

**MINUTES of
THE BLYTHE SAPPERS
65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ARMY & NAVY CLUB LONDON SW1.
TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2010**

Item

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from:
Sappers Jeffery Jones, William Robinson, Iain Bryce.
There were 13 Blythe Sappers in attendance.
2. **Minutes of 2009 AGM.** Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30th September 2009 were confirmed and signed.
3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman, Sapper John Moore-Bick, gave his report.
- a. **Donations.** He reported that the donations from BS had been in the previous year had been to **Veterans Aid** and **Combat Stress** and this year would be to **The Not Forgotten Association** the sum of £900 and £100 to the **Church Restoration Fund** (a charity of choice of the speaker of the day and to be matched privately by the Chairman).
- b. **Blythe Sappers Cup.** The Chairman reported that he had been honoured to represent the BS at the Blythe Sappers Association Football Cup between 24 Cdo Engr Regt & 3 RSME Regt (won by 3 Regt 0-1). He was impressed with the sportsmanlike way the game had been played.
- c. **Role of Honour.** The Christmas Lunch will include the reading out of the names of those who died in the service of their country over the previous year. The Role of Honour will be incorporated at Christmas lunches in the future.
- d. **Younger Members.** Younger Members to be encouraged by all members and this will be the theme of the Chairman, Sapper Idris Pearce in the coming year 2011.
- e. **On Line Payments.** The Chairman encouraged more members to use this facility that is now available for the payment for lunches and membership standing orders -- it will make the accounting side much easier.
4. **Membership Report** The report was given by Sapper Holman who informed the meeting that our present membership totaled **315**.
(New Members in 2010 was 11, Resignations 6 & Deceased 4).
5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report for Year to end of 2009.** The Honorary Treasurer gave his report and the Statement of Financial Activities 2009.
This report is attached at **Annex A**.
It includes the report on The Blythe Sappers Adventurous Training & Challenging Pursuits Fund.
- Proposal: That the Accounts for 2009 be accepted.
Proposer: Sapper Stuart Sinclair
Seconder: Sapper John Wilks
CARRIED
6. **Events 2011.** The Chairman Elect, Sapper Idris Pearce, announced the dates and Principal Guests for 2011 to be:
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| Wed 2 Mar | Principal Guest: | The Lord Michael Walker |
| Wed 1 Jun | Derby Draw | Brig Prof Richard Holmes |
| Sat 6 Aug | The Blythe Sappers Guest Night | Chatham |
| Wed 28 Sep | AGM | General The Lord Richard Dannatt GCB CBE MC |
| Wed 7 Dec | Christmas Lunch | tbc |
7. **Appointment of Officers 2011.**
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| Chairman 2011 | Sapper Idris Pearce |
| Vice Chairman | Sapper John Moore-Bick |
| Chairman Elect 2012 | Sapper Bill Woodburn |
| Honorary Link Member | Sapper Stuart Sinclair |
| Honorary Treasurer | Sapper Roy Wilsher |
| Honorary Auditor | Sapper John Wilks |
| Honorary Archivist | Sapper Robin Lloyd-Owen |
| Honorary Musical Director | Sapper Ed Keeley |
| Honorary Religious Advisor | Sapper Richard Whittington |
| Honorary Membership Secretary | Sapper Charles Holman |
| Honorary Chatham Dinner Secretary | Sapper Larry Inge |
| Honorary Secretary | Sapper John McLennan |
8. **Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund.** The Hon Treasurer briefed the meeting on those exercises to which the Blythe Sappers had contributed to over the year. Support came to a total of £1,650 and was channeled through the Regt Col. The fund stood at a total of £5,289 which was lodged with the Corps Treasurer for administrative purposes. Sapper Gus Sinclair asked if payments from the BS fund could be adjusted to provide a higher level of support to TA soldiers. The Hon Treasurer replied that any support given by the BS mirrored the amount given to a serving Sapper who subscribed to the Day's Pay Scheme and that the level of support available was limited by the Law.
9. **Any Other Business.** The only item under AOB was to congratulate the Army & Navy Club on the standard of the Lunches.
10. **Date of next Annual General Meeting** – the date of the next AGM will be Wednesday 28th September 2011.
Description: signature transparent



Sapper Idris Pearce
Chairman, The Blythe Sappers

Sapper John R McLennan
The Blythe Sappers,
Honorary Secretary

September 2011

22 March 2011

THE BLYTHE SAPPERS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES



Year ended 31 December 2009

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	2009	2008
Lunches Fees		16,089.00	14,861.25
Dinner Fees		3,240.00	4,683.36
Subscriptions		3,150.00	3,040.00
Overpaid Subscriptions	1	25.00	70.00
Joining Fees	2	150.00	120.00
Sweepstake Ticket Sales		891.00	614.95
Donations to AT & CP Fund		-	-
Bank Interest		-	147.14
Combat Stress & Veteran's Aid		-	-
Donations & Honorariums	3	47.50	102.65
TOTAL		23,592.50	23,639.35

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Lunches		15,599.10	14,738.15
Lunch Refunds		148.50	234.00
Guest Night Dinner Costs		3,047.68	4,381.06
Guests Lunches/Dinner	4	643.50	508.50
Dinner Refunds		-	136.24
Refund Subscriptions		-	-
Sweepstake Prizes		300.00	300.00
Grant to Adv & Challenging Pursuits Fund	5	1,000.00	2,000.00
Sundries	6	78.91	100.47
R & C		-	12.00
Donations/ Honorarium: Cbt Str, Vet Aid, A&N Club	7	1,100.00	1,200.00
Committee Exp/Room Hire		397.70	467.19
Treasurer Expenditure	8	360.39	165.15
Secretary Expenditure	8	213.54	383.14
TOTAL		22,889.32	24,626.80

Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year		703.18	-987
Net movement in funds		703.18	-987
Balance as at 01 January		2,597.59	3,585.04
Balance as at 31 December		3,300.77	2,597.59

All income and expenditure arises from the continuing activities of The Blythe Sappers. There are no recognised gains or losses in the current or preceding year other than shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

CURRENT ASSETS	2009	2008
DEBTORS		
Cash at Clydesdale Bank	3,300.77	2,597.59
Total		2,597.59
NET CURRENT ASSETS	3,300.77	2,597.59
NET ASSETS	3,300.77	2,597.59
Bank Reconciliation		
Statement as at 31 December 2009	3,300.77	2,597.59
Cheques not presented NIL	-	-
As shown in account	3,300.77	2,597.59

Approved by The Blythe Sappers Management Committee at the Management Committee Meeting on 2 March 2010 and signed on the behalf of the Committee by:

John Moore-Bick

SAPPER JOHN MOORE-BICK,
Chairman

Roy F Wilsher

SAPPER ROY WILSHER
Honorary Treasurer

Originals signed:

DATED 2 March 2010

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 December 2009

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. Income and expenditure has been accounted for on an accruals basis.

Fund accounting

The Blythe Sappers Association's funds comprise general unrestricted funds that are dispensable at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the objectives of The Blythe Sappers. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investments.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No Council or Committee Members, nor connected person or party, received any remuneration from The Blythe Sappers during the current or preceding year.

NUMBERED NOTES

1. **Overpaid Subscriptions.** Sprs McMillan, Aylwin-Foster, Hughes B
2. **Joining Fees.** 15 New members
3. **Donations.** From various Blythe Sappers.
4. **Guest Lunches.** Four Guest Speakers, MA to Chief Royal and Hon Sec and Hon Treas's lunches
5. **Adv and CP Fund Grant.**
 - a. The 2009 allocation of £1,000 to the Blythe Sappers' Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund was paid on 9 Dec 09
 - b. The total donated to the Fund to date is £31,950 (2008 £30,950).
 - c. Six A & CP applications were approved in 2009 and grants totalling £1650 were made.
 - d. The balance of the Fund granted to RECCT as at 31 Dec 09 stood at £5289.00.
6. **Sundries.** Renewal of website Domain and Hosting plus engraving of salvers.
7. **Donation/Honorarium.** Help for Heroes, Veterans' Aid, A & N Club
8. **Hon Sec's and Hon Treasurer's expenditure** Travel, postage, copying and stationery

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year 2009 together with supporting papers. I am satisfied that the accounts have been properly maintained and that the foregoing statement of income and expenditure gives a true and fair view of the transactions during the year and of the financial state of affairs of The Blythe Sappers as at 31 December 2009

Original signed by:

John B Wilks

SAPPER JOHN B WILKS