

**MINUTES of
THE BLYTHE SAPPERS
66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ARMY & NAVY CLUB LONDON SW1.
Wednesday 5th October 2011**

Item

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies had been received from:
Sappers Murfin, Yarrow, Kingsford, Lewins, Barr, Croft, Bryce I, Bryce H, Watley, Bassett, Everard, Beecroft.
There were 30 Blythe Sappers in attendance.

2. **Minutes of 2010 AGM.** Minutes of the 2010 65th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th Sept 2010 were confirmed and signed.

3. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman, Sapper Idris Pearce gave his report.
 - a. **Donations.** He reported that the donations of £1,000 from BS had been given to each of three charities: the Not Forgotten Association, Forces Children's Trust and the Army Widows Association and letters of thanks and great gratitude had been received from each of them.
 - b. **Blythe Sappers Cup.** The Chairman reported that he had been honored to represent the BS at the Blythe Sappers Association Football Cup between 23 Engr Regt & 39 Engr Regt (4-2). He was impressed with the sportsmanlike way the game had been played.

4. **Membership Report** The report was given by Sapper Holman, Membership Secretary, who informed the meeting that our present membership totaled **315**.
New Members in 2011 (13): Sappers Baveystock, Bryce, Heier, Hitman, Jackson, James I, McKeown, Murphy, Sheridan, Sherry, Taggart, Welch, Whitman.
Resignations (6): Fidler, Irving, Marques, MacAlpine, Radford, Townsley
Deceased (8): Hughes RF, Marques, Mackenzie, McMillan, Parrott, Reid RJD, Smith, Shave

5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report for Year to end of 2010.** The Honorary Treasurer gave his report and the Statement of Financial Activities 20. This report is attached at **Annex A**.
 This also includes the report on The Blythe Sappers Adventurous Training & Challenging Pursuits Fund.

 Proposal: That the Accounts for 2010 be accepted.
 Proposer: Sapper Roy Wilsher
 Seconder: Sapper John Wilks **CARRIED**

6. **Events 2012.** The Chairman Elect, Sapper Bill Woodburn announced the dates for 2012.

Wed 29 February	Spring
Wed 30 th May	Derby Draw
Sat 4th Aug	The Blythe Sappers Guest Night Chatham
Wed 26th Sep	AGM
Wed 5th Dec	Christmas Lunch

7. **Appointment of Officers 2012.**

Chairman 2012	Sapper Bill Woodburn		
Vice Chairman	Sapper Idris Pearce		
Chairman Elect 2013	Sapper Hooky Walker	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 informed the meeting of those exercises that the Blythe Sappers had contributed to over the year. We had given to three events which included the Fastnet Race, the first ascent of Makalu-Barun in the Himalaya and a Free-fall parachuting exercise in the USA. A total of £1,063 was donated to these exercises through the Corps Treasurer.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Sapper John Fitzmaurice asked if the Society will always give an amount to small charities that have a connection with the forces. Chairman Pearce confirmed that this will always be the case and that the Management Committee discuss and approve to which charity our funds should go.
- b. Sapper Laurie McLeman asked that the appreciation be shown to the Honorary Secretary for his endeavors over the year.
- c. Chairman Pearce asked that the Army & Navy Club should also be praised for their hospitality and catering. All agreed.

10. Date of next Annual General Meeting – the date of the next AGM will be on Wednesday, 26th September 2012.

Description: signature transparent



Sapper Bill Woodburn
Chairman, The Blythe Sappers

Sapper John R McLennan
The Blythe Sappers,
Honorary Secretary

September 2012

November 2011

*Annex A
BS AGM 2011
Financial report*

THE BLYTHE SAPPERS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES



Year ended 31 December 2010

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	2010	2009
Lunches Fees		17,134.04	16,089.00
Lunch Refunds		50.05	-
Dinner Fees		3,044.24	3,240.00
Subscriptions		3,215.00	3,150.00
Overpaid Subscriptions	1	20.00	25.00
Joining Fees	2	130.00	150.00
Sweepstake Ticket Sales		750.00	891.00
Donations to AT & CP Fund		-	-
Bank Interest		6.00	-
Not Forgotten Assc, Restoration Ministries		-	-

Donations & Honorariums	3	95.80	47.50
TOTAL		24,445.13	23,592.50

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Lunches		16,732.85	15,599.10
Lunch Refunds		289.30	148.50
Guest Night Dinner Costs		2,594.22	3,047.68
Guests Lunches/Dinner	4	617.55	643.50
Dinner Refunds		114.00	-
Refund Subscriptions		-	-
Sweepstake Prizes		310.00	300.00
Not Forgotten Assoc, Restor'n Min, Spr Martin RIP	5	1,050.00	1,000.00
Sundries	6	70.75	78.91
Donations/ Honorarium: AT & CP Fund/ A&N Club	7	100.00	1,100.00
Committee Exp/Room Hire		378.20	397.70
Treasurer Expenditure	8	169.91	360.39
Secretary Expenditure	8	420.06	213.54
TOTAL		22,846.84	22,889.32

Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) Resources for the Year **1,598.29** **703.18**

Net movement in funds 1,598.29 703.18

Balance as at 01 January 3,300.77 2,597.59
Balance as at 31 December **4,899.06** **3,300.77**

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.

THE BLYTHE SAPPERS**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010****CURRENT ASSETS****2010****2009****DEBTORS**

Cash at Clydesdale Bank	4,899.06	3,300.77
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Total

NET CURRENT ASSETS	4,899.06	3,300.77
NET ASSETS		3,300.77

Bank Reconciliation

Statement as at 31 December 2010	4,899.06	3,300.77
Cheques not presented NIL	-	-
As shown in account	4,899.06	3,300.77

Approved by The Blythe Sappers Management Committee
at the Management Committee Meeting on 2 March 2011
and signed on the behalf of the Committee by:

Idris Pearce

SAPPER SIR IDRIS PEARCE
Chairman

Roy F Wilsher

SAPPER ROY WILSHER

Honorary Treasurer

Originals signed:

DATED 2 March 2011

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2010

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 Sanburg, B J Hughes
2. **Joining Fees.** 13 New members
3. **Donations.** From various Blythe Sappers.
4. **Guest Lunches.** Four Guest Speakers and Hon Sec and Hon Treas's lunches
5. **Donations.** Wild Life Fund, Alzheimers Soc, Not Forgotten Assoc'n,
6. **Sundries.** Renewal of website Domain and Hosting plus engraving of salvers.
7. **Adv and CP Fund Grant. / Honorarium**
 - a. In 2010 there was no allocation to the Blythe Sappers' Adventurous and Challenging Pursuits Fund
 - b. The total donated to the Fund to date is £31,950 (2009 £31,950).
 - c. Three A&CP applications were approved in 2010, grants totalling £1063.00 were made.
 - d. The balance of the Fund granted to RECCT as at 31 Dec 10 stood at £4226.40
 - e. Christmas gratuity to A & N Club staff
8. **Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer expenditure** Travel, postage, copying and stationery

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts for the year 2010 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 2010

Original signed by:

John B Wilks

Date:

SAPPER JOHN B WILKS

Hon Independent Examiner