



Regimental Association
101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment
(Explosive Ordnance Disposal)

MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at
TA Centre
St John's Road Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 9UU
On
13 April 2013

1. Meeting opened at: 1145 hrs.
2. Members present: 19

Apologies where received from 36 members.

3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM.**

Proposed by Dave Moulton-Treadwell
Seconded by Simon Cavie

'That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 30 June 2012 be accepted'.

Carried

4. **Chairman's opening address.**

The Chairman thanked all for making the effort to attend the meeting. He then gave a brief summary of the previous year's activities: The Association Dinner, Families Day and BBQ sponsored by 579 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V), several brewery tours, a walking tour of West London and Brompton Cemetery and the Memorial Service at St Luke's Chelsea. The committee had been working hard over the previous months, which has resulted in major changes to the website and a steady increase in membership.

The Association is moving forward and with the help of the membership will continue to do so.

The chairman offered his personal thanks to the committee for their hard work, hours of dedication and self-sacrifice attending meetings regularly at the Union Jack Club.

5. **Reports from Committee Members.**

5.1. **Treasurer**

The treasurer gave a brief summary of the accounts to the meeting.
Account balance is as follows:

	30th June 2012	1st April 2013
Bank		
Total	£828.10	£2,280.97
Creditors	£0.00	£0.00
Liabilities	£100	£0.00
		Stock, Ties etc. £462.10
Cash Available	£728.10	£2,280.97
Total Assets	£728.10	£2,743.07

The treasurer requested that special thanks should be given to, Keith Burrows, Ian Henderson and Maria Ferrari Plumridge for donations to the Association.

Proposed: John Manley

Seconded: Graham Plumridge

That the Treasurers report be accepted as read subject to audit.

Carried

5.2. **Membership**

Currently the membership stands at 90 an increase of 10 since the previous AGM. However this is not a true reflection of the increase as 12 names had been removed from the membership list. These individuals had ignored all attempts at contact for two years. We now have, at last, true picture of the membership. One member resigned because he has emigrated to New Zealand.

Since June 2012 we have recruited 23 members which is good but it can be improved on. All the members need to actively try and recruit people they know who are not in the Association.

There have been 6 resignations, all because the individuals had moved away and felt that they would not be able to give the Association the support they would like. These people are all on the email list and receive updates with the hope that they will return to the fold in the future.

Proposed: Dave Inman

Seconded: Dave Moulton-Treadwell

That the Membership Members report be accepted as read.

Carried

5.3. **Publicity and Website.**

The website has gone through a major makeover since the last meeting and is now current and updated regularly. If people search for 101 Engr, on any of the major search engines the Association website will be the top of the list of results. We also have a presence on all of the social media networks, Facebook, Twitter and Google+. On Twitter we are following all the relevant organisations.

There is still plenty of scope and capacity for the website to grow. One option is to create a virtual museum which will allow the history section to be more interactive and searchable. The technology is in place, along with around 2000 images which have been passed on from members. This will be driven forward by the committee on your behalf.

Publicity of the Association has been low key over the last few months but a posters and presentations have been produced and are ready to be used. This has not been pushed forward until the relationship with the Regiment is formalised.

There needs to be clearly defined objectives which will inform a publicity plan and define our relationship with the Regiment.

Proposed: Phil Zygmant

Seconded: John Manley

That the Publicity and Website Members report be accepted as read.

Carried

6. **Amendments to the Constitution.**

‘Move from the present Association to become a branch of the Royal Engineers Association (REA)’

This amendment was discussed at some length by the meeting. Arguments were given both for and against the proposition. Details of correspondence on the subject from CO 101 Engr Regt, Lt Col Simon Stockley on the subject were presented by the Chairman.

Col Richard Elvidge offered a long term view on the subject suggesting that it may well be inevitable for the longer term survival of the Association.

The majority of those present were already members of the REA and of at least two branches and did not see the advantage of the proposed change.

Another argument against the suggestion was the issue of those members who are not cap badged RE and the civilian staff not being able to be REA members.

Following protracted discussion a proposition was made.

Proposed by: Phil Zygmant

Seconded by: Simon Cavie

‘That the Association does not change its constitution to become a branch of the Royal Engineers Association’.

Carried

7. Nominations to the Committee.

7.1. Maria Ferrari Plumridge stood down as Website Member.

Maria is to be thanked for her hard work maintaining the website for many months.

7.2. There being no nominations for committee membership the existing committee agreed to stand again. The only addition was that Brian Green would replace Maria Ferrari Plumridge as Publicity and Website member.

Proposed: Brian Miles

Seconded: Phil Zygmant

That Nigel Clark is appointed Honorary Secretary.

Phil Webb RE is appointed Chairman.

Dave Inman is appointed Treasurer.

Graham Plumridge is appointed Membership Secretary.

Brian Green is appointed Website Manager and Publicity Member.

Roy Holland is appointed to the committee as Non Serving Member.

Dave Smith is appointed to the committee as Non Serving Member.

Carried

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Proposed by: John Manley

Seconded by: Sarah Clubley

That the Association make a donation of £500 to the Wimbish Injured Soldiers Fund, to be presented to CO 101 Engr Regt at the Carver Barracks Open Day in July 2013.

Carried

8.2. Life Membership

Proposed by: Richard Elvidge

Seconded by: Sarah Clubley

That Hugh Marshal is made an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

Maria Ferrari Plumridge volunteered to produce a certificate of Life Membership.

Carried

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8.3. It was suggested that the Association should have a formal presence at the Carver Barracks Open Day in July 2013. This was discussed and agreed that the committee would approach the CO 101 Engr Regt for permission to have a stand at the event.

9. **Date of next AGM**

9.1. Provisional date 12 April 2014, the venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Meeting Closed at 1245 hrs