year.

For 3 Against 4.

The motion was defeated.

Dates for the coming year: -

10/2/00	Committee Meeting
24/3/00	OF Annual Dinner
14/4/00	Annual Dinner
15/6/00	Committee Meeting
14/9/00	Committee Meeting
16/11/00	AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2150hrs.